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Sent: Friday, October 09, 2009 4:18 PM

To: John Walker

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Subject: Re: Follow-up question...

John,

I have attached a Community House intake form used at our facility. Know that after an initial period, a more thorough assessment of resident needs and plans is completed by one of our volunteer social workers.

My staff and volunteers are extremely adept at recognizing/handling persons that may be a "threat" to our resident community. Good organizations and community leaders, including the IFC, usually use best practices to promote public safety or deal with challenges when they occur. The IFC works diligently at Community House and HomeStart to make sure that our facilities are safe and kept safe for all residents, volunteers, staff and visitors. If, at any time, one of my staff/physicians or volunteers believe that "someone may be dangerous to self or others" a Chapel Hill Police Social Worker or Officer is called for assistance or advice. If longer-term hospitalization or services are necessitated, a FL-2 form may be completed by a psychiatrist/officer/professional and presented to an attending magistrate to determine whether person(s) requires a minimum 72 hour observation period at UNC Hospitals or like institutional setting for evaluation. The IFC rarely exercises this option, and both the Carrboro and Chapel Hill police departments partner with the IFC on these matters.

Chris

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"The new Census Bureau data show that more Americans lived in poverty in 2008, and it is likely that the recession has added millions more in 2009 to the ranks of those living in poverty and struggling with hunger."

-Jim Weill, President of the Food Research and Action Center

John Walker wrote:

Chris,

Upon reflection about your responses I am curious...

What data can you provide that assures that the people who make use of and/or reside at the Community House Homeless Shelter do not pose a danger to themselves, others there or the surrounding community?

What are the specific details of the current "complete intake process"?

Respectfully requested,

John

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Moran [<mailto:executive@ifcmailbox.org>]
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To: John Walker
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Subject: Re: Follow-up question...

It's called knowing our population and a complete intake process on every resident.

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John Walker wrote:

Chris,

In all due respect, the sex offender potential is a clear part of the equation. In your reply you say ◆Regarding your current pedafile

number at Community House, know that some sex offenders use our address even though they may not be staying with us. ♦ What irrefutable evidence do you have that ensures the sex offenders do not utilize the Community House and/or reside there?

We still believe that it is a very reasonable request to get clear answers to the follow-up questions. Certainly you have data on the population that comes, stays and goes? What are the percentages? What are the potential impacts of that information with regard to the health and safety of our community, its facilities, businesses and neighborhoods?

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From: Chris Moran [<mailto:executive@ifcmailbox.org>]
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 Subject: Re: Follow-up question...

Take the sex offender issue out of the equation John. We will be in close proximity of a church nursery and Homestead Park Playground and we will not be permitted to house sex offenders. Regarding your current pedafile number at Community House, know that some sex offenders use our address even though they may not be staying with us.

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John Walker wrote:

Kevin,

Thank you for the response. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could eliminate homelessness?! What plans have you developed that will serve to eliminate the problem? I'm happy to participate as I am able to be productive.

A major concern is the sex offender reality. What is the interpretation of the sex offender laws and the sex offenders' living arrangements. The location next to the park, the church, day care programs, etc. seem to be a real potential problem. How many residents want children to be potentially compromised by this part of the population. The more data I gather the more concerns become clearly evident.

How might I be a contribution to this concern? Best wishes.

John

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 Subject: Re: Follow-up question...

John:

Thank you for asking these questions. These questions for date is a good step in identifying the root causes of homelessness in our town so that we can eliminate it in the next two years.

As a precursor to some of the things I can and will bring to problem solving in our town when I am mayor (along with leadership and action in ending homelessness in Chapel Hill):

Chris, can you please provide your thoughts on whether this data is truly accurate and useful. Also, please let us know your thoughts on how, if given a completely blank slate and all our governments resources, how you would suggest ending homelessness in Chapel Hill within the next two years. Then, if you can identify all the impediments that you see in our present system. Of course, we would want to follow this up with an approach that factors in the reality of our present situation.

Keep the faith and believe --- and so we shall achieve!

My best regards,

Kevin

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-----Original Message-----

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 Sent: Fri, Oct 2, 2009 3:32 pm
 Subject: Follow-up question...

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Chris,

We appreciate your response to our questions. We have two follow-up questions.

1. What are the demographic population percentages?
 - a. What percentage are alcoholics?
 - b. What percentage are drug addicts?
 - c. What percentage are sexual offenders?
 - d. What percentage have mental illnesses that potentially pose a threat to themselves or society in general?
 - e. What percentage are first time homeless?
 - f. What percentage are career homeless?
 - g. What percentage are from Orange County?
 - h. What percentage are from outside Orange County?
2. What are the laws which impact this population? In particular, sexual offenders. Out of the 30 registered sex offenders that are listed for Chapel Hill, NC, four (4) list the IFC Men's Homeless Shelter at 100 W. Rosemary as their address.

Respectfully requested,

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Inter-Faith Council for Social Service Intake

Date Entered Facility: _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

AKA/Nickname: _____

Social Security Number: _____ or check one

Don't Know/Don't Have SSN: _____ Refused SSN: _____

(Try to get last four numbers of SSN if they will not provide full SSN)

Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Gender: Male: _____ Female: _____

Primary Race/Secondary Race (If secondary race mark as follows: Primary – P, Secondary – S)

_____ American Indian/Alaska Native _____ Black/African American

_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____ Asian

_____ Other _____ Other Multi-Racial

_____ White

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino: _____ Other Non-Hispanic/Latino: _____

US Military Veteran: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know _____ Refused

Zip Code of Last Permanent Address (if known): _____

Driver's License/State ID Number: _____ issuing State of ID _____

County of Origin: _____

Domestic Violence Victim: _____ Yes _____ No

Juvenile Parent: _____ Yes _____ No

Is Client chronically homeless: _____ Yes _____ No

Definition of Chronic Homeless: An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. The individual must have been on the streets or in an emergency shelter (not transitional housing during these episodes.

Primary Reason for Homelessness:

_____ Child Abuse/Neglect _____ Release from Prison _____ Victim of Domestic Violence

_____ Disability _____ Runaway _____ Eviction

_____ Substance Abuse _____ HIV/AIDS _____ Transient

_____ Mentally Ill _____ Underemployment _____ Natural Disaster

_____ Unemployment _____ Dual Diagnosis _____ Chronic Alcoholism

Is homelessness due to foreclosure: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know _____ Refused

Type of Living Situation (before the client came to this agency):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own House/Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Housing for Formerly Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care/Group Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place not meant for habitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Hospital or Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel without emergency shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Housing/Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Jail, Prison or Juvenile Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Treatment Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Living with Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living with Friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Housing for Homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> Refused |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify _____ | |

Where did client stay night before coming to shelter: _____

Length of Stay at above Living Situation:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 week or less | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 1 week but less than 1 month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 months but less than 1 year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or longer | |

Does client have disability of long duration Yes No Don't Know Refused

Is client an ex-offender: Yes No

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Staff Comments: _____

Bed/Floor/Room Assignment: _____ Date Assigned: _____

Staff Signature

Date

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve W. [mailto:srwhite@yahoo.com]
 Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 1:16 PM
 To: Town Council
 Subject: Fw: Re: Council Candidate Laurin Easthom's Response

