

COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS

TEMS at 602 N Orchard

October 7, 2020

The public comments included in this document are from the virtual community meeting about the Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site at 602 N Orchard Street that is in development. Emailed questions and comments for the meeting have also been included. To view consolidated responses to questions, visit cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

Anonymous Attendee 06:04 PM

How are you planning to ensure the security of Wilson High School Students who take public transportation and walk past this structure daily.

Anonymous Attendee 06:04 PM

How do you plan to address the traffic congestion at this corner, by adding 40 more homes to this area.

zack d 06:08 PM

What about the vulnerable people that live 90 ft from 602 Orchard St, such as the retirement home.

Anonymous Attendee 06:13 PM

How are you going to protect the vulnerable neighbors in the surrounding area?

Anonymous Attendee 06:15 PM

how much has crime increased around the camps like in Seattle?

Leah 06:22 PM

How has the present encampment affected property values? Crime rates?

Anonymous Attendee 06:23 PM

It seems that this decision was made between the church and the city, not considering the neighbors. How do you plan to partner with the community moving forward?

Anonymous Attendee 06:24 PM

Saying you're a victim does not make this okay. This neighborhood has consistently been burglarized and now it's going to get worse. If you don't have the capability then why not hold off from this and find a more permanent solution?

Anonymous Attendee 06:28 PM

Why this particular location? It seems close to the middle school, away from stores, and away from other services. It's at least near a bus line, but that's the only thing that its by. Are there food banks or other resources going to be put in?

Daniel Nelson 06:29 PM

We live in 98406. How will you ensure safety of children who walk and play nearby? Also, how can local residents get involved and support the project?

Anonymous Attendee 06:29 PM

How about surrounding property values? what has been the outcome from other areas?

Day 06:31 PM

Im 15. Will I be safe walking to school? What if Im not? Will they City of Tacoma take responsibility?

Anonymous Attendee 06:31 PM

There is an elderly community on the exact same site. How will you ensure protection of these vulnerable members of our community.

Anonymous Attendee 06:32 PM

Were crime rate statistics studied for the surrounding areas?

Anonymous Attendee 06:33 PM

2 years is a very long time and would most likely get pushed out further. All this study reports is that is is nice area that will be ruined by drug use. How are you going to protect the community from crime?

Anonymous Attendee 06:33 PM

I understand that people are signing agreements not to use substances on site. Often, sites like this draw in people who are unwilling to sign these same agreements. How do you plan keep the community safe and clean from people who are drawn in, but unwilling to keep the stipulations. I understand they can't be on site, but they can be on the periphery.

Anonymous Attendee 06:34 PM

curious as to why the important question about security and safety got ignored.

Anonymous Attendee 06:34 PM

How you going to drugs, guns and crime out?

Anonymous Attendee 06:38 PM

Why was the neighborhood not included in this decision at all? Their safety and wellbeing is at risk and they didn't even have a choice on whether this is built or not. Shame on Tacoma for not letting the voting, taxpaying, homeowners decide.

Anonymous Attendee 06:42 PM

I understand the housing itself but has crime increased at McKinley in the surrounding area?

Anonymous Attendee 06:47 PM

Will my children be safe walking to school? I leave at 7 and work on the hilltop with the homeless, walk across needles and poop daily. How can I feel at peace working on the hilltop with the homeless, knowing there is a shelter being built that they probably won't have access to.

Leah 06:47 PM

I thought I heard that drugs and alcohol will not be allowed?

James Montante 06:48 PM

Is there background checks being done before residents are allowed in? There is a school very close, not to mention that children use that bus stop daily to get to school.

Joe 06:48 PM

Are you aware of the high volume of pedestrian school age children who use this area to get to and from school?

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

Why not have all these new buildings going up carve out a portion of the build to low income?

Anonymous Attendee 06:50 PM

I walk to Wilson. I'm in 9th grade. Will I be safe? There are so many places for people to hide and it's sacred.

Leah 06:51 PM

What kind of assurances can you give us that this encampment will not negatively impact the safety of this community?

Zach 06:52 PM

Is the city of Tacoma or the church going to reimburse me for anything that happens to my property? Are you going to pay me back for the property value that is lost?

Randy 06:55 PM

What is being done about the current crime activity in the area of the church.

Anonymous Attendee 07:04 PM

So if my child is hurt, robbed, jumped or attacked by a resident walking to school who will I hold accountable? Thy City, LIHI < THA or the church?

Anonymous Attendee 07:07 PM

Will patrols increase in the area?

Bill Berry 07:27 PM

Are there plans to increase the street lighting in the area? Orchard is dark in general. The makeup of my neighborhood is about 7-8 streets and maybe 1-2 street lights.

Anonymous Attendee

I've been picking up grocery carts the last two weeks and calling the police for trespassers on this property. won't this only make the current crime worse?

SHELTER STRATEGY

Anonymous Attendee 06:06 PM

If we have over 1500 homeless individuals, why are we spending 1.2 million dollars on a temporary structure, rather than investing in structures that will support individuals?

M.R. 06:24 PM

COVID 19 has had the effect of loss of jobs and as a result MANY can not pay rent... they are currently living in rental units which landlords may NOT evict, now thru the end of the year. At some point this will end and LOTS of sheltered families will be OUT and on the street... Question what anticipated help will be available for the tsumai headed our way ? THA ? are you forebearing rents at this time ?

Anonymous Attendee 06:33 PM

What do we know about the homeless population in Tacoma? Where are the homeless coming from? Is this a migration problem from other poorly ran cities?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

Quick and human would be to stop selling property and kicking out those on fixed incomes. This project is going to take 2 years. You can have a permanent place by then. Did you consider and do you have any alternatives?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

The emergency declaration came out in 2017. We are now about to wrap up 2020. This is no longer an emergency, this is a way of life that the leadership of Tacoma supports and invites into our city. Why are we spending so much money to ruin Tacoma?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

What is the future plan to fund what is being coined as a "temporary program" to eradicate 95% of homelessness in Tacoma for three consecutive years?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

Is it the council's intent to rely on City of Tacoma tax payers to fund the program indefinitely as the 95% eradication of homeless in Tacoma seems unachievable. Further, where did this goal come from? Based on the information today, how long are you forecasting that this program be in place and funded by tax payers?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

What is the hard data (not someone's opinion, but data) behind our homeless population? Are they from Tacoma and the surrounding areas? Or did they come here because it is a homeless friendly area

created by the city leadership? How many are displaced due to losing their jobs? How many are on the street by choice?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

Why not do what UTAH did for the homeless or displaced persons. Is this quick fix due to an election year?

Anonymous Attendee 06:38 PM

Property taxes are sky high over here ? Will the city lower the now?

Anonymous Attendee 06:39 PM

What are you doing to make sure crime & drug use do not sky rocket in the area?

Anonymous Attendee 06:39 PM

What will the city do if the surrounding neighborhoods get an uptick of tents and vehicles?

Anonymous Attendee 06:43 PM

If we keep doing temp sites shouldn't developing a permanent site with longer term housing (permanent tiny homes)? Would cost more up front but would be cheaper in the long run. Once this site terms out we'll have had temp sites for more than 3 years at different locations in Tacoma.

Anonymous Attendee 06:44 PM

Has the city talked with Seattle City Light, Port of Seattle or the other land owners that have camps on properties associated with LIHI?

Anonymous Attendee 06:44 PM

Alot of woman and children are staying at TRM and Salvation Army. Also receiving hotel stays from non profits. Does your data show that these will fill with the demographics you are telling us that will be housed?

Anonymous Attendee 06:47 PM

Why has an "Emergency Declaration" been extended two times? City leadership is failing to address the root cause and it starts with EFFECTIVE policy.

Anonymous Attendee 06:52 PM

3 years there is bound to be problems. What is plan B?

Anonymous Attendee 06:57 PM

Have identified a location for a permanent solution?

Bill Berry 06:58 PM

This is on the church's site:

It is temporary. The Tiny House Village would be on-site for 3-4 years. This will “buy time” to develop a master plan for the entire campus in a thoughtful manner

What is the master plan they're referring to? A longer term shelter plan?

Kathy Unruh 06:59 PM

Seattle has said that crime rates have risen 103% around encampments. Will we have increased police presence?

Anonymous Attendee 07:00 PM

The goal to reduce 95% of the homelessness in Tacoma for 3 consecutive years seems unrealistic unless this is truly intended to be PERMANENT. What is leadership doing to reduce transient homelessness from other cities?

ab 07:01 PM

Once again, what will you do about tents appearing on Orchard? It will attract the friends and relatives of these people and they will be living in tents on our streets.

scott68 07:01 PM

will TPD be running off car campers daily? or will it be up to the tax payers who live in the neighborhood

Anonymous Attendee 07:03 PM

We should not motivate the homeless to come to Tacoma. What mechanism will be in place to ensure we are serving OUR COMMUNITY, rather than other communities???

Anonymous Attendee 07:06 PM

Does the homeless population tend to increase around these microshelters? Aren't people concerned about the schools and teens walking to and from?? I agree we need to help those who are in need, I don't understand the logic behind this location.

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

What factors were used in determining the success of other sites?

Jeremy Hammar 07:09 PM

I have a follow-up question in regards to the response that this community is only serving families, couples and women. Most of the people experiencing homelessness in our immediate area do seem to be single men, is there a plan to better serve those struggling members of our community before/concurrently while bringing in 40+ new members that have similar struggles?

Anonymous Attendee 07:14 PM

Out of 1497 how many are currently in shelters or with relatives?

