

Questions/Issues/Recommendations captured at Neighborhood meeting on October 7, 2015

### **Questions**

Why is process for siting not being followed?

Is this already a done deal?

Why this location?

Has anyone asked the homeless?

Where are the people going to go at closing?

If RFP is happening the end of this month, is there someone that can explain how the facility will be run?

What happens if there are budget cuts?

### **Recommendations**

Site at Central Wisconsin Center

Site at Alliant Energy Center, Don't use prime real estate.

Outside area for queuing persons waiting before center opens in the morning

Could do Housing First here at Messner

### **Comments**

Parent at Tenney Nursery – confusion, anger, fear. Can't shelter kids, have an obligation to help.

Creating services helps the entire community.

Tenney Nursery staff concerned about wall and security. Center should be in another area.

School homeless advocate – school kids need a place they can go.

Neighbor – need time and experts to explain the issues. Is this place big enough? People may not want to walk 14 blocks to the Square.

Wilmar has no problems, none with children

Purchasing before a process is not “the Dane County way”.

Low wages and housing shortage make for homelessness.

First Settlement did a study – positive recommendation. Where is that study?

Separate Soglin’s “80” problem

E. Washington is central and efficient.

Benefit by getting people off the street.

Location – crackhouse next door. What about other locations – Judge Doyle Square?

Many services already here in the neighborhood. Should be dispersed.

Parking lot security

How do we know how many calls were related to 827 E. Washington (former day shelter)?

Lack of a plan is a concern.

Need to engage all – neighbors, experts, users.

Neighbor experienced with homeless concerned about Parisi/staff process is suspect. Opposed to location, should be central.

Concerned about path under East Washington bridge. Already there are problems. Lives near previous shelter, was a nightmare.

Tenney Nursery Board: Opposed

1. No model shelters next to daycare
2. Too many unanswered questions
3. Invest in Tenney facility – must insure the success of both

Neighbor in favor. Let’s do it soon, better than perfect.

Salvation Army neighbor – Fire and EMS sirens all day and night, litter, profanity.

Sherman Terrace neighbor in support “We are all 2-3 paychecks from homelessness.”

NIMBY term is offensive.

Parent at Tenney Nursery support Center is walled, safe, no risk. Lives near Tiny house village, need to watch for bias.

Parent at Tenney and school social worker, opposed to location, need experts, Tenney Center around 30 years.

We have preexisting facilities that lack funding. Need housing – use funds for that.

Neighbor “Don’t let perfect be the enemy of good”. Make the site great – community gardens.

Neighbor, record comments

Neighbor – press release was a train wreck. Slow it down. Not for or against.

Neighbor – Design can do a lot. Tiny house was successful because there was a process with many neighborhood meetings. Some Tiny Village calls are on behalf of neighborhood to make things better.

County is NIMBY for not doing something at City County Building. Fund homes.

Tenney Parent concerned. Center will go away in 5 years.

Need more lighting. Against location.

Former Schenk neighbor, lived in car, now technically homeless. We need to reach out to all, respect.