--- On Wed, 10/7/09, Steve W. <srwhite@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From: Steve W. <srwhite@yahoo.com>
 > Subject: Re: Council Candidate Laurin Easthom's Response
 > To: "Tina CoyneSmith" <xenatc@gmail.com>
 > Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 1:13 PM Tina, thanks-you for the
 > information.
 > From how I read the attorney's statement it is his recommendation not
 > a legal mandate. If you do not care to share with the public how you
 > may vote on a specific location based on his recommendation I can not
 > totality fault you, but it will weigh on my opinion of the candidate
 > and council person how strong they stand for what they believe in.
 > In that regard, you should though be able to reply in general terms
 > questions asked about a Chapel Hill homeless shelter & the homeless.
 > What possible solutions to do you envision for a homeless shelter in
 > Chapel Hill. What problems/issues do you currently see with the
 > current homeless shelter and how do you propose to solve those
 > problems/issues? If relocated, what do you think are the criteria that
 > should be set & met for a new location? I would be prepared to address
 > such questions with definitive and knowledgeable answers for we want
 > informed, knowledgeable citizens to represent the people on the town
 > council.
 > Regards, Steven white

> --- On Wed, 10/7/09, Tina CoyneSmith <xenatc@gmail.com>
 > wrote:

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> > Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 12:31 PM
> >
> >
> > Hi Tina,
> >
> > I think all of the candidates would love to tell you what their
> > initial impressions were about the
> Homeless
> > Shelter, but I have copied and pasted a letter from
> our town
> > attorney Ralph Karpinos this morning regarding this
> issue
> > and others that may come up that candidates might have
> to
> > talk about.
> >
> >
> > I live in Larkspur and am sensitive to your
> concerns,
> > but that is about all I can say at this point based on
> point
> > #2 below. See below:
> >
> > Laurin Easthom
> >
> > I understand that there may be
> > some public discussion during the election campaign regarding
> > proposed developments that are currently
> pending
> > quasi-judicial applications or may soon be pending quasi-judicial
> > applications before the Town Council.
> I

> > further understand that questions may be addressed to Council
> > members seeking election as well as
> non-incumbent
> > candidates. I further understand that these
> questions may
> > ask for a statement of a definitive position on such applications.
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> >
> > Attached please find a copy of a memorandum I
> distributed
> > several years ago on such issues. The general advice
> > contained in that memorandum continues to be my
> > recommendation regarding how to respond to questions
> from
> > the public and the media.
> >
> >
> > To the extent that any particular proposal is not
> currently
> > a "pending application" in the sense that a
> formal
> > development application for a quasi-judicial permit
> has not
> > yet been submitted, the supplemental guidance I would
> > provide is as follows:
> >
> > 1. For matters that are not yet the
> subject of
> > a quasi-judicial application, it would not be
> inappropriate
> > to have conversations with interested persons and
> receive
> > information about such a proposal.
> > 2. However, I believe that even if no
> > application has yet been filed, publicly stating a
> fixed
> > position on how one would vote could compromise
> one's
> > obligation to receive evidence and act in an unbiased
> manner
> > when the case came before the Council in a
> quasi-judicial
> > setting.
> >
> >
> > As I have done during previous campaigns, I am copying
> all
> > candidates on this message and asking our public
> information
> > officer in put a copy of this in the media file.
> >
> > Ralph Karpinos

> > Town Attorney
> >
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> > On Tue, Oct 6, 2009 at 3:22 PM,
> > Tina CoyneSmith <coynesmt@email.unc.edu>
> > wrote:
> >
> > Dear
> > Candidates for Mayor and Chapel Hill Town Council,
> >
> > My name is Tina CoyneSmith and I live in the Parkside
> > development near Homestead park. I am very much
> > looking
> > forward to meeting you on Sunday at the
> > CURB-sponsored
> > "meet the candidates" event at Larkspur.
> >
> >
> > One very big issue on the minds of my neighbors and me
> > is
> > the proposed location of the men's homeless shelter
> > at
> > the intersection of Homestead and MLK roads. I know
> > that
> > questions about this issue came up at a recent NRG
> > sponsored
> > meet the candidates session, and an answered heard
> > quite a
> > bit was "I don't have enough information to speak
> > about it."
> >
> >
> > It is really important to me and hundreds of other
> > Chapel
> > Hill citizens who will be directly affected by the
> > placement
> > of the homeless shelter to know where you stand on the
> > issue
> > of homeless shelter re-location to Homestead and MLK.
> >
> >
> > I am writing to ask you to think about this issue be
> > prepared to talk about it on Sunday. Specifically
> > we'd
> > like to know your positions--do you support the
> > current
> > proposed plan? This will be a large deciding factor
> > in the
> > election for many of us and we'd like to talk about

> it
> > directly. I wanted to give you all a heads up that
> the
> > topic will come up so we can have the best
> conversation
> > possible.
> >
> > I am hoping that you have received several letters
> that
> > have come in by email to the <mailto:mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
> > address, including my own at lunchtime today, stating
> our
> > concerns about the shelter's location.
> >
> > Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate your
> > dedication to our wonderful town.
> > Tina CoyneSmith
> > 933-8863
> >
> >
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From: [Teresa Walters](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Cc: tina_coynesmith@unc.edu
Subject: Proposed site of homeless shelter near Homestead Park
Date: Thursday, October 08, 2009 5:58:22 PM

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am a resident of the Northwood V subdivision in Chapel Hill, near Homestead Park. I am writing to express my concern, along with many of my neighbors, about the possibility of men's homeless shelter being built on Homestead Road, near the park. You have recently received correspondence from Marc Joseph and Tina CoyneSmith that details many issues with the proposed site. Rather than repeating these issues that my neighbors already detailed quite clearly, I wanted to say I agree with the issues brought up in those letters, and strongly hope that the Town will consider a more suitable location for such a shelter.

Sincerely,

Teresa Walters
113 Camille Ct.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Kay Pearlstein

From: Rodney Smoots [RSSmoots@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 5:14 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: 'Tina CoyneSmith'; 'allen samuelson'; 'marc joseph'
Subject: Men's Shelter

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members,

My name is Sue Smoots and I am a resident of Parkside. I am writing to express my personal opinion regarding the re-location of the men's shelter. I do not speak for the entire Parkside neighborhood.

I believe that Parkside is shouldering more than its share of the social service burden for Chapel Hill.

I would be very disappointed if the shelter is ultimately relocated to the Freedom House campus and I feel this would demonstrate poor judgment and extreme irresponsibility in doing so.

My husband I built the home located at 300 Lonebrook Drive which backs directly up to the Freedom House. At the time he travelled Sunday through Friday and I was at home alone with my two small children ages 2 and 4. Many nights we were disturbed by shouting and cursing between residents of the Freedom House. We love the location of Parkside so as soon as an opportunity for us to move away from Freedom House but remain in Parkside became available we took it.