Charles 07:17 PM

Will the city of Tacoma lower the property Taxes for all house in the community? Can the community vote to have the Homeless camp? Is there requirements for the future encampment residents to be long term Tacoma residents or will all the groups continue to attract all of the Homeless in the state Washington? Charles

J Fisher 07:18 PM

Is the city of Tacoma looking to make an investment in itself by building a permanent micro housing shelter? Are we making a temporary fix or are we going to make investments that have long lasting change?

Anonymous Attendee 07:19 PM

This is a poor idea for these families. Why not a bigger , better , safer space? Tacoma can do better than housing these kids in sheds.

L Quiett 07:22 PM

I think as a community resident we are afraid that outside of this TEMS there will be encampments popping up because this may seem to be a " safe place". How will small tent camps be handled if they should start popping up around the empty Kmart, parking lots in the area and the church parking lot that will not be in use.

Anonymous Attendee 07:22 PM

If something happens to my child walking to school by a resident of this shed village who can I hold accountable? Who do I call? The Church, LIHI, THA or John Hines?

Tanya Headrick 07:23 PM

What about property values?

M.R. 07:25 PM

Will property values be impacted by this addition ? Just a guess it will not be an enhancement

M.R. 07:33 PM

What is affordable housing ? Tacoma properties sell in excess of \$250,000 for a unlivable house in a marginal area.

adam

what happens when schools back in session and kids have to walk by a homeless camp?

John Skaggs

Did the city consider buying or leasing a closed or underutilized hotel?

Anonymous Attendee

Tacoma residents have been paying for houses at top prices lately. whats does it say that right next to our expensive mortgages are homeless people getting a free place to live? aren't we Enabling them?

John Skaggs

I understand this is a "low barrier" site, meaning alcoholics & drug addicts are welcome. Yet drugs & alcohol are not allowed onsite. Who do we call to pick up the used needles and empty bottles in our alleys ? And/or what does the city plan to do to mitigate that?

Anonymous Attendee

What about the old folks home across from the property? aren't they at risk for crime with this bum camp?

John Skaggs

Any chance this could spill into an overflow tent city?

Anonymous Attendee

what happens when a kid is hit up for money from a pan handler from the camp on there way to school?

meghan

What considerations were taken for the retirement community this is right next to and the high school 1.5 blocks away?

Anonymous Attendee

what about when church opens and attendees go to church being pan handled ? it already is a hot spot for crime

ENCAMPMENT RESPONSE AND REMOVAL

Bill Berry 06:09 PM

Tacoma Municipal Code 8.12.025 refers to ""A person who enters or remains upon unimproved and apparently unused land, which is neither fenced nor otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders, does so with

license and privilege unless notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the owner of the land or some other authorized person, or unless notice is given by posting in a conspicuous manner." I walked to the church's property and did notice a 'no trespassing' sign lining the parking lot to the wooded area. Does the church own the entirety of the wooded area? Why has teh removal of the current homeless in those woods been unsuccessful if following the above mentioned code?

Councilmember Hines has stated he's been working with TPD for months to try to remove them. If a few can't be removed, why should I trust that action will be taken when/if the number of homeless beyond the shelter multiplies on that property?

Anonymous Attendee 06:21 PM

how is the church dealing with the existing homeless that live in the woods behind the church?

Will those living in the woods between the church and Les Schaub be moving into the village, and if not, will that area be cleared and cleaned out?

Bill Berry 06:41 PM

Kristin just stated that "so long as there is shelter capacity available in our community, the City is able to remove unauthorized encampments should they occur" and if there isn't shelter space? Then what?

Anonymous Attendee 06:41 PM

Follow Up Question to Tents: If people are on the periphery and there is not space in the shelter or they refuse to sign the agreement, will they still be removed?

Bill Berry 06:44 PM

I was told by Neighborhood and Community Services that removal of homeless/tents by the city can only take place if on public land. If it is on the church's private property or another neighbor's it is now their responsibility and is a lengthy process. What will be done if tents are on the church's private property? Will there be an agreement that they will ensure removal of tents surrounding the shelter site? If it takes place on other land, such as the empty lot on the corner of Orchard and N. 9th, who will take care of it?

Anonymous Attendee 06:54 PM

How many homeless people are they going to pull out of the woods and from the underpasses will this camp help.

Anonymous Attendee 06:54 PM

what kind of a response can neighbors expect since we are defunding the Police if there are problems?

Anonymous Attendee 06:55 PM

How will any "fringe" tents and other temporary "shelters" that may pop up around the outside perimeter of the village be policed?

Bill Berry 07:04 PM

What happens if these unauthorized encampment individuals reject the homeless outreach team's offers for services?

Anonymous Attendee 07:06 PM

Now that you know there are other camps setup in the area. Will you be proactive in resolving the issue, rather than further impose on the community?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Myron 06:05 PM

How do we join the Community Advisory Committee?

Anonymous Attendee 06:03 PM

I'd like to know why you're having a Town Hall Meeting where you inform the community about this decision, AFTER you have voted on this last week. The communication regarding this decision, a 1.2 million dollar decision, should have been brought to the community.

Anonymous Attendee 06:03 PM

Why was the neighborhood not notified? I found out on Facebook through a friend and I live next door to the church.

Bill Berry 06:04 PM

It was stated at the study session that construction is set to begin mid October, that's very soon. How can construction begin prior to the contract finalization between the city and the church as well as the council vote which has been stated to be taking place at the end of October or early November? Why was a councilmember stating it is already a "done deal"?

Shivers 06:06 PM

I understand because of Covid we now are doing zoom meetings, however, we the community are not being seen or heard in this format today.

This is not acceptable to me.

We can see and hear the council and the mayor, but not one single community member. This is not right.

Shivers 06:10 PM

I heard about this project last Monday and let the council know I hadn't heard of it before.

The next day it was on the news the project was happening, before the town hall and hearing from the community. It is coming across to me as though the city isn't actually going to listen to us in making this decision.

ecook 06:18 PM

First why was the public not given opportunity to voice concerns on this before it was voted on.

Anonymous Attendee 06:26 PM

Is this approved yet?

Anonymous Attendee 06:28 PM

When were we supposed to have voted on this as a community?

Myron 06:09 PM

Is it standard practice in Tacoma to make these types of decisions, and inform the neighborhood after the fact, as was done in this case?

Anonymous Attendee 06:28 PM

Why wasn't our involvement considered prior to making this decision?

TMS 06:31 PM

Allyson ~ are you stating that the Council members have not authorized this site as of yet.....given you are still proposing on October 20th?

Anonymous Attendee 06:45 PM

Why did the City of Tacoma just move forward with this plan and not have a community forum?

Bill Berry 06:45 PM

If our questions are not addressed today, when will they be?

Lisa Egloria 06:46 PM

So now I see there are so many questions that you won't get to all of them. Does that mean that because I chose to hear you all out before submitting questions that mine won't be addressed?

Anna Izenman 06:49 PM

What kind of volunteer opportunities will be available, and how can residents in the area best support their new neighbors?

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

How do I get on the community advisor team

Zach 06:50 PM

Do you think the owners of the small businesses across the street or behind the church are comfortable about this? Have you considered how this will affect them?

Melisa Ziegler 06:50 PM

Could you post Josh's email address so that we can contact him to get involved? Thank you!

Bob Anda 06:52 PM

Why the lack of transparency and lack of community outreach? We live less than one block away and we are just now getting details of the project the same month construction is scheduled to begin?

Anonymous Attendee 06:53 PM

Why were the neighbors not provided the opportunity to give feedback prior to this site being solidified.

Dave Christiansen 06:57 PM

John Hines why the lack of transparency, we found out about this on nextdoor,

carrie 07:07 PM

Who is responsible for dealing with any issues that arise? Does the church have people dedicated to this village? Who do we contact if any issues arise?

Anonymous Attendee 07:08 PM

Don't think this really voted on Allyson, if there was it was a bate and switch. Can we get this on a ballot ASAP?

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

Does the Work Release and Remamn Hall have any feedback?

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

So we were not told in a timely manner for a reason? "Entertainment" sites are private, but if they would be stopped from moving in.

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

Put it in a area where there is a huge need. The church should take a drive around the Hilltop.

Anonymous Attendee 07:28 PM

When is the next meeting?

Anonymous Attendee 07:29 PM

Can you also share it in Russian, Cambodian and Korean?

joshua boyt 07:33 PM

I live one block away. I know we talked about timeline already of pushing this project through. Why doesn't the community surrounding have a say in this project moving forward or not?

There are no public service in proximity.

Something like this should be closer to health care.

The community needs to be heard.

Not silenced.

diane 07:35 PM

Is the Oct. 20th vote open to the public or just those in charge that have already made the decision to build this without community input.

SITE OPERATIONS

Anonymous Attendee 06:06 PM

I was told this was a shelter for homeless adults, will children be staying at this shelter?

Shella Peterson 06:08 PM

how will you ensure that outside "campers" are managed?

Anonymous Attendee 06:11 PM

Will the people who are housed at the shelter be screened to make sure they are not registered sex offenders?

M.R. 06:11 PM

What is the anticipated demographics of the occupants. Will there be any preferences given to Family vs single, BIPOC or chronic homelessness?

Destiny Logan 06:11 PM

Is this completely free housing for the homeless? Are they expected to get jobs during their stay?

Anonymous Attendee 06:12 PM

Is there a time limit on how long one family can stay?

M.R. 06:13 PM

Is the type of shelters shown (sheds) typical of what you have in mind?

Angie380868 06:15 PM

How many children are going to be in these 40 units??

Anonymous Attendee 06:15 PM

Who are the individuals (what type)? These are not families or Senior Citizens.

