

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00. Christ Presbyterian Church has again generously agreed to host the meeting. The room has changed and will be in the Gathering Hall. Just go upstairs and it is the open area at the top. As I stated at the last meeting, we will get down to work at this meeting.

First, we will get any updates from the County on their progress.

Second, we will gather input from you.

The Steering Committee's job is to advise the TLNA Council. We do our job best when we articulate the conditions of approval that we would like to see forwarded to the city staff and the Plan Commission.

Your homework is to consider this question: "What impact will the Homeless Day Shelter have on the neighborhood (nursery, neighbors, nearby businesses, parks, etc.)"

And then: "What action might be taken to ameliorate that impact?"

This will be input to the recommendations we put in our report. Ultimately, there will be conditions required by the Plan Commission in order for the County to move forward. The Plan Commission bases those on standards laid out in the following document:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/documents/StandardsReviewDevProposals.pdf>

Here are some excerpts:

Conditional Uses

(6) Approval Standards.

(a) ... No application for a conditional use shall be granted by Plan Commission unless it finds that all of the following conditions are present:

1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare.
3. The uses, values and enjoyment of the other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.
4. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

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