Already since the expansion we have driven by and seen groups of men hanging around standing on the sidewalk talking and smoking. My kids asked me what the band was on their ankle. I had no idea because I had never seen one except on TV. When I realized what it probably was it frightened me.

Would you like to have the men's shelter in your backyard?

Sue Smoots

Kay Pearlstein

From: SHILPA SHAH [shilpaparikh3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 2:40 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: re: homeless shelter

Respected Mayor and Town Council Members,
I agree with Tina CoyneSmith and **strongly oppose** moving the Homeless Men's Shelter to the proposed new area near Parkside. I am a resident of Parkside and have 2 young children.

There are working families in this area. Our older children are sometimes required to stay home alone or go to the busstop alone and come home because of our work hours. A large number of crimes in this area have happened during daytime hours during the week when a lot of people are at work.

I have serious concerns about this and urge you to better plan and prepare this move and to move it to another area of the city that is less residential. ? Eubanks Drive or other.

Thank you
Shilpa Shah

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Kay Pearlstein

From: Jun Chen [junchen@duke.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 11:23 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

Dear Chapel Hill Mayor and Council members,

I am a resident living walking distance to Homestead Park. I received an email about the possibility of building a Homeless shelter near Homestead Park. Because Homestead Park has a lot facilities for kids, like playground, soccer field, baseball field, basket ball court and the newly opened Aquatic Center. Building a homeless shelter so close to these facilities is not appropriate. I strongly oppose this idea. There should be more sensible site for the homeless shelter.

Thank you.

Best regards.

Jun Chen

105 Harrison Ct.

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Kay Pearlstein

From: z.j. chen [chen27514@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:01 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

Dear Mayor and town council members:

I agree with Tina Coyne Smith and Marc Joseph and want you to re-consider location of near Homestead Park site as Homeless Shelter. The Freedom House just has built a large facility near the park and the people in the Freedom House often stands on the park entrance smoking. We just don't feel safe to go to park at evening anymore. WE want the park to be safe and relax place and kids can run and play freely. If Homeless Shelter choose near park as the location, we will not feel safe to go park.

Thanks.

Z.J.Chen

Kay Pearlstein

From: Cindy Renn [cinrenn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 7:15 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless shelter proposal on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Homestead Rd.

To the Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Chapel Hill,

I am sure you are aware of the two preschools located next to and across the street from the property of the proposed homeless shelter location. I would just like to say that Orange United Methodist Preschool has an excellent reputation and is always operating at a very Full capacity due to the fact that the families there feel that their children are safe and well cared for. If the shelter is placed at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Homestead Rd. have you considered how those schools could be significantly affected as far as enrollment goes to the point of teachers loosing their jobs or even possibly for the schools to close altogether? The sad thing about this is that a study can't really be done before this location is changed. It may only suffer after the fact and then it will be too late. Can we please look at all other possibilities before we affect so many of our own families feelings of security and possibly safety itself.

Thank you,
Cindy Renn ~ Orange UMC Preschool teacher and surviving family member of Three homicide victims (my sister, as well her two children, my two nieces) killed by two street career criminals during a robbery. People don't always think to weigh the risks until something happens to their own families.

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council,

As elected officials you have the difficult task of considering the interests of a broad array of people. At times, it is difficult to balance the needs and desires of all the interests you serve. In its efforts to serve the needs of such a diverse group, the town has a long history of stewardship in promoting the needs of the less fortunate. The IFC homeless shelter would be an example of serving such a constituency.

The site being considered for the new men's homeless shelter is at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Homestead Road, in the immediate vicinity of Homestead Park. One goal of the shelter is to create a structured program that endeavors to guide the men to independent living. The community certainly supports such a goal. The concern, however, is that the park will likely be frequented by many of the inhabitants of the shelter prior to achieving the capability for such independent living. If recent history is a guide, there will always be some degree of panhandling and loitering. While this interaction was previously occurred downtown or at some of the major highway intersections, it may now occur within the confines of the park. The park is used many citizens of Chapel Hill, but it is clearly a centerpiece of both formal and informal activities that revolve around the area children and their families. We want them to continue to feel safe while enjoying the park.

It appears another objective is to locate the shelter in an area of town that is near a transit route and is accessible to areas and services within the town that would be helpful to these men. Have any other areas have been identified for consideration that would accomplish that goal?

We respectfully urge you to continue the process of searching for the most suitable location for the shelter.

Thomas and Lisa Volk

Kay Pearlstein

From: Lijun Chen [lijunc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 10:01 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter

Dear mayor and council members,

We were shocked to know that you are considering to build a Homeless Man Shelter near the Homestead park, and I am writing you to express my extreme concern about the proposal.

We are residents living in the Parkside neighborhood and we have two young kids – 8-year-old and 5-year-old. We use park and aquatic center a lot. Kids love to go to park, they play basketball and baseball, they go to the community swimming pool, and we personally like to go walking everyday around the neighborhood. We felt peaceful and safe living here, and we love the wonderful school. All these are the reasons that we chosen to pay the highest property tax in the state and buy a house in this used-to-be nice neighborhood.

The situation has been changed recently. Now more than ever, we have heard of car break-ins, house break-ins, robbery, and even gunshots near where we live, which concerns all my family and my neighbors. Our own house's door had been knocked heavily during the midnight one day, which frightened me and my husband; Very often when we drove through in front of the Freedom House Rehab center, we saw groups of people hanging around and smoking; We no longer feel safe to leave kids riding bikes not near adults, even it is within our neighborhood and within our eye seeing limit; I used to be an active night walker enjoying the fresh air and calmness in the evening. However after hearing that a woman got robbed around 10:30pm in the driveway on Palafox Dr., how would I feel safe to walk again in my normal walking hours around 9:30-10:00pm?

The Homestead park and near area is such a place that is heavily-used by community for all sorts of sports – soccer, baseball, basketball, swimming and such a place where residents use it for recreation, for relaxing, for community activities etc. Building a new Homeless Man Shelter right around the corner would greatly compromise the security and place huge risks on the residents living nearby.

We believe you should have already received many mails/emails from our neighbors who expressed their deep concern and we would like to add our voices too. We respectfully urge you to listen to voices from the community and continue the process of searching a suitable location for the shelter.

Thank you.

Lijun Chen
Xuezhong Cai

Kay Pearlstein

From: Steve Wells [steve@hockeycat.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 11:20 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Concerns about proposed location of Homeless Shelter

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Locating the Homeless Shelter within walking distance of Homestead Park and the Aquatics Center is a mistake. Clearly, you have never had to walk past a wall of Homeless people waking up in the morning from a good night's drinking and sleeping in a park. Let's not forget that the Homeless woman killed by a car up here was drunk and stumbled into the road. While the Homeless shelter will only accept those who are not on drugs and alcohol, those who are will sleep in the park. It really is that simple.

What you will do is move our Homeless problem from Franklin Street (maybe not, because begging isn't going to be easy in a Park) to Homestead Park. The result is going to be spillover crime in the surrounding neighborhoods and constant Police calls to get the Homeless to move so kids can play their soccer, baseball and basketball games. There will also be more petty theft in the park from the Homeless breaking windows to steal change from cars.