Anonymous Attendee 06:16 PM

client exit percentage looks low— what services are offered to help residents find next-step alternative housing?

Destiny Logan 06:17 PM

What kind of compensation is the First Christian Church receiving for this site?

Angie380868 06:18 PM

Is the church making any money for use of that site?

Anonymous Attendee 06:19 PM

How many/what percentage of homeless kids or families will be residing in this village? How will the city deal with trash and solid waste associated with the 40 units? Will there be additional trash collection services and collection bins that are serviced? Will this Orchard street microvillage site turn into a permanent shelter within the next 5 years? Is there a certain reason this site was picked vs adding small housing services to existing homeless services (downtown Tacoma?)

Dennis 06:19 PM

How many homeless children will it house? and also what was crime like in previous locations? Has it gone up?

Anonymous Attendee 06:20 PM

Is the church receiving payments from the city to allow them to use their property?

ecook 06:22 PM

why is the church going to be proffiting from this looks like and money grab

Dennis 06:23 PM

What kind of sanitary facilities will there be?

TMS 06:24 PM

Barbara speaks of the 40 residents as being her neighbors.....will the selection of residents at the micro shelter be hand picked as part of the current zip code. This is misleading. Please clarify. Anonymous

Attendee 06:25 PM

If the other shelters are full, what happens if a resident of this shelter site is turned away due to breaking code of conduct, where will they be taken if all is full?

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

Is this site going to have security I believe the site at 1421 Puyallup ave have security there 24 hours a day? Is there certain criteria before they can move into a shelter, and if they do not follow this criteria what happens? Also most homeless do not want help so when are we going to address this problem?

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

If you are having children stay in this microhome community, have you communicated with the school district that they may have a influx to those schools, so that they are ready to support them?

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

Is the church making profits from leasing their property?

Anonymous Attendee 06:26 PM

Where are the bathroom facilites? I know the plans for the sheds do not includ them

Anonymous Attendee 06:26 PM

So the church gets paid and people who live 100 ft away have to deal with foot traffic increase during a pandemic ?

Jeremy Hammar 06:27 PM

I am hearing the mention of serving homeless children in the community multiple times. Does this site serve children? If so, as a teacher I have some questions as to how you plan on supporting children specifically. If not, I am confused why children are being included in this conversation. It seems unfair to use them as a marketing point if you are not planning on serving them

Anonymous Attendee 06:29 PM

Of the medical calls at other sites, how many of those were drug related?

Charla Ojala 06:29 PM

As a resident a block away from the proposed site I would like to know what the church will be doing to step up their part - trash that has been there for MONTHS that they haven't bothered to clean up? Once this shelter is in place who will be responsible for trash outside of the village as it's already a problem.

Charla Ojala 06:30 PM

Will the site be officially for mothers and children ONLY?

Anonymous Attendee 06:30 PM

What kind of background checks are required for residents?

Charla Ojala 06:31 PM

How can you guarantee this will end after 3 years when the church WANTS to create a low income community center beyond this?

April 06:31 PM

What kind of cleaning/ sanitation procedures for the surrounding areas?

Anonymous Attendee 06:31 PM

How is the church being compensated for allowing the village to be on their property for the 3 years?

Day 06:31 PM

My brother is 12. Will there be security? Im scared.

TMS 06:32 PM

Is the total 40 or 60 you are being misleading.....what is the total amount. Two numbers have been provided which draws confusion.

Angie380868 06:33 PM

will it be different people moving in and out?

Angie380868 06:34 PM

who will be picking up the garbage and how often?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

Does this program serve the citizens of Tacoma? What will be in place to ensure that this is serving our communities and not homeless from surrounding areas?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

How are the utilities going to be paid? Who is responsible for that cost?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

We already have a issue with homeless leaving garabage and used drug implements around our area. How will you be able to make sure this doesnt add to the problem?

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

If the church is hosting this to be the "good neighnor" then why are they profiting from this?

Charla Ojala 06:36 PM

How are you doing background checks if they don't have ID already?

Bill Berry 06:36 PM

When will the code of conduct be available for us all to read?

Anonymous Attendee 06:37 PM

Will there be onsite Covid 19 testing?

Leah 06:37 PM

What do the residents do during the day? Are there employment or education requirements?

Anonymous Attendee 06:37 PM

How are you doing intakes and screening?

Anonymous Attendee 06:38 PM

You said, women, children and couples. What is to stop people from saying they are couples when they truly are not. This would open the door for people you are trying to keep out of the encampment

Mark and Heather 06:38 PM

What kind of mental health, security and policing will be on site every day? This is 2 blocks from Wilson High School, students walk past that location daily.

Kathy Bogue 06:38 PM

I am very impressed with this program and entirely support it. I do have a question. If I read your stats correctly, only a fraction of those served go on to permanent housing. What happens to the rest of folks?

Anonymous Attendee 06:38 PM

What happened to the micro shelters (actual houses) that were at 8th & MLK?

Derek Murphy 06:39 PM

How are food needs being met at the locations? Is it communal dining with donated food being prepared? Or are residents preparing their own outside food in the shared kitchen space?

zack d 06:40 PM

Those houses are less than 6 ft apart, are you going to issue covid tests? You guys are right by a damn retirement home. How does this make sense?

Anonymous Attendee 06:40 PM

What about covid?

Anonymous Attendee 06:40 PM

What about when they break the code of conduct? Then what? What is Plan B?

zack d 06:41 PM

What happens when someone test positive for covid in the village?

Destiny Logan 06:41 PM

What happens if the shelter is at capacity and tents show up outside on the sidewalk? What is the plan if that happens?

Anonymous Attendee 06:41 PM

What about alcohol and drug use? How are you going to manage that and will you keep persons out that are using?

Shivers 06:42 PM

So listening to this man, how long are they going to live there?

What is the plan to get them out?

L Quiett 06:42 PM

what happens to these families when the tents is moved? do the residents move with them? they just get to move from site to site?

ab 06:42 PM

When a resident does not want to follow the rules and is asked to leave, who will remove them when they decide to live in a tent on Orchard or on one of the side streets.? What happens when one of these women invites her drug addict boyfriend or relative to live in a tent nearby? Who is going to pick up the human feces off the sidewalk? We are not able to take a walk in downtown tacoma because of the mess on the streets from the tents. Where will these people go when they no longer want to follow the rules? Will they live in a tent in front of one of your homes?

Sean Arent 06:43 PM

This looks like a fantastic project, thank you all for working to put this together. Will the village be serving families with children and people with pets?

James Montante 06:43 PM

If a resident doesn't comply with the code of conduct, what happens? If they are removed, where do they go? Is there a plan?

Anonymous Attendee 06:45 PM

what are the statistics for the puyallup ave location?

Molly 06:46 PM

If you have children staying in this microhome community, have you communicated with the school district that they may have an influx of students to those schools, so they are ready to support them? Are you providing WiFi onsite, so that children may attend school while we are remote?

Anonymous Attendee 06:47 PM

What will happen to the residents in 2023 when this proposed shelter closes?

Anonymous Attendee 06:48 PM

Most churches tend to be non-profits for tax purposes. Is First Christian church a non-profit or is this business deal for profit?

Anonymous Attendee 06:48 PM

Is the church in financial trouble?

Anonymous Attendee 06:48 PM

What is the church being paid for monthly for having this? Is the church in financial trouble?

Bill Berry 06:50 PM

I read the meeting minutes for the CAC teams for both shelter sites (MLK and McKinley) and saw concerns around pop up tents and loitering, what is being done to ensure that does not continue or carry over here?

Shella Peterson 06:51 PM

What is the application process? Where is the permanent housing opportunities for these families to move into?

Anonymous Attendee 06:52 PM

There are medical calls from the sounds of it. How many are drug related/overdose? Will there be recovery meetings on hand such as AA?

Anonymous Attendee 06:52 PM

What about their pets? Cars?

Mark and Heather 06:53 PM

Where is the other tiny house village located that Jo Davies is talking about?

Lisa Egloria 06:53 PM

Have the vulnerable adults who live directly behind this property been consulted about this? I hear about the 24 hour security, I would like to see your plan to address the inevitable when someone breaks your "Code of Conduct", Which I would also like to see. Is there transportation out of the encampment when the rules are not followed? What about those who are not approved but try to gain access anyway?

Shannon malley 06:56 PM

if problems arise will you shut it down??

Anonymous Attendee 06:56 PM

Will the church be paid for this site? Why?

Anonymous Attendee 06:57 PM

How much is the Church being paid?

Anonymous Attendee 06:57 PM

What is the application process for people wanting to live in the shelter?

Shannon malley 06:58 PM

how long will people be able to stay at the facility?

Anonymous Attendee 06:59 PM

Are residents recommended to attend church services?

Anonymous Attendee 07:00 PM

What is the screening process?

Anonymous Attendee 07:00 PM

What food services are offered for them? How are other means of rehabilitation offered?

Anonymous Attendee 07:00 PM

Is the church being paid by the city for this space?

Joe 07:02 PM

what background checks are part of the screening process?

Anonymous Attendee 07:03 PM

Will you require drug testing?

Charla Ojala 07:04 PM

Can you please address how you will be doing background checks when individuals may not have ID!??

Molly 07:04 PM

So, the agreement is that your community members do not use substances ON site, but they may off-site? That seems counter-intuitive.

Anonymous Attendee 07:04 PM

Are you going to implement a drug testing requirement

Michael 07:04 PM

How is this a non profit, the church is getting paid \$3000 a month. If TEMS is getting funded by state and federal grants, why is the church getting paid?

