

Initial Meeting about Salvation Army Proposal

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Introduction by Patrick Heck

Meeting Format-Presentation from Salvation Army followed by feedback and question/answer session. Feedback session will be facilitated by Patty Prime from TLNA

Presentation from Salvation Army

Current Salvation Army facility on East Mifflin is an emergency shelter for single women and families that serves approximately 130 individuals each night. The average stay in the shelter is approximately 30 days. Current services:

- Emergency Family Shelter
- Emergency Women's Shelter (as well as overflow domestic violence shelter)
- Case Management Services (15 case managers)
- Employment Services
- Meals for guests
- Dental Care
- Medical Care
- Re-Housing services

Why they are considering a new facility

- They have a very old costly building, expensive to maintain
- Current building is way too small
 - Not enough indoor space for people while they are awake
 - Limited indoor space pushes people outside which can be problematic

Additional services Salvation Army would like to offer in new space:

- Medical Respite Shelter
- Pay to Stay Shelter
- SRO/Transitional housing
- Dining services
- Weekly clinics (dedicated space, expand to mental health)
- Administrative/staff support
- Community space
- Outdoor play space

Presentation from JLA Architects

Proposed new space:

- Small cluster of buildings around interior court yard
- 4-5 stories on East Washington with services
- Gymnasium/community space

- 3 story apartment building (with the short end toward Mifflin St)
- Main points of entry through courtyard on East Mifflin or off East Washington
- Visitor parking on surface
- Underground parking for residents and staff with controlled entry

Questions from audience with Salvation Army responses:

- What is the timeline for construction, what happens to current population during construction?
 - Begin construction in 2020, 18 months constructions
 - Still working on figuring out what happens during construction, not sure yet
- What are your plans for mental health services
 - Not provided by Salvation Army directly, still working through figuring out exactly how it would work
- What does interaction with Beacon look like
 - Several Beacon staff here at meeting tonight
 - SA will continue evening shelter, Beacon would continue to do day services
- Why is this the location you want to place your new building
 - Transportation-bus service
 - Beacon is nearby
 - Downtown and accessible to other places
- How many clients are currently being served and how many do you propose in the future? How many will be living in the building?
 - Currently: 22 bed spaces for families, 45 women
 - Future: 60 single women, 40 families, 25 SRO/Transitional Housing, 38 unit apartment building
- Is there an option to build a new building without expanding the number of folks being served?
 - Unclear
- What percentage of homelessness are we actually addressing? How many are from Dane County
 - 80% of population is from Dane County, the rest is from mostly surrounding counties
 - 70 families, about 225 individuals
- What are the rules about staying at the emergency shelter
 - Individuals are suspended if they are violent or threaten violence, drugs, etc.

Feedback from audience with Salvation Army responses:

- You can't handle current population and want to expand? Is this like Cabrini Green? You have learned nothing.
 - There is nowhere for folks to go inside the building so they have to go outside-We can't offer the best of what we want to offer because we don't have space
- Addressing concerns of neighborhood are important before expanding

- Continuous domestic violence calls-City needs to do something, Salvation Army
 - Police have done a lot of work with Salvation Army, and do respond when they are called
- Lots of concerns about the parking lot-noise, fights, etc. Why isn't staff addressing this. This seems like a staffing issue more than the building
- What are we (as neighbors) doing about this besides blaming the Salvation Army? Don't be a NIMBY
- Our neighborhood is pulling its weight here, we need more balance before we start adding more services
- Move out by the coliseum, then your clients won't be bothering other people. All these people are from Chicago anyway.
- Add neighborhood security that the Salvation Army pays for
- I had to pay to be in the neighborhood, why don't you need to pay?
- Cargo Coffee Representative-Size matters, I don't think you should be so big
- Salvation Army has been a lousy neighbor-You can't control these people, they steal my stuff. I don't want to see an expansion.
- Representative from Madison Public Schools-Glad to see that my students can find a place where they have some dignity-I'm excited about this proposal. There are some nice features about this proposal. Salvation Army is successful in getting people in to permanent housing