While I realize that the Homeless shelter has to move so you can have some new office space in the old bank building, this is a disaster waiting to happen. You might want to consider putting the Police Substation in the Aquatics Center now to save time, because it will be difficult for the front desk person to handle 10 drunk homeless men complaining about not being allowed in to shower every morning. While I firmly believe in giving people a hand up, I think there are better locations that are not near such a welcoming facility for camping out as Homestead Park. The sad fact is that moving the problem will do just that - move the problem.

The real issue is that you are taking Homeless Men - who statistically have all sorts of problems including mental illness (thanks to deinstitutionalization), alcohol and drug addiction to other things far worse - and putting them within walking distance of Senior Center, a Rehab facility (ironically enough) and a place where children play. The best that you can hope for is that your police calls in this area will increase by 50%, but I think it will likely be something a lot worse. While having them downtown is tough, having them in a place where the police presence is minimal and the opportunity for clandestine drug and alcohol use is high is just asking for a nightmare that will end up on the Nightly News or America's Most Wanted.

There are better locations, but all of them will require an increased Police presence. I would be interested in hearing your plans for locating a Police Substation in this the Homestead area. With the increased development in this area, it's already needed, but if you plan to build a shelter here, build it first. Otherwise, you will be on our local news explaining the steps you are taking to stop the crime that you caused in Homestead Park.

Thank you for reading this. I know you are all responsible, reasonable, socially-conscious people who have a difficult decision and will consider not only the benefits to downtown, but to the 1,000s of residents paying in excess of \$5,000 per household in taxes who will be adversely affected and mobilized by a poor decision.

Best Regards,

Steve Wells
Parkside Homeowner and Chapel Hill Resident for 10 years.

First, let me state that roughly 70% of my daily work is attempting facilitate and coordinate care for underprivileged and/or low income persons, many of whom are indigent with very high rates of SMI (Severe Mental Illness), PTSD...experiencing the entire gamut of psychosocial issues.

It is absolutely tragic what these human beings live through on a daily basis. Believe me, it is truly saddening to hear and see firsthand some of these personal stories unfold. Mr. Moran, the IFC and its supporters, volunteers and professionals should be commended and held with the utmost respect for their impassioned work. The current set of sites in Chapel Hill (and food pantry in Carrboro) that have tried to coordinate a patchwork of programs together like Freedom House, working with the Local DSS office (also in our neighborhood on Homestead Road), Temporary Residential/Public Housing, etc. is laudable and the project to end homelessness should continue to look for solutions.

However, this proposal and its site is absolutely inappropriate. What everyone in the neighborhood should know is that one of the main reasons for this site selection is the opportunity to "consolidate" services. That is, to have providers, volunteers, coordinators and crisis services all in one geographic location (our neighborhood). Between the Freedom House, the Public Housing, the existing Women's shelter and DSS office on Homestead and, at one point the notion of potentially a county jail, this will become a powderkeg location. The most alarming part of this proposal is this---the whole point of putting the shelter in this location is to concentrate the problem and its service providers into a single geographic area that is not downtown in front of merchants.

The downtown desire is to "export" the problem.

I agree with others who have sent email recently. I have a two year old daughter that we do not feel comfortable making a walk with to the park anymore (during midday) unless it is a weekend with all of the soccer groups and large numbers of people. We've had gunshots, armed robbery, 18 grown men smoking and loitering in the middle of the street and now my wife will not walk the neighborhood without me (can you blame her?). We don't even feel comfortable driving by the newly expanded Freedom House for fear of being recognized by the vehicle we are in and the driveway from which it comes with some of the stares we get.

Again, I am quite familiar with this population. For the most part (but most certainly not in all instances), persons seeking services with substance abuse treatment facilities, half-way houses, women's shelters and, public housing stay above the fray and can co-exist in residential neighborhoods. However, this is absolutely not the case with the indigent male population. We don't need to make accusations, but simply ask for some statistics from the town council that should be easy to produce and quite necessary if they are to make an informed and responsible decision:

(Note that with 50 beds, ~ 700 persons are likely to use the facility in a given year, over 500 used 30 beds last year downtown---there will be a MINIMUM of 50 residents on a given night in the proposal---suggesting that it will become a magnet site, used for overflow from adjacent towns, with budgeting for this minimum so that ancillary support staff can be placed)

- 1) How many (and what percentage) of the recipients of the IFC Men's homeless shelter's services have lived in Chapel Hill for more than a year's time? That is, are we a magnet city for these individuals?
- 2) What is the average homelessness rate for a city typical of Chapel Hill's size? Why does a town of less than 100,000 need such capacity for the indigent?
- 2) How many (and what percentage) have committed a crime (and of what type) in the previous 5 years?
- 3) How many (and what percentage) have been admitted to a state mental health facility within the previous 5 years?
- 4) How many (and what percentage) have been admitted to Duke or UNC's emergency department with a mental health crisis and what was the average amount of time between the crisis and the provision of services the IFC provided?
- 5) How many (and what percentage) have a substance abuse problem?
- 6) How many (and what percentage) have failed substance abuse treatment in the previous 5 years?
- 7) And finally (and most importantly), where do the current and candidate council members live in proximity to the proposed site? and What is their position on this proposed site and IFC solutions for homelessness?

What the neighborhood should also be made aware of is the fact that homeless shelters (particularly Men's) are quickly becoming a "safety net" mental health provider (place of discharge) in North Carolina when there is nowhere else to go. This is alarmingly frequent, and again absolutely tragic for both the patients and the overwhelmed shelters, but it is the reality of the current state situation.

These are real problems, with real individuals that need real solutions. But to put this type of facility in a residential neighborhood is absolutely irresponsible. The town is asking, practically begging, for a tragic incident with somebody's daughter, or son, or mother or father, wife or husband (in our own back yards-literally).

These words are not infused by prejudice or an apathy to the unfortunate. They are about safety---plain and simple---and anyone who has worked with this population with a modicum of honesty would agree. For every single great story about salvation, there are statistically 2 failures.

This is just one study of recidivism in mental health from the many that are available---<http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/53/10/1290>

What you should note in particular is that the authors found the "10% rate of new felonies committed against persons" was prefaced with the word "only" and that 2% committed very serious crimes. That is supposed to be good news?---so for every 100 men with Mental Health problems using the shelter that have a previous crime, "ONLY?"! 10 should be expected to commit a crime against persons and "ONLY?"! 2 should commit serious crimes?

To get an insight into the mindset of the study authors, note that the conclusion applauds the "low rate".

Typically, advocates will argue that rates of crime and recidivism are not that much different for this population than in the general population. The problem

with this logic is as follows: as a community, we don't PURPOSEFULLY concentrate the comparison individuals into a small geographic area like Men's homeless shelters do---they are spread out over the entire community.

Mental Health providers would never allow this facility to be put in their neighborhood because they know the ramifications. If you don't believe me, just ask a few. And if they say they would allow it---we will gladly inform the council of the new prospect location(s) in their residential neighborhood(s).