Anonymous Attendee 07:05 PM

do they have to work in order to live there??

Anonymous Attendee 07:05 PM

Who is paying for these onsite services?

Destiny Logan 07:06 PM

Who is staffed on site to help with services? Church staff or trained professionals?

Anonymous Attendee 07:07 PM

How much do those services "being brought to them" cost? Who will fund these services after all the grant money is expended?

Angie380868 07:07 PM

so all meals will be provided to the residents?

Anonymous Attendee 07:07 PM

What about if they do drugs off campus? Or come back drunk? Numerous individuals have been seen in the past drunk or high and passed out in the green belt behind my house. How will that be stopped or addressed? We've tried contacting the city before in the past (long before COVID) but no responses have been received.

81617410031 07:07 PM

What if this does not work out for the nearby residents?? Will this so called village be shut down??

Angie380868 07:08 PM

are security staff on site 24/7??

zack d 07:08 PM

If they have cars where will they park?

81617410031 07:08 PM

If they have jobs why do they need free housing .. I work hard and I have no free housing !!!

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

And what happens if the project fails?

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

Can you please clarify the requirements for people to be accepted to this site?

Carla S. 07:10 PM

If a person is not allowed to enter the village because they are intoxicated or high, what happens to them? Would they be left to wander the area at night? Would the police be called? What is plan B?

Anonymous Attendee 07:12 PM

Where will they go after 3 years? Are they going to John Hines yard?

Randy 07:12 PM

What is build out costs and what is the operating costs for this project.

M.R. 07:14 PM

Homeless men as singles are not being served ?

Anonymous Attendee 07:15 PM

Does THA have Section 8 available for these families?

Anonymous Attendee 07:15 PM

Since THA is a partner will they offer a housing voucher?

Anonymous Attendee 07:16 PM

Will there be background checks?

Anonymous Attendee 07:16 PM

What kind of background checks will they do and what is the scale they use?

M.R. 07:17 PM

PETS ? How can you possibly handle pets... food and poo ?

Destiny Logan 07:17 PM

Are background checks just for WA state? Or nationwide?

Anonymous Attendee 07:17 PM

Since THA is a partner agency will they offer housing vouchers to these families?

Lisa Egloria 07:18 PM

You say in some instances where code of conduct is violated that they would be required to leave the facility. Are they just turned out on to the street with no transportation, angry, and then be a risk to neighbors?

Andrea 07:18 PM

Given the high demand for the micro homes, how are you selecting residents? You have mentioned families, single women and couples are the first criteria but otherwise how will you prioritize applicants?

scott68 07:19 PM

will this be limited to only former washington state residents so we dont get FIELD OF DREAMS!

M.R. 07:19 PM

When will you be accepting reservations ?

Lori Kampfe 07:20 PM

In your experiences with the other site, when a resident misses curfew, where do they go? Has it been the other site's experience that the resident loiters within a few blocks of the Village?

Michael 07:20 PM

While security sounds good within the facility. But, how will LIHI, the Church, or the City provide security within in 1 to 6 block radius of the TEMS sight?

M.R. 07:21 PM

What are your plans for July 2023 ? Are these shelters portable ?

M.R. 07:22 PM

Is there parking for residence's vehicles ?

Anonymous Attendee 07:22 PM

How will you find the residents?

Anonymous Attendee 07:25 PM

If the church is trying to be a "good neighbor" then why are they accepting payment ?

Jeremy Hammar 07:27 PM

Another follow-up, now that you have clarified that the housing will include children (thank you!). Is there contact with the Tacoma Public School system to ensure that kids are getting services as quickly as possible? Is there a plan for ensuring wifi access for children during this covid time? Is there a plan LIHI has in place to make sure that social emotional support and groups are provided for kids and not just adults?

M.R. 07:27 PM

Why is the Church's charity being compensated at all ? Those funds could go further to serve this project

citizen 07:28 PM

Why are you paying the church for the location if they offered it to the City to use for this purpose? This seems like a waste of public, state and federal funds.

Anonymous Attendee 07:29 PM

Are gay couples allowed to stay in the encampment?

F5 Talent Acquisition 07:31 PM

The apartments across from the church, what will happen to them?

Anonymous Attendee

What are the criteria for admission to this micro shelter site? What is the code of conduct that must be followed once admitted?

John Skaggs

Will the "Villagers" get bus passes, so they can get to other social services, job interviews, jobs, etc.?

Anonymous Attendee

Is there room for bicycle parking? shopping cart parking ? car parking?

Anonymous Attendee

Looking at the site map, one hygiene facility for 60 residents, do you think that is adequate? feasible?

SITE IDENTIFICATION AND SET

Jeremy Hammar 06:04 PM

Can you expand on the permitting process for this proposal, given the fact that it is in a residential zoning district that would typically require a Conditional Use Permit?

Anonymous Attendee 06:05 PM

There is housing and downtown in tacoma on 24th avenue and the crime and drug use is off charts. Why are you now selecting to expose the community in this manner?

Anonymous Attendee 06:08 PM

What are the laws surrounding being so close to a school? Are you using the "emergency declaration" to get around these laws?

Anonymous Attendee 06:09 PM

There isn't any support with the burglaries and these are not families moving in, but supported drug addicts. How you will fix the excessive drug use which will now flood the community further?

Bill Berry 06:11 PM

Neighborhood and community services addressed the concern around proximity to schools by stating that because of the emergency initiative these requirements are not needed to be met. Does that mean if this proposal did not fall under the emergency initiative this location would not meet requirements?

Kathleen Campbell 06:12 PM

There was a K-Mart store on 6th Ave near Orchard St also, and the lot has been unused for at least two years. Is there any option for this space to be converted to permanent housing for young adults or others? With the bus line to TCC and other points that runs up and down 6th Ave, I am wondering if the city has had any conversations about that unused space. We need more affordable housing in Tacoma.

Anonymous Attendee 06:12 PM

The 1421 Puyallup Ave is a protected drug location. Why here and have you thought of alternative locations?

BrianG 06:15 PM

How was the location at 602 N Orchard selected?

Anonymous Attendee 06:18 PM

Are tax paying homeowners going to get any type of property tax reductions since our neighborhood will now be an undesirable area to live?

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

This question isn't whether or not we need to support our homeless community, we obviously do. My question is: is this the best location considering that you have 2 elementary schools and a high school in the vicinity of these microhomes? How do you plan to ensure safety to the children in this community?

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

Why does it have to be at this location? If safety is an issue, then why not move out further in rural/suburban areas?

Charlene 06:25 PM

Why this particular location? I've worked on the hilltop for 15 years. These last few months it's been completely devastating. When I drive home 6th ave and 12th it does not seem as critical as the hilltop. Why not open a location where there is a HUGE need?

Anonymous Attendee 06:26 PM

with the city having layoffs and budget crunches, has the COT thought about putting this on city property?

Anonymous Attendee 06:28 PM

Why this particular location? It seems close to the middle school, away from stores, and away from other services. It's at least near a bus line, but that's the only thing that its by. Are there food banks or other resources going to be put in?

Anonymous Attendee 06:30 PM

What information or studies were used in selecting this proposed site?

zack d 06:30 PM

Why not use the k-mart that has been abandoned for years? This makes no sense

Anonymous Attendee 06:32 PM

Why didn't the city make Puget Sound hospital into a lowincome housing project instead of a multi million dollar project for a new city hall.

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

What other areas were considered, and why was this area chosen over the others?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

While this is on a main road, and people need access to bus lines, why are you putting this in a residential area?

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

The hilltop has a much greater need. There are several empty locations and lots and a lightrail coming. Why 6th Ave?

Randy 06:37 PM

I wouldn't call a 8' x 12' garden shed a home or a place that I would want to stay in. Why not build these garden shed homes in a place like at the old South Tacoma airport.

M.R. 06:38 PM

Does not the City of Tacoma have surplus lots and lands currently available ?

Anonymous Attendee 06:39 PM

Where are the other proposed locations? This can't be the only option

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

Who is paying for this?

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

Why did this only last on the hilltop 7 months and you want this on 6th Ave for 3 years?

Anonymous Attendee 06:55 PM

Is there a donation to prevent this from happening?

Anonymous Attendee 06:55 PM

The Eastside pay 1500.00 aprox yearly in property taxes...6th Ave pays 4k yearly. Will you lower our property taxes?

Michael 06:56 PM

It was mentioned that other sights were investigated? What sights What about north of Swan Park? South of Tacoma Power west of railroad tracks

Michael 06:57 PM

What about behind Remann Hall? Inspiration Bible Church? or on South 8th and Mildred

Anonymous Attendee 06:58 PM

How many active members are at the church? Did they get to vote on offering the property?

Anonymous Attendee 07:01 PM

How can you be sure this place will be gone in july when others have been extended multipul times?

Tanya Headrick 07:02 PM

Why can't this be done in a different location? This is just a bad loaction and the housing property values will drop...

Anonymous Attendee 07:02 PM

What meeting took place to vote on this

Anonymous Attendee 07:02 PM

Are homosexual couples allowed to stay?

Anonymous Attendee 07:03 PM

Why not use city property and save that \$?

Anonymous Attendee 07:03 PM

Was the former Kmart lot considered?

Anonymous Attendee 07:04 PM

How many other sites were reviewed prior to selecting 6th and Orchard? Tacoma is a large city with better options other than a residential neighbor with schools and senior housing

Anonymous Attendee 07:10 PM

The lease covers ~\$90k over 2 years. The total cost is said to be \$1.9mil. How are funds exactly being allocated?

Anonymous Attendee 07:12 PM

6th Ave is going downhill RAPIDLY. Crime has greatly increased and stores are closing. When there are stonger sites with better services better used to suite the unsheltered needs. Why not put this in a location were the guests have a better chance of becoming housed?

M.R. 07:24 PM

How large is the church's property ? Acres ? Woods ?

joshua boyt 07:29 PM

How is the property zoned in order to handle this housing? Even though it is private property, how can this type of housing be established in a property otherwise zoned?

Anonymous Attendee 07:31 PM

You said the vote to move forward is Oct 20th, but who is voting? Who gets to decide? Seems like its already a done deal.

Alison 07:33 PM

This proposed site is within 1000 feet of Remann Hall and within 1000 feet of Wilson High. What other sites have been considered?

adam

Cant we suggest a better area for this? like a Business district were adults are not a residential area were kids are?

adam

Can i recommend the Recently closed safeway grocery store on 6th ave. Maybe reach out to property management?

adam

there are no grocery stores in proximity anymore since safeway recently closed. why is this a good sight?

adam

Why not do this in a Business District not a Residential Area???????????

Anonymous Attendee

As the others are saying i will ask, why this site not a site thats in a business district?

adam

can't they find a location downtown for this in a business district? not a Residential area where kids are???????????????

Comments without Questions

Randy 06:15 PM

I see no benefit to those of us who live in the general area around the proposed compound. Everyone I've talked to feels that this is nothing more than a money grab by the church and by LIHI. If the church is serious about helping the homeless then they'd do this at no charge and not lease the property to LIHI for \$3000 a month.

Shivers 06:15 PM

I cannot express how frustrating it is that you all can speak and we are not able to.

Bill Berry 06:17 PM

Allyson, thank you for addressing the calls and what they were for and the COVID impact. You stated in an email to me that one was also related to found drug paraphernalia at the MLK site. Maybe I missed it but I don't believe I heard you mention that and I believe it's important and pertinent for transparency.

Shivers 06:18 PM

There are many different ideas we could try other than this particular project.

For instance, currently our hotels and motels are struggling during this pandemic. We could partner with them in some way to help their bottom line, helping save businesses in Tacoma, while helping provide temporary shelter for some of the homeless who we can see transitioning out of the temporary shelter and back into mainstream society.

Randy 06:18 PM

I feel like this has been in the works for a long time. The church voted to proceed with this project on June 28th so it's been in the works for sometime.

Tanya Headrick 06:22 PM

with the drug use and the school right around the corner this concerns me greatly

Randy 06:24 PM

Barbara, this isn't going to help the homeless problem it's going to enable the problem and it will grow. The problem is that housing in Tacoma is sky high.

ecook 06:24 PM

I think as residents of this area should band together and file a suit against this city

Tanya Headrick 06:25 PM

if this was just for families with children it would make sense...but the struggle of addiction is real and this is not helpful

Shivers 06:25 PM

I understand we already have one of these LIHI setups on McKinley.

This lihi idea seemed to start in seattle. I do not believe seattle has well managed the mentally ill, drug addicted homeless folks successfully.

I'm looking for leadership in this area. Leadership for a new direction and way of figuring this out.

Melisa Ziegler 06:26 PM

The phrasing on the postcard you sent out about the purpose of this meeting was concerning to me. The options were to attend as an opportunity to "ask questions, voice concerns, and get more information." It seemed to set the tone that there should be something wrong with this encampment vs set the tone that we should be proud and excited that our community is caring for one another by offering this encampment. I am glad this opportunity is coming to our neighborhood and appreciate your efforts!

Anonymous Attendee 06:28 PM

This is a statement by someone near another site. "The stuff that goes on over ther at night-I mean there's yelling and screaming and people cussing each other out, threatening each other. It's pretty crazy." said Cline. We've had break-ins throughout the neighborhood all the way down Sprague. People coming, busting into houses, getting money and they're running back to the homeless camp"

ecook 06:29 PM

there are plenty of building empty sitting being ran sack that would make great housing

brian headrick 06:30 PM

The pastor of the church mentioned it is motivated to help its neighbors. As we speak righ not the church property is not a help to us as neighbors. The backside of the church is a ceaspool of disease. It is a football field size area of used needles, feceses, garbag, spray paint, broken fences and rats spread all through out the back. As we speak. We are talking about bringing more homeless to an area we are not even addressing the needs of our community. The homeless need help but so does our community. I dont understand why we are allowing this open field to be such ceaspool of diseas and we are not even dealing with that.

Anonymous Attendee 06:30 PM

how will Covid19 be handled in the camp.

Anonymous Attendee 06:30 PM

It is NOT okay that we did not get a say!!!

Anonymous Attendee 06:31 PM

"we havea to stop. We have to litterally hold these people accountable. I'm sorry you're homeless, but that does not mean you're not accountable for society's laws. You do not have the right to do whatever you want and say oh I'm homeless! Poor me! said BIngham

brian headrick 06:32 PM

secondly we have a daughter who works right across the street as is dealing with trying to work in an area that is becoming more and more unsafe as it is. Again helping our community means helping all our community. There are other options in this city.

Shivers 06:33 PM

Because of the ongoing pandemic I do not feel I have been heard about this or had the opportunity to be heard which I would have in non pandemic times.

I am not satisfied with this. I think the city has not met its burden of hearing and representing the community during the pandemic with its meetings. You see and hear each other and only those you allow to be on audio or video.

Anonymous Attendee 06:34 PM

Seems like the local home owners have absolutely no say in this.

brian headrick 06:34 PM

I will also say that we live on the south side of 6th and have a young man that goes to Wilson. There are a mass amount of kids that pass by this site, Although kids are not in class it has to be a concern to put this village right in the heart of high school kids who will eventually go back to school. It is unacceptable to meld the two together when it is not necessary.

Anonymous Attendee 06:35 PM

Don't even mention Seattle, Seattle is a cesspole

zack d 06:35 PM

This is just a way for the church to get money. For people who ACTUALLY LIVE near this location we are not benefiting at all

Zach 06:35 PM

I don't remember voting for this and feel it should be voted on!

Pete Kauffman 06:35 PM

I dont want i will not support it

you are encouraging people to move to WA state and live for free

Quit giving lazy people excuses to not work

Anonymous Attendee 06:54 PM

6th to 11th Shirley was hit last night with someone going through over 30 of cars.

Marsha Sparks 06:36 PM

I do not disagree with the homeless problem. I disagree with your proposed site. This is basically a gateway to the North End which is much different than the East Side or MLK locations.

Charla Ojala 06:36 PM

% is NOT a success

30 brian headrick 06:37 PM

We also purchased our house in this community a block away, we came to be part of solutions. We work with our neighbors, we address cars that dont belong, we are spending money to upgrade our home and be a blessing to our community. This is not a question of whether tiny homes are of value, they are. But this is a poor site with some many homes, businesses and high school right around it.

Anonymous Attendee 06:37 PM

I agree we need to house the homeless, however I live with my family and young children directly behind the proposed site, we have had numerous vagrants come over our fence into our yard, we have experienced theft from our shed. I have had agressive conversations with these people, I understand security cannot is not going to be available 24-7, but what do we do when enough is enough? I am not saying the homeless people will do anything, but the already vagrant people will swarm to this area and cause continued problems.

Pete Kauffman 06:38 PM

I think its wrong to not let us vote on this first

brian headrick 06:39 PM

we are dealing with more crime in the blocks around the church already. Car break ins, theft from our homes, trash piles being left behind. We are not dealing with any of this but adding more challenges.

Anonymous Attendee 06:39 PM

I agree with Adam, this is a RESIDENTIAL area, I AM NOT FOR THIS AT ALL

Colin DeForrest 06:39 PM

I would highly recommend anyone with concerns over this site going into their neighborhood or community to do some research into other LIHI sites. They are simply successful in every location. LIHI is the gold standard for this temporary shelter intervention. In short time, the community will embrace this site as a vital part of the community.

Carla S. 06:40 PM

We became a Safe Streets neighborhood 3 years ago when our neighborhood experienced increased property crime largely from those who were and are still living along the Scott Pierson trail. I am concerned that property crime will again increase. Drug use has been prevelant in tiny house villages. I did not realize that this has already been approved and I had just received a postcard for this meeting this past week. Please address my concerns.

Tanya Headrick 06:41 PM

The village is great! Just a different location would be better...

Anonymous Attendee 06:42 PM

All of the neighbours that I've talked are pissed off that the city and church are moving ahead with this project. The church property is not the place for this compound.

Marsha Sparks 06:42 PM

This seems to be a done deal. Yet we did not get any information until a small postcard arrived in the mail on 10/4/20.

Shane 06:42 PM

It seems that the City Council has already decided on this without any community involvement. This is like a sales pitch....

Melissa McCarthy 06:42 PM

I live within a mile of the proposed site and I want to wholeheartedly express my support for this project. Thank you for providing a path to housing for those that aren't able to provide that path for themselves.

Anonymous Attendee 06:43 PM

I guess none of our questions are going to be addressed, and it seems like it doesn't matter. They have already made the decision without any input from local homeowners that this is going to directly affect. This meeting is just for them to meet a requirement to inform us of it.

Anonymous Attendee 06:43 PM

Again - are the Q&A questions being filtered? I don't think all the voices are being heard - which has been my experience with this whole project.

Pete Kauffman 06:45 PM

I have heard enough

get to the Q&A

Molly 06:47 PM

If you don't answer our question here, I strongly recommend that you compile them into a document and send that document to your constituents.