Troy Trygstad
October 6, 2009

Kay Pearlstein

From: Mahdi Fahim [mahdi.fahim@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 3:08 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: New homeless shelter in Chapel Hill

I'm writing this letter to discuss my family's concern about the new homeless shelter proposed location, near OUMC/Homestead Park.

We strongly oppose this plan, since it is too close to a public park with several day- time and evening activities involving young children.

Furthermore, the proposed shelter location is near the after school at the Orange United Methodist Church, where children (including my son) have outdoor activities all afternoon.

I have already received similar reactions and concerns from my neighbors. Our neighborhood will continue to raise their voices until it's heard.

Regards,
Mahdi Fahim
501 Lonebrook Drive

Kay Pearlstein

From: lihua he [lhe@unc.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 1:25 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

Dear Chapel Hill Mayor and Council members,

I am a resident living walking distance to Homestead Park. I received an email about the possibility of building a Homeless shelter near Homestead Park. I think this is one of the worst proposal I have ever heard. Homestead Park has a lot facilities for kids, like playground, soccer field, baseball field and basket ball court, and the newly opened Aquatic Center. Building a homeless shelter so close to these facilities will totally ruin them. I strongly oppose this idea. There should be more sensible site for the homeless shelter.

Thank you.

Best regards.

Lihua He

103 Camille Ct.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Kay Pearlstein

From: Weiguo Zhang [wzhang033@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 12:58 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

Dear Mayor and members of the Council:

I am a resident of Chapel Hill and I am writing this email to express my opposition to proposed homeless shelter site near Homestead Park. My kids go there play very often and my wife walks in the park almost every day. it is a very bad idea to place a homeless shelter so close to a place most used by children. Thus, our family is strongly against the idea to construct a homeless shelter near Homestead Park.

Please consider placing this shelter somewhere else.

thanks.

Weiguo Zhang

Chapel Hill

Kay Pearlstein

From: Jen Bishop [jenbishoprtp@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Concerns about proposed Men's Homeless Shelter Location

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members--

First, thank you for all the time and dedication you give to Chapel Hill. I have watched council meetings on public access TV, and am impressed with our local government.

Now, for my concerns. I am a Chapel Hill citizen who lives in the Northwoods V development (right next to Parkside and Northwoods V) . I use Homestead park frequently with my small children. I am very concerned about the town's plan to re-locate the homeless shelter near the park. It seems like poor planning to locate a homeless shelter near a children's park and pool. We are concerned the homeless gentleman using the park as a daytime living location. We are concerned about feeling safe when we and our children are in the park and at the aquatic center, and when we are walking on the wooded walking paths inside the park. We are concerned about the safety of our children when they are playing baseball and soccer on the Homestead fields.

I am also concerned about panhandling in the park and in local shops. I have been approached more than one in the Harris Teeter at MLK and I-40 by a homeless gentlemen while shopping with my two small children at 10am. (Note, this hasn't happened again since the homeless were moved from the I-40 exit.)

My children also attend OUMC preschool, which is right across MLK from the proposed site. Given there are two preschools within 1 block of the proposed site, I urge the council to reconsider this location

Finally, I am very concerned about the process that was used. One morning, this location was just announced as a wonderful thing. It seems like every other site was debated, and then suddenly this was decided out of the blue. I would like to see the site selection reopened, and every site discussed with appropriate debate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Bishop
919-423-3549

Kay Pearlstein

From: elena martsen [lmartsen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 11:26 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: From Parkside resident

Dear Mr. Polhman:

I would like to voice my loud concern about the proposed homeless shelter. As you probably know our community had been burdened already by another public project - expansion of the recovery center. Despite our protests that project was completed and now our children are afraid to go to park. They ask parents all kinds of questions about strange people wondering around and, believe me, the patients from the center look worrisome to us as well.

And now we have to face another such "project"! I feel that Parkside community has been brought to the altar of public service and has to suffer all the consequences including possible harm to our children and depreciation of our property values.

I would like to ask you to express our deep concerns to the mayor and to the members of the city council and ask them to be more sensible to people's needs. The decision about the shelter's location is outrageous and irresponsible. Our children and our community deserve to be safe and prosperous.

In conclusion I would like to add that we will support candidate who keeps in mind our needs and treats them as his own.

Thank you so much for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely,
Elena Martsen,
Parkside Community resident.

304 New Parkside Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC, 27516
Tel: 919-636-4624

Kay Pearlstein

From: lyao01@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 9:32 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Men's Homeless Shelter next to Homestead Park

Dear Sir/Madam,

I noticed that a new Men's Homeless Shelter next to Homestead Park has been proposed by the Town of Chapel Hill.

I think this proposal is deeply bothersome and I am strongly against it.

The vicinity around Homestead Park is heavily residential (Chapel Ridge Apartment, Subdivisions of Parkside, Parkside II, Vineyard, Northwood, Winsor Park etc) and recreational (Soccer, Baseball, Aquatics, Park Playground, BBQ etc). It's very unwise to setup a Men's Homeless Shelter right next to it.

We already have social service facilities in the area including Freedom House (a drug/alcohol rehab center recently significantly expanded, right next to Parkside Subdivision). Why are we concentrating such facilities in this one area? If we are redistricting students around to make schools social economically balanced, we should distribute these facilities too! Why not build them next to Meadowmont or Southern Village?

Some of the neighbourhood residents are saying that the town leaders (mayor and town council members) are not from our area, and they don't care! I hope this is not the case. Even it is, we have incoming election to sort things out.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Lixin Yao
Chapel Hill

Kay Pearlstein

From: Ming [mzen2000@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 12:42 AM
To: Town Council
Cc: bxf@us.ibm.com; lwang1@duke.edu; 'Suzette Warner'; 'Rey Warner'; 'Lin Hu'; 'Yoshiaki Matsumoto'; 'Ganesh Subramanian'; 'Christopher Lyu'; 'Dwight Smith'; 'Ping Ye'; 'Jay Bretzmann'; 'Jeff Garland'; 'Ram Achanta'; 'Suhag Parikh'; 'Shilpa Parikh'; 'Xin Chen'; 'Cherie Page'; 'Chitra Sankar'; 'Ravi Dharmalingam'; 'Hui Di'; 'Chrissy Fowler'; 'Laura Zen'; 'Abel Gamboa'; 'Hong Li'; 'Z.J. Chen'; 'Estelle Bae'; 'Lee Strand'; 'Lin-Pio Yuan'; 'Juan Chavez'; 'Peggy Trygstad'; 'Lijun Chen'; 'Lonnie Leithold'; 'Kent Rossman'; 'Jingbo Pi'; 'Brian Strahl'; 'Su Zhou'; 'S Jiang'; 'Lina Hu'; 'Xiaodong Wu'; 'Quing Chen'; 'Kuldeep Rawat'; 'Jenny Wang'; 'Zhimin Gao'; 'Z.J. Chen'; 'Yushi Bai'; 'Youwen He'; 'Xiyang Wu'; 'Weiguo Zhang'; 'Tuan Liao'; 'Suhag Parikh'; 'Steve White'; 'Shibing Deng'; 'Sam Suen'; 'Rongsheng Cai'; 'Richard Valenti'; 'Rekha Kurpad'; 'Rajeswari Javaraj'; 'Patrick Chen'; 'Pat Yahner'; 'Ming Yin'; 'Minda Bobadilla'; 'Michael Kotliar'; 'Margaret Hung'; 'Liz Leech'; 'Lixin Yao'; 'Lisa Volk'; 'Lan Mao'; 'Kodanda Eluri'; 'Kim Hoffmann'; 'Kenneth Brown'; 'Kelly Young'; 'JP Jin'; 'John Koepke'; 'Jie Liu'; 'Jennifer McElroy'; 'Helen Jin'; 'Gwan-Shiuh Lin'; 'George Huan'; 'Gary Feng'; 'Cynthia Gay'; 'Cindy Renn'; 'Bob Dupuis'; 'Anne Korfas'; 'Jun & Chun Hu Yang'; 'Marc ter Horst'; 'Caryn Zoffer'; 'Valerie Reinhardt'; 'Scott Baker'; 'Suzette Baker'; 'Geetha Vaidyanathan'; 'Kathleen O'Hare'

Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

Dear Mayor and Councilmen:

I was totally astonished by your new proposed shelter plan, and I strongly believe that it is an absolute sick idea!

To relocate it from its current downtown location due to few stores' complains to a new location next to a heavily used park and dense residential area so it will put thousands of young kids' safeties and citizens' properties under risk? I wonder how this kind of misjudgment could have happened with this council?

During the freedom house expansion approval process couple years ago, we voiced our concerns about the safety issue regarding its location to the park, none of council members even paid a slightest attention to it, now you see the result: constantly, big groups of people sitting/standing outside of the park entrance, talking loud in foul languages and harassing pass-by kids and their parents. Please, do not make this kind of mistake for a second time!!!

The Homestead Park is heavily used by thousands of citizens daily, it has a skate park, playground, picnic shelter, soccer fields, base-ball fields/training center, basket ball courts and dog parks. The newly opened multi-million dollar's Homestead Aquatic Center is right there also. Please don't scare people away with this homeless shelter and waste our precious tax money we put on the park and aquatic center.

Dear neighbors and park users, please let us unite to reject this sick idea during this election year.

Best,

Mike.

Kay Pearlstein

From: marc joseph [marc_h_joseph@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 7:45 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed IFC Men's Shelter

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members,

My apologies -- something got lost in translation in my previous email --please accept this one in exchange.

Thanks,

Marc Joseph
 919-449-4720

 Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members,

My name is Marc Joseph. I live in the Parkside development that is next to Homestead Park with my wife and two young children. I am writing you because I am very concerned about the proposed men's shelter on MLK and I'm hoping you can address my concerns, as listed below:

1. The HomeStart women's shelter is supposed to be a safe haven for women and young children (often abused by the same men who will be staying at the shelter less than 1,500 yards away). Will the men's shelter be geographically too close to HomeStart by geography and create a less secure environment? I'm concerned for the safety of the women arriving and leaving the locked facility.

2. What will happen to the men turned away from the facility at night due to lack of space (overcrowding, drunk, ...) and in the morning when the when the shelter closes for the day in the morning? Will they be blindly turned away or taken somewhere else? The answer to this question, I think, has a significant bearing on the security issues the shelter will create in the surrounding area and provides a real gauge of how far the planning process has gone. The easy issue is to decide where to build the shelter. The real issue is what happens to the homeless men denied access and when the shelter is not open.

If the turned away residents are to be taken somewhere else, what transportation will be provided (city bus, taxi, other)? Who will pay for it (IFC, Chapel Hill, ???), and most importantly, where will they go - back to Franklin Street or to sleep on the benches in Homestead Park)? Do you have any occupancy statistics from the current shelter? It would be nice to know how many men are turned away each night

3. North Carolina sex offender law precludes sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of the property on which any public or nonpublic "school" or "child care center" is located. The Orange United Methodist Church operates preschool and after school programs for children one year of age and up. How does the NC law come into play here?

4. The IFC is an independent, not-for-profit agency whose mission is to help the homeless and less fortunate. I doubt they have the financial and personal resources necessary to develop, implement, operate and fund a plan that will keep our children safe. Does the city have the resources and jurisdiction to fill in these gaps?

5. What is the plan for the homeless women who hang out with the men staying at the shelter who won't have a place to stay?

6. Is there a plan and resources available to fund collateral services like increased security in the area

surrounding the shelter?

7. Within a 5 minute walk are the following:

- Parkside Neighborhood
- Chapel Ridge Apartments
- Chapel View Apartments
- Seymour Senior Center
- Bright Sun Place
- Vineyard Square Neighborhood
- North Forest Hills Neighborhood
- Several Trailer Parks
- Homestead Community Park
- Orange United Methodist Church
- United Church of Chapel Hill
- Homestead Aquatic Center
- Northwoods Neighborhood
- Larkspur Neighborhood
- Timberlyne Neighborhood
- Lake Ellen Neighborhood
- Montessori Day School (Pre-K through grade 6)
- Children's Campus of Chapel Hill
- A Toddler's Place Daycare

I don't profess to know any of the answers and I understand that they feel the shelter needs to be somewhere within the city boundaries. However, I firmly believe the city owes it to all of its citizens to properly develop and publicize an operation plan that addresses all of our concerns. We can't expect to live in a utopian society. At the same time, I feel we are entitled to know our elected leaders are taking this issue seriously rather than taking the easy way out by moving the shelter to an area many in Chapel Hill consider far away from the town's commerce and residential centers, and far away from where they meet to conduct city business (i.e. out of sight, out of mind, no more problem). Whether my last statement is true or perception is not for discussion because perception is reality and the perception is precisely as I've stated it.

Respectfully,

Marc Joseph
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Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Kay Pearlstein

From: Troy Trygstad [troy@t2email.com]
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Cc: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter Irresponsible and Dangerous

First, let me state that roughly 70% of my daily work is attempting facilitate and coordinate care for underprivileged and/or low income persons, many of whom are indigent with very high rates of SMI (Severe Mental Illness), PTSD...experiencing the entire gamut of psychosocial issues.

It is absolutely tragic what these human beings live through on a daily basis. Believe me, it is truly saddening to hear and see firsthand some of these personal stories unfold. Mr. Moran, the IFC and its supporters, volunteers and professionals should be commended and held with the utmost respect for their impassioned work. The current set of sites in Chapel Hill (and food pantry in Carrboro) that have tried to coordinate a patchwork of programs together like Freedom House, working with the Local DSS office (also in our neighborhood on Homestead Road), Temporary Residential/Public Housing, etc. is laudable and the project to end homelessness should continue to look for solutions.

However, this proposal and its site is absolutely inappropriate. What everyone in the neighborhood should know is that one of the main reasons for this site selection is the opportunity to "consolidate" services. That is, to have providers, volunteers, coordinators and crisis services all in one geographic location (our neighborhood). Between the Freedom House, the Public Housing, the existing Women's shelter and DSS office on Homestead and, at one point the notion of potentially a county jail, this will

become a powderkeg location. The most alarming part of this proposal is this---the whole point of putting the shelter in this location is to concentrate the problem and its service providers into a single geographic area that is not downtown in front of merchants.

The downtown desire is to "export" the problem.

I agree with others who have sent email recently. I have a two year old daughter that we do not feel comfortable making a walk with to the park anymore (during midday) unless it is a weekend with all of the soccer groups and large numbers of people. We've had gunshots, armed robbery, 18 grown men smoking and loitering in the middle of the street and now my wife will not walk the neighborhood without me (can you blame her?). We don't even feel comfortable driving by the newly expanded Freedom House for fear of being recognized by the vehicle we are in and the driveway from which it comes with some of the stares we get.

Again, I am quite familiar with this population. For the most part (but most certainly not in all instances), persons seeking services with substance abuse treatment facilities, half-way houses, women's shelters and, public housing stay above the fray and can co-exist in residential neighborhoods. However, this is absolutely not the case with the indigent male population. We don't need to make accusations, but simply ask for some statistics from the town council that should be easy to produce and quite necessary if they are to make an informed and responsible decision:

(Note that with 50 beds, ~ 700 persons are likely to use the facility in a given year, over 500 used 30 beds last year downtown---there will be a MINIMUM of 50 residents on a given night in the proposal---suggesting that it will become a magnet site, used for overflow from adjacent towns, with budgeting for this minimum so that ancillary support staff can be placed)

- 1) How many (and what percentage) of the recipients of the IFC Men's homeless shelter's services have lived in Chapel Hill for more than a year's time? That is, are we a magnet city for these individuals?
- 2) What is the average homelessness rate for a city typical of Chapel Hill's size? Why does a town of less than 100,000 need such capacity for the indigent?
- 2) How many (and what percentage) have committed a crime (and of what type) in the previous 5 years?
- 3) How many (and what percentage) have been admitted to a state mental health facility within the previous 5 years?
- 4) How many (and what percentage) have been admitted to Duke or UNC's emergency department with a mental health crisis and what was the average amount of time between the crisis and the provision of services the IFC provided?
- 5) How many (and what percentage) have a substance abuse problem?
- 6) How many (and what percentage) have failed substance abuse treatment in the previous 5 years?
- 7) And finally (and most importantly), where do the current and candidate council members live in proximity to the proposed site? and What is their position on this proposed site and IFC solutions for homelessness?

What the neighborhood should also be made aware of is the fact that homeless shelters (particularly Men's) are quickly becoming a "safety net" mental health provider (place of discharge) in North Carolina when there is nowhere else to go. This is alarmingly frequent, and again absolutely

tragic for both the patients and the overwhelmed shelters, but it is the reality of the current state situation.

These are real problems, with real individuals that need real solutions. But to put this type of facility in a residential neighborhood is absolutely irresponsible. The town is asking, practically begging, for a tragic incident with somebody's daughter, or son, or mother or father, wife or husband (in our own back yards-literally).

These words are not infused by prejudice or an apathy to the unfortunate. They are about safety---plain and simple---and anyone who has worked with this population with a modicum of honesty would agree. For every single great story about salvation, there are statistically 2 failures.

This is just one study of recidivism in mental health from the many that are available---

<http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/53/10/1290>

What you should note in particular is that the authors found the "10% rate of new felonies committed against persons" was prefaced with the word "only" and that 2% committed very serious crimes. That is supposed to be good news?---so for every 100 men with Mental Health problems using the shelter that have a previous crime, "ONLY"?! 10 should be expected to commit a crime against persons and "ONLY"?! 2 should commit serious crimes?

To get an insight into the mindset of the study authors, note that the conclusion applauds the "low rate".

Typically, advocates will argue that rates of crime and recidivism are not that much different for this population than in the general population. The problem with this logic is as follows: as a community, we don't PURPOSEFULLY concentrate the comparison individuals into a small geographic area like Men's homeless shelters do---they are spread out over the entire community.

Mental Health providers would never allow this facility to be put in their neighborhood because they know the ramifications. If you don't believe me, just ask a few. And if they say they would allow it---we will gladly inform the council of the new prospect location(s) in their residential neighborhood(s).

Kay Pearlstein

From: lin H [lldk2007@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 9:11 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter Irresponsible and Dangerous

Dear Mayor and Councilmen:

You may get a lot of emails about the Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter. Please do not ignore them. From our neighbor's email I knew one of the main reasons for this site selection is the opportunity to "consolidate" services. But have the person made this proposal thought a little bit of safety for all these Chapel Hill people living around these area. I don't need say more about the safety. I just want to know if the person made this proposal or agree this proposal live in this area and have kids play in the park. Please think about this question as a normal person, a parent, not only as a Mayor or Councilman.

A Chapel Hill citizen

Mayor Foy and Town Council:

It is with great disappointment and antipathy that I am forced by these circumstances, to publicly voice my objection for the first time since arriving in Chapel Hill. As a former resident of New York, who commuted to Manhattan every weekday for the past 25 years, I am well versed in dealing with aggressive panhandlers. When I moved to Chapel Hill a year ago, it was my hope that my wife and children could limit such experiences, but I now find myself on the verge of being wrong.

We chose Chapel Hill after long and careful research, specifically and knowingly opting to spend more for our home, and pay among the highest tax rates in the entire state. We thought the Parkside neighborhood was a wonderful place to settle with our two elementary school aged girls, with it's proximity to the schools and Homestead Park fields, walking paths and swimming pool. Yet now, for some reason I cannot fathom, you are actually considering placing a homeless shelter on the edge of our neighborhood, negating all of those advantages.

As a fairly new resident, I would be remiss in trying to quote details regarding increasing crime rates, and rules of proximity for such a location. I believe my neighbors have made those points abundantly clear. What I can say emphatically, is that for *ANY* reason, giving life to this idea is disgraceful. There is no excuse for inviting the wayward into our neighborhood. Panhandlers may be anonymously bypassed while shopping downtown, but on my street, I would fear for the safety of my home and family. I don't particularly enjoy the idea that the Town Council would even deliberate over giving a group of homeless the opportunity to watch my home and those of my neighbors, every day.

I urge you in the strongest way possible, to give real consideration to what affect this shelter would have on the well being of the residents and the long term property values of these adjacent neighborhoods. If the issue is truly about consolidation of services, move all of them to another open space, outside the residential neighborhoods. Is there no industrial area for this shelter? If the issue is about money, I would like an explanation as to how this particular location will help the Chapel Hill budget.

Our home is supposed to be the place we feel secure at the end of the day. Our home is supposed to be the place for my children to shut out the ills of the world. Would you feel secure if this shelter were in your backyard?

Frustrated,

Rey Warner

Subject: Re: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter Irresponsible and Dangerous

I share all your concern. I sent my email to mayor and council members. The town is putting too many social service facilities in Homestead Park area. The services are needed but should not be concentrated in one area. Building a Men's Homeless Shelter in a heavily residential and recreational area is very unwise.