Anonymous Attendee 06:47 PM

Kristin Ely, What Facilities, that is a lie... There are no medical or social facilities available in the area. So the church is MAKING MONEY on it! There is the bottom line, if they were so generous why aren't they donating it? So the rest of us just have to suck it up. How am I, as a homeowner going to be compensated.

Shannon malley 06:48 PM

I don't understand how this is not voted on by the community.. I live local and we're the ones that are gonna suffer with property values and possible crime coming into our neighborhood.. I understand wanting to help but why would you put this in a neighborhood near schools, and families..I'm all for helping but not so close to my house..

Bekah (she/her) 06:48 PM

I just moved to the neighborhood in September (about 3 blocks away) and I am very much in support of this micro-shelter community. I am looking forward to meeting my new neighbors and I would love to be involved in some aspect. Thank you to everyone who has shared tonight, especially Ronny Brown.

Zach 06:48 PM

We should be more worried about how we can get one of the largest available building's (kmart) in Tacoma rented to bring jobs to this neighborhood not free housing. Do you think a company would want to move in, knowing there is an encampment across the street? We should question why the Safeway a few blocks away is going out of business, when rumor has it, it is due to homeless people loitering and stealing from it. I have a personal friend that lives close to the eastside location and he said his house has been broken into three times and trash and other items have piled up in his yard and others close by. I have spent the last 11 years two blocks from the proposed location, I have put a lot of blood, sweat, tears and money into my home to make it the perfect "dream home" for my family and feel uncomfortable with this plan. I feel it is too close to a High School, a Elementary school, it is not practical for anyone living there to access other needs like food, temporary work, etc.

Derek Murphy 06:49 PM

For those asking "why in my neighborhood?" Allow me to point out that A. Homeless people are PEOPLE. B. They already are living in our community. Sadly, they are living in the bushes and trees and where ever else they can seek shelter. So - why not give them a home, in our neighborhood, where they can be safe and warm?

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

CM Hines: Our household does not support this project. We will not support you if you vote to approve this.

Anonymous Attendee 06:49 PM

That is disturbing the church gets a large payment every month. Sure does help them through this pandemic but no one around them! GOOD LORD!

Brendan Haigh 06:55 PM

Thank you all so much for all of the hard work you are doing on this - my family is very happy to this project move forward. I'd be interested in hearing more about the kinds of volunteer opportunities that will be available.

Leah 06:55 PM

You should stick to calling this a "tiny house village", "encampment" is so off-putting.

M.R. 06:55 PM

I only see 8 Questions... 275 ?

Kathy Unruh 06:56 PM

LOL

Anonymous Attendee 06:57 PM

Use city property and save the money. Use the money for re-housing and other needs for these people.

Tanya Headrick 06:58 PM

that doesn't mean it's ok!

carrie 06:59 PM

What evidence is there that you think the church will be able to support this initiative? They have no history of supporting the homeless so why now? I'm concerned about their motives; is it solely for financial gain? improving public relations?

Anonymous Attendee 06:59 PM

My daughter was robbed by a homeless person and will have to now walk past a 200 unit development. She is scared to death.

scott68 06:59 PM

after 32 years @ n 8th and orchard and 58 years as a city resident i dont like being refered to as occupant doesnt the city now who pays utilities how will they who should be on site.

Bill Berry 07:00 PM

will our specific questions be answered? I asked about the school but my specific question was not answered in that response

Anonymous Attendee 07:02 PM

NOT PART OF THE COMMUNITY! Not relevant!

JLC 07:02 PM

Thank you for all of this information. I feel better knowing more of the details, and will help inform my neighbors if questions arise.

M.R. 07:03 PM

Nice Charity 1st Christian...\$3,000.00 monthly...giving must be down

scott68 07:06 PM

unless your going to put it @ 602 n orchard quit referring to 602 n orchard the dupty mayor at least said 8th and orchard.

Shivers 07:06 PM

They are not residents like we are

The city has purchased and given them a home. The rest of us had to work to have that.

Anonymous Attendee 07:06 PM

Seems like most the decision makers on this project don't live anywhere near 6th and Orchard. Yes homelessness is a huge problem we need the housing but the location is a poor choice.

Anonymous Attendee 07:06 PM

Never voted on this or recall stating approved on a ballot.

Monica Pannek 07:07 PM

Thank you for this very informative meeting

Anonymous Attendee 07:08 PM

I don't believe the other projects are located next to senior housing and schools which is a completely different environmental impact on the community

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

That retirement facility is owned by the church so they don't care

Anonymous Attendee 07:09 PM

It's the off campus issues that address me. We can't even get the few that live in the woods now removed and I'm concerned that it will increase.

Shannon malley 07:09 PM

you guys are making everything sound so rosey and I think it's not realistic..

M.R. 07:10 PM

City Surplus lands buildings

Anonymous Attendee 07:11 PM

Allyson + John, You never considered ANYONE living in the community or the retirement homes and just took notes, but decided to proceed, so you don't care about us already here?

M.R. 07:12 PM

Questions are not being shown...? Select editing out ? Why are not all participants questions being shown, let alone answered????

Kathy Unruh 07:12 PM

Lots of questions but no vote

Anonymous Attendee 07:12 PM

If you have a timeline for 2023 then you should have a policy

Zach 07:12 PM

The attendance number and reason everyone has stayed on the meeting is because no one in this area is happy/comfortable with is plan. it needs to be VOTED ON!

Anonymous Attendee 07:13 PM

Hard to believe the deal is already done without any community input from neighbors that live nearby. Seems like lots of corners were cut to make this happen

Anonymous Attendee 07:17 PM

I straight up don't like the way this project was rolled out without communication to local residents

Colin DeForrest 07:18 PM

You are very welcome Kristin!

M.R. 07:19 PM

Sorry for the abundance of questions...perhaps ONE will be answered.

Anonymous Attendee 07:21 PM

That is not an honest answer to crime. You are putting up a homeless encampment in an area that is not typically inundated with homelessness. So our crime level is most certainly going to increase.

Anonymous Attendee 07:23 PM

So is Safeway, Kmart and the woods John.

daveheritage 07:23 PM

you people are a bunch of idiots who couldn't run a whore house on a army base!

Anonymous Attendee 07:24 PM

Great project. keep it up. My son and I will come down to donate food.

Bob Anda 07:24 PM

I can see the Church as well and I have never seen homeless set up camp at the church

Anonymous Attendee 07:24 PM

I do want you to create a crime map, and BE HONEST

Anonymous Attendee 07:25 PM

I do not trust, no neighborhood input until after the plan.

Randy 07:25 PM

John, we don't call the police anymore because the police don't come. Tacoma PD is a joke.

Angie380868 07:25 PM

Yes!! Let's track the community crime during this whole project!

ab 07:25 PM

So glad you live so close Mr. Hines. Not far for them to hike and put up their tents when they leave this small house community or their criminal relatives move closer to the people in the small homes. When a tent pops up in front of our homes, we will be sure to let these people know they are more than welcome to move the tents to the front of your home.

Bill Berry 07:26 PM

Advanced notice would have allowed me to save money for increased security systems. THAT'S why we wanted more notice. Some people would have sold or rented their homes. You did not give time for those decisions

Anonymous Attendee 07:26 PM

My argument for more time wasn't to stop the homeless shelter, but more that you did not effectively communicate with the community. I checked your social media accounts, and saw nothing within the month of September about this happening. Most people do not get the News Tribune. You did a mailing a week ago. This is my issue: a big decision is being made within the community, and you are not communicating well with the community. If you want us to be part of the process, you need to have better communication. Rushing something is not acceptable.

Zach 07:26 PM

Yeah, you don't want vote so that you can get your way...

Tanya Headrick 07:26 PM

so basically we have no choice

Anonymous Attendee 07:26 PM

the city doesnt currently enforce semi truck parking already on orchard street so the residents HAVE ZERO confidence in the city or TPD enforcing anything in our hood! and yes we actually pay taxes.

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

Let's be clear, they are being paid for the use of the site.

Shivers 07:27 PM

Is he actually saying he knows notification wasn't appropriate but he doesn't think it needs to be??

Anonymous Attendee 07:28 PM

The problem is that the government is involved in this and the citizens didnt get a say. As soon as the city becomes involved, it should be a vote by the tax payers that it impacts!

Anonymous Attendee 07:28 PM

Answer the budget questions, please. And the land is tax exempt (Church), something other than private land, as it is commonly understood.

M.R. 07:28 PM

Thanks for answering not ONE question ! Love to see all these questions...

Anonymous Attendee 07:29 PM

thank you for the opportunity to be disrespected!

M.R. 07:29 PM

Thanks for all the panelists who could answer these various questions...but Left Early.

Anonymous Attendee 07:30 PM

Im so worried for the kids walking to and from school.

M.R. 07:30 PM

Surplus City

citizen 07:31 PM

You've addressed the code of conduct within the confines of the TEMS site but not what it will be outside of the fence aside from an occasional walk around. Our neighborhood is now in peril. This is not acceptable at all. You're using an "emergency" status to push this down our throats. Nice job by the church to pad their coffers, tax free.

81617410031 07:31 PM

Whatever John!!!

M.R. 07:31 PM

Surplus City assets could be used better and maybe even to address this issue.

naomi 07:32 PM

YES YES YES

diane 07:33 PM

And if you see the problems are you going to make sure they are addressed.

Anonymous Attendee 07:33 PM

YOU ARE AMAZING

Anonymous Attendee 07:33 PM

Thank you for time everyone! Appreciate the meeting.

Anonymous Attendee 07:34 PM

why not here? Because we pay HIGHER TAXES HERE in order to live away from this mess!