I look forward to signing the petition.

I am glad residents here are acting promptly and forcefully. I and a few others fought futilely against the Freedom House expansion. We did not mobilize well then. Hey, they might think if you didn't mind a prominent rehab center, we might put a Man's Homeless Shelter as well!

Thank you.

Lixin Yao

On Tue, Oct 6, 2009 at 2:13 PM, Ramanand Achanta <ramachanta@hotmail.com> wrote:
Mayor Foy and Town Council,

I share the concerns of our neighbors and strongly urge you to locate the shelter at a safe distance from residential neighborhoods.

Thanks,
Ram Achanta

Kay Pearlstein

From: Li Xu [leexustar@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:36 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Men's Homeless Shelter next to Homestead Park

Dear Madam/Sir,

I recently heard that Chapel Hill Men's Homeless Shelter may move from its current location near DOWNTOWN to Homestead Park area.

My house is quite close to the park and just earlier this year the Freedom House (drug recovery center) was expanded in spite of the opposition of residents in the area. As a result, my teenage daughter does not dare to walk with her friends to the park any more since she has been verbally insulted by people from the facility. I myself had the similar experience and I stopped walking around the park after it gets dark.

Now I heard we may have the Men's Homeless Shelter move to the area as well. I hope people in the position to make these decisions consider the impact of such moves on the nearby neighborhoods. Why are you moving the shelter from its current location? I heard businesses do not like the shelter to be near.

Please listen to the people who will be affected by this action.

Sincerely

Li Xu

Resident near Homestead Park

Kay Pearlstein

From: G-S [lin-gs@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:25 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter Proposed near Homestead Park

"I agree with Tina Coyne Smith or Marc Joseph" and want you to re-consider location of the site.

Kay Pearlstein

From: weidong wu [wdwu98@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 1:59 PM
To: Town Council

Dear Mayor and town Council,

I'm a resident of the Parkside community. I completely agree with the letter sent to you by Tina CoyneSmith. Placing the men shelter near the intersection of MLK and Homestead roads is not a good choice. Please protect our park, our neighborhoods, and our children by a more sensible placement of the homeless shelter!

Weidong WU

Kay Pearlstein

From: Xin Chen [xinchenusa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Strong oppose a homeless shelter near Homestead park

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council members:

My name is Xin Chen and I live in the Parkside development adjoining Homestead Park. I am writing to you all to strongly oppose the proposed location of a homeless shelter near Homestead park!

My daughter and her friends always play in that park, and I don't want the incoming strangers would bring them any unhappyness or nightmare.

Please protect our children and our neighborhoods by choosing a more sensible location for the homeless shelter.

Thank you all!
Xin Chen

Kay Pearlstein

From: Jianping Jin [jjin@email.unc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 3:05 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless shelter proposed near Homestead park

Dear Mayor and town council:

I agree with Tina CoyneSmith and want you re-consider location of the Men's homeless shelter.

best regards,

Jianping Jin

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Kay Pearlstein

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Subject: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter Irresponsible and Dangerous

Dear mayor and council members,

I'm a resident from Parkside community and I'm sending you this mail to express my strongest objection to your plan of relocating the homeless shelter at the intersection of MLK and Homestead roads, near to my neighborhood, the home of many parks and fields including soccer, baseball fields, aquatic center, ski ground, children's playground etc. As a mother, I'm worried not only about the safety of my kids, but all the other kids from my community and from the whole city that will use the facilities in the homestead parks as well. Surrounded by a registered sex offender and the drug rehab center, this area is already not a safe place for the kids. Adding the proposed homeless shelter will further exacerbate the safety situation here and put the children in greater danger. As elected officers, you're supposed to try your best to keep the kids away from, not impose them to, drug and crimes. The presence of the homeless shelter will impose a negative image to the wellbeing of their healthy growth. As far as I know, the major reason for moving the shelter to this area is because there is an unused building available. It's all too easy for the convenience to drive out the importance of all the children's safety and wellbeing. I'm strongly urging you to reconsider your plan and put safety above the convenience. I ask you to make the justifications you have on deciding this site the homeless shelter available to the public. I believe there are many more other locations that are much better to be the home of the shelter than this one if you could conduct some further analysis. This area is a home for all the kids including probably your daughters, granddaughters, nieces around the town to play and enjoy, and is far too important to be ruined by any irresponsible decision.

Please make this area a peaceful and safe place for our kids.

Kay Pearlstein

From: chitra shankar [chitrashankar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 8:17 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: jjansen@nc.rr.com
Subject: regarding proposed location for Homeless shelter

Hello Mayor and Towncouncil,

While we recognize the need to explore alternative locations for the homeless shelter, we are appalled at the proposed choice of location. With the vicinity of this shelter close to a residential neighborhood, children's park, community swimming pool and a school area it is with consternation we are looking at the consolidation of social services into one specific area. While there might be a logic to concentrating such services (freedom house, women's shelter, hhs) this is putting an undue burden on one neighborhood for hosting these support infrastructure.

We have felt intimidated and unsafe within the vicinity of the park and feel that we should explore leaving the shelter either in its current location or identify a different part of Chapel Hill away from parks, schools to host such a facility.

We strongly oppose the proposed location for relocating the homeless shelter.

Chitra & Jai Shankar
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Kay Pearlstein

From: Bob Matherly [ucccrm@mail.csc.unc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 8:47 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposed Site For Mens HomeLess Shelter

Dear Sirs/Madams...

I strongly, strongly disagree with your proposed site for the mens homeless shelter.

This area is a family area with children everywhere. Do you mean to tell that I am now going to have to deal with the same panhandlers, drunks and druggies that I have to deal with every day now whne I go HOME!!!

Thanks to you guys our property value have already taken a hit with drug rehab center near homestead park!

Thanks for nothing!

Bob Matherly, Applications Analyst -DMs

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Kay Pearlstein

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Subject: Proposed Location of Homeless Shelter Irresponsible and Dangerous

Mayor Foy and Town Council,

I have the same concerns of our neighbors and strongly urge you to locate the shelter at a safe distance from residential neighborhoods.

Thanks,
 Lailing Shen

Kay Pearlstein

From: Robin Moser [robinmoser@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 11:12 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Homeless Shelter

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen.

I understand that the town is considering placing the men's homeless shelter close to a place primarily intended for use by children. I recognize that the shelter has to be located somewhere, but surely there are other more sensible options that should be considered.

Please reconsider the location as a viable selection in light of its surrounding area and for the safety of this town's youngest inhabitants. It seems that further discussion with the citizens of this town is needed before any final decisions should be made.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Kay Pearlstein

From: JunBok Park [junbokp@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 6:57 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Proposal of Men's shelter near Homestead Park

Hello,

My name is Jun Park and am living in Northwood neighborhood next to Parkside.

My 5-year-old daughter love to play at the homestead park almost everyday.

If men's shelter move to nearby Homestead park, it will be unsafe to go to play and as well I'll be very concern to live everyday.

"I agree with Tina CoyneSmith or Marc Joseph"

Thank you for listening,

Jun Park

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