Anonymous Attendee

PLEASE DONT DO THIS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I'm for taking care of others but it needs to be in the right location. this projected spot is a terrible idea. If you proposed this to a location in UNIVERSITY PLACE i bet they would say no eh?

Anonymous Attendee

i will not enable "support" this

Anonymous Attendee

ITS NOT FAMILYS that are homeless. thats the small percentage. the majority of the homeless we all see are criminal drug addicts that have burned all there bridges

Anonymous Attendee

anything to make a little money to get there drug fix. which will bring more dealers closer to the area. you will be enabling there addiction

meghan

If you can

Anonymous Attendee

If you can't answer all the questions then why don't you schedule another meeting. This is ridiculous. You told the community nothing and just blindsided everyone with this. You all seem really unprepared or this meeting and it's really unconvincing for this PR effort. The least you could do is answer questeions and not spend 45 mins with poor presentations that seem like an after thought.

adam

to say there are no problems makes me think there are problems. you woulnt say there are no problems unless you've had a situation right?

adam

Business districts not residential areas

Anonymous Attendee

how can you say there will be no drugs on site when the doors are closed in these homes we all know what is going on and its not good

meghan

Security and fencing does not prevent what happens outside, even with the "no loitering" rule.

adam

if they are Homeless do they really care were they live?

adam

I call the police on those trespassers at kmart and the church and at wilson high school. i clean up there trash and return the stolen shopping karts they steal.

Anonymous Attendee

THIS IS ENABLING

Anonymous Attendee

Uh, if they are experiencing homeless I'm hoping they will not be spending their money at the "local bar". What they will be doing then is coming into the neighborhood to conduct undesirable activities. That is what I'm concerned about.

Hello, I am just emailing ahead because I will not be able to attend. I am voicing support of all the Tacoma DSA demands that will be voiced in the Wednesday meeting.

Solidarity,
Nolan Hibbard-Pelly

Hey y'all,

My comments are for the Town Hall tonight for the LIHI project at 6th and Orchard St and to be put in the public record.

I'm in support of the LIHI proposed project at 6th and Orchard St. With the winter months approaching and an anticipated shortfall of 300+ beds due to COVID restrictions, we need any project like this that increases options for people currently experiencing homelessness to have access to a safe, dry place to sleep and access to sanitation services.

I've been hearing some really frustrating NIMBY comments by North end neighbors perpetuating negative stereotypes of unsheltered people -- that they will bring crime, drugs, harass children, and harm the community. I urge you and the City Council to weigh the positives, rather than listening to the negativity. Housing the most vulnerable of our community should be the foremost priority, especially with rainy, cold weather coming shortly.

I also urge the City of Tacoma to look into piloting alternative innovative projects as well like: sanctioned encampments (or tent cities), Safe Parking lots, Urban Rest Stop, and finding alternative public spaces for emergency shelter (i.e., community centers, schools gyms, hotels, college dorms, etc). We also need to fund new shelter projects that build capacity, while also not costing as much as this LIHI proposal. Doing so would be unsustainable to the City, but also will not fully meet the needs of all unhoused people in our community.

In solidarity,

Megan Capes
TDSA Housing Working Group co-chair
housing@tacomadsa.org

Hello,

Here are a few questions regarding the homeless project at 6th Avenue and Orchard:

1) How is LIHI vetting the homeless for this housing. Local and national background checks?

Since this state is so caring, we draw homeless from the entire nation.

2) How do you propose to keep other tent cities from popping up around this site, as it has in other situations?

3) How will you prevent a similar situations occurring as did at the Bothell site and the Seattle site?

4) What are you doing about those who just want handouts? What consequences do you propose for those who just want to live the HOB0 life style?

5) How are you taking care of the extremely mentally ill homeless?

6) If I understand correctly, LIHI will TRY to connect these homeless with other services, such as drug rehabilitation, etc. What if the person refuses to comply and get the help they need? What other support will be given to help them so they have the best success? Counseling? Mentorship?

7) How will the homeless in this camp contribute to the neighborhood who is supporting them?

Lastly, I am disappointed in the way you all: council, church and LIHI, have not been forthcoming with this project. You say you had a council meeting in June, I have spoken to many in my neighborhood, no one had heard about that meeting or this project, up until now. My understanding is that you didn't have to make us aware because it was under an emergency housing ordinance of some sort. Just because you didn't have to doesn't make it the right thing, to keep it under raps. I hope you all will learn from your actions and improve on it in the future.

Sincerely,
Chris and Janna Davies
District 3

To whom it may concern

My name is Jake Nau and my wife and I live on Huson Street, next to Delong Elementary School, which is a couple blocks away from the proposed location for the new Temporary Emergency Micro-Shelters. We have two kids, a 3 and a 5 year old. The kids and I walk by the proposed location at First Christian Church a couple times a week, largely because my aunt and grandparents live a few blocks past it by Wilson

High School. I am really excited and proud to welcome this project to our community. Everyday walking around with my kids we see people with out shelter, pushing all their possessions in shopping carts, wearing their lives on their backs, sleeping in the public places surrounding our neighborhood like China Lake and Delong park, exposed, alone and suffering. The homeless are becoming noticeably more visible in our area and I'm tired of trying to explain to my kids why some people have places to go like us, and some people don't and got to sleep outside. I believe housing is a fundamental human right. I believe it is our responsibility to provide shelter and support for our cities most vulnerable. The people take care of the people. And I'm tired of hearing the Not-in-my-backyard groups, the vocal minority, the "haves" controlling the conversation around housing the "have-nots." If you are housed, and you got anything but "thank you" to say about the city building tiny wooden pallet shelters to keep 60 or so homeless humans who are already in our neighborhood safe and dry, may I suggest you practice the long lost art of silence. As for me and mine, we will say thank you to the city for taking care of our houseless neighbors. We are firmly in your corner.

Jake Nau

adam

BUISNESS DISTRICTS NOT RESIDENTIAL AREAS am i wrong?????????????

meghan

You know, I would be much more open to this if the whole process didn't feel so shady. You waited until tthe absolute last minute to let the community know this was happening and this meeting feels like an after thought. I'm not necessarily against the concept of this; what I am frustrated with is the poor change management. I also have not heard good things about LIHI from people who have worked with them. Would like to hear more from the org and their history with other shelters. Their rep seemed unprepared to present and it was not a convincing presentation.

Anonymous Attendee

this is not a good site. Fircrest, or University Place would not be on board with this in there town. i can guarantee

adam

they hide in the woods not the space of property. they are breaking into goodwill stealing and leaving trash on the church because a litter fine is allot less expensive then breaking into and stealing. those are words from a local deputy. won't this still happen?

adam

I like how all the other questions are answered and not the ones that matter

Anonymous Attendee

It seems as though you are using the emergency declaration as a way to push something through that I would be skeptical did not happen prior to COVID. Please elaborate on the details re: why this would not be true.

Anonymous Attendee

NOT SUPPORTING THIS

Anonymous Attendee

No single men allowed on site... Won't these single women venture into the neighborhood to rendezvous with their homeless boyfriends? And leave the used rubbers in our parks and alleys?

Anonymous Attendee

I AM NOT CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS

Anonymous Attendee

THATS WHY IT NEEDS TO BE NOT IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BUT IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT C"MON

Anonymous Attendee

ADDRESS LOITERING BY ME CALLING THE POLICE

adam

BUSINESS DISTRICT NOT RESIDENTIAL AREAS RIGHT?

Not Applicable

Anonymous Attendee 06:32 PM

What happened at the VW dealership in Ballard with the old lady and the guy who was housed by LIHI?

Anonymous Attendee 06:50 PM

It is known from TNT that council member Hines lives in the immediate area. I see that Babara Blaisdell (First Christian) is currently selling her home in Fircrest. Babara- are you moving out of the area? Why the move?

Anonymous Attendee 06:51 PM

Can any of you on the screen talking spend 20 minutes one day driving through the Hilltop neighborhood?

Tanya Headrick 06:52 PM

I live in the neighborhood and this is not going to calm anyone down! The neighborhood is already turning into trash and not being taken care of...

Anonymous Attendee 06:53 PM

Are there any questions being raised regarding tax payer money being allocated into a church system which does not recirculate money back into the community as they are tax exempt?

Anonymous Attendee 06:53 PM

Where did the pastor go? Is anyone from the church still attending this town hall?

Anonymous Attendee 06:53 PM

have you spoken to Patrick or the sloop tavern crew about loitering? they shared a wall with the camp in ballard.

Anonymous Attendee 06:53 PM

This is not exciting nor do I feel lucky. :-|

Pete Kauffman 06:53 PM

all the "homeless people" i see are druggies and mental ill

You cant fix them with free housing

Tanya Headrick 06:53 PM

this was a left agenda and it saddens me that the children in the schools aren't a concern to you...

Anonymous Attendee 06:54 PM

Can you share the numbers on the FB discussion?

Kathy Unruh 06:57 PM

How many church members actually live in the neighborhood?

Anonymous Attendee 07:04 PM

What is the church doing with the \$3,000 every month?

Anonymous Attendee 07:08 PM

Can the lady from the church answer if the church is in financial trouble?

M.R. 07:15 PM

How did R. Brown get in ? Seriously

Anonymous Attendee 07:21 PM

Is that fake news?

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

What will the church do with the 3K monthly? Will they give it back?

Anonymous Attendee

Pierce county is in phase 2. why is no one attending church on sundays? are you not allowing people to come in? up to 25% or 200 people or less

meghan

Can you elaborate on the reasons the LIHI Northgate site went so wrong and how you plan to keep something similar from happening at this site?

Anonymous Attendee

AS A WORKING MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBOR. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THESE RESIDENTS OR THIS SITE. I WILL CALL THE POLICE ON EVERY SINGLE ISSUE I SEE

adam

THEY WILL DEFECATE NEXT TO THE TOILET NOT IN THE TOILET JUST LIKE THE CAMP IN PUYALLUP. I HAVE EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES

COMMENTS RECEIVED IN SHELTERS EMAIL INBOX AND LIVE RESPONSES DURING THE MEETING:

Nancy McFarland 06:02 PM

Will this be a drug and alcohol free zone?

This question has been answered live

Kathleen Campbell 06:03 PM

I may not be able to stay long on this webinar, but want to say THANK you for making more housing options for those who have no other options. 6th Ave is a great location with the bus line there.

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 06:03 PM

How was this site decided on? Why did the community not have a say in this location?

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 06:03 PM

How is this being budgeted?

This question has been answered live

Tanya Headrick 06:03 PM

I don't see our photos up so I want to make sure that we are on?

Kenny Coble, コーブル健 (You) 06:14 PM

We're on. Zoom Webinar is different than a normal Zoom you may be used to.

Anonymous Attendee 06:03 PM

Why 6th and Orchard? This will only increase the on going crime that is happening in the area.

Kristin Ely 06:29 PM

This site was suggested to the City to pursue as part of community conversations led by our partners at Metropolitan Development Council to identify possible emergency or temporary shelter locations to support our need for increased shelter capacity. The site at 602 N Orchard is desirable because it has

access to necessary facilities and utilities, is near a busline, and our partners at First Christian Church are willing to lease their land to make the project possible.

macypolson 06:04 PM

Was this already voted on? How does something like this go into affect without a city wide vote?

Kristin Ely 06:30 PM

The property lease and operator contract will be voted on by City Council on October 20, 2020. The use of the land does not require a vote by Council because the site will be set-up under the Authority of the Public Health State of Emergency on Homelessness.

jennifer 06:05 PM

I just want to say that I'm a resident near the McKinley TEMS site and it seems to be going well over there. Thank you for the hard work to support our unhorsed neighbors!

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 06:08 PM

What are you going to do about safety and public health?

Kristin Ely 06:35 PM

The TEMS site will offer bathrooms, showers and laundry facilities to residents. Independent units (or on-congregate sheltering) also supports public health as it allows for social distancing for COVID-19 safety. Moving individuals experiencing homelessness from existing unauthorized encampments in our neighborhoods to the TEMS site will greatly increase community health and safety.

Anonymous Attendee 06:13 PM

Why this temporary fix? The problem is the condos going up and displacing those who can no longer afford rent. This is not a temp solution, but long term.

Kristin Ely 06:19 PM

Thank you for your question. The micro-shelters are supporting the Public Health State of Emergency's intention that no resident should have to sleep on the streets of Tacoma. While the City works on long-term solutions for housing affordability through the Affordable Housing Action Strategy, short-term solutions are needed to support community health and safety.

Anonymous Attendee 06:13 PM

Will you allow them to line up tents along the road & allow them to sleep along the side walk like the site at Tacoma Rescue Mission?

Kristin Ely 06:39 PM

Emergency sheltering like the 602 N Orchard Street TEMS site provide safe alternatives to sleeping on the streets. So long as there is shelter capacity available in our community, the City is able to remove

unauthorized encampments should they occur. We have not experienced a presence of tents remain outside other TEMS sites in Tacoma.

Shivers 06:14 PM

Homeless population includes drug addicts? Mentally ill and people choosing the lifestyle.

Taxpayers do not owe semi permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness. We should be using shorter term help for those who actually want to receive help and potentially get out of the situation.

Kristin Ely 06:41 PM

Thank you for your question. Residents at the TEMS sites agree to a Code of Conduct and participate in case management in order to obtain permanent housing.

Anonymous Attendee 06:16 PM

Why is the City still continuing the use the Point in Time Count to count people experiencing homelessness, when advocates have continue to call out its inaccuracy in undercutting the actual number? Even using misusing PIT data undercutting even more. I appreciate and support this project, but contin

Kristin Ely 06:44 PM

The City uses the Point-in-Time Count particularly for understanding the number of unsheltered individuals as we believe it is the least likely to be duplicative. For other homeless services, the City uses data from our provider contracts and as reported in the HMIS database.

Anonymous Attendee 06:16 PM

You already made your decision, so why have this meeting?

Kristin Ely 06:23 PM

Thank you for joining us this evening. The purpose of the meeting is for neighbors to learn about the project, voice concerns and learn how to get involved.

Charlene 06:16 PM

How much is the church being paid monthly?

Kristin Ely 06:45 PM

The proposed lease agreement with First Christian Church would pay them \$3,000/month.

Anonymous Attendee 06:22 PM

Are the Q&A questions being filtered, as I know I am not seeing all that have been submitted.

Kristin Ely 06:47 PM

Thank you for your question. At this time, we have more than 220 questions. Questions are shown on your screen as they are answered by presenters. Some of questions will be answered live, some will

receive written responses during the meeting, and any questions we do not have time to address will be answered and posted on our website at cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments.

macypolson 06:22 PM

Where are the bathroom facilities going to be? I know the plans don't include them inside the individual sheds.

Kristin Ely 06:48 PM

Bathroom facilities will be in a common area rather than in individual shelters.

Leah 06:23 PM

Who will handle security and management of the Orchard encampment?

Kristin Ely 06:48 PM

Low-Income Housing Institute will provide 24-hour on-site management and security.

Anonymous Attendee 06:23 PM

How exactly are violations of your guarantees going to be addressed.. How are you going to PREVENT Felons from being housed there? How are you going to prevent registered sex offenders from being housed there? How are you going to guarantee the community's safety, the people that have been long term residents of this area, and purchased their homes because of the family friendly neighborhood it is?

Kristin Ely 06:53 PM

Background checks are conducted for all residents at the TEMS site and registered sex offenders are not permitted to live at the site. It is possible that a resident has other charges on their record. Criminal records will be assessed by LIHI staff prior to admitting residents and those with convictions of violence are unlikely to be approved.

Leah 06:24 PM

Who is eligible to receive this housing? What is the turnover rate?

Kristin Ely 07:00 PM

Thank you for your question. Individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness including couples, single women, families, and people with pets are potential residents of the TEMS site. Referrals are made by community providers and our Homeless Outreach Team. At our TEMS site at 60th and McKinley, which opened in July and has a capacity of 65, has served 72 clients. A full report with client outcomes for both of our TEMS site can be found at cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments.

L Quiett 06:25 PM

So with that last statement being said, will this TEMS be women and children?

Kristin Ely 07:02 PM

Single women, families with children, and couples are permitted. Single adult men will not be served at this site.

Anonymous Attendee 06:25 PM

The Article stated 40 Units with NO Toilets, is this correct? Talking about families, I am highly skeptical that this will house families.

Kristin Ely 07:02 PM

The TEMS site will have bathroom and shower facilities for residents.

Anonymous Attendee 06:26 PM

How do these stories relate to this project? Building a shelter and bringing in people from outside the neighborhood does not help local families in trouble. How would this project help? Don't folks have to apply in advance? How would this help last minute or emergency needs of local people?

Kristin Ely 07:06 PM

A primary referral for the TEMS sites is the City's Homeless Outreach Team, who respond to community concerns about unauthorized encampments throughout the City. At our previous TEMS site on 8th and MLK and the site at 60th and McKinley, many referrals come from people who were previously camping unsafely in the area.

Colin DeForrest 06:26 PM

It is so great to see another site going up in Tacoma! This is such a great step in the challenging process out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Tiny houses fill a large gap in our current system. Thank you!

Kristin Ely 07:06 PM

Thank you for your feedback and participation.

Leah 06:27 PM

Who makes sure the area stays clean and in good repair?

Kristin Ely 07:08 PM

The Low-Income Housing Institute requires resident contributions as part of the code of conduct that help maintain the site in good repair.

Derek Murphy 06:30 PM

Our family lives only a block away and thank the Church and the City for this effort. We support this housing community.

This question has been answered live

ecook 06:30 PM

Will there be a fence separating the parking lot from the greenbelt behind the retirement home? there are already break ins and trash being dumped. will there be security?

Kristin Ely 07:12 PM

There will be a fence around the perimeter of the TEMS site and the trash will be secured. In addition, there is 24-hour staff security and there will be security cameras throughout the site.

Anonymous Attendee 06:31 PM

will criminal background checks be given?

Kristin Ely 07:12 PM

Yes. Residents must agree to a background check and sex offenders will not be permitted to live at the site.

nathan schumer 06:34 PM

How will this serve as a transition to more permanent housing and other services?

Kristin Ely 07:16 PM

Thank you for the question. All TEMS residents will engage in case management and have access to supportive services to help them stabilize and obtain permanent housing options. In addition, the City is working on increasing access to housing through the Affordable Housing Action Strategy.

dillard 06:35 PM

If these are so successful, why are they not permanent?

Kristin Ely 07:18 PM

The City is committed to increasing access to affordable housing. TEMS shelters are able to be established quickly and at a comparatively lower cost to permanent supportive housing. Our long term goal is to increase exits to housing and therefore reduce the community need for emergency sheltering.

Anonymous Attendee 06:36 PM

Is this for only current Tacoma residents or those that have been in this area, or open to anyone that decides to come here for the FREE housing

Kristin Ely 07:22 PM

Our community Point-in-Time Count data tells us that the large majority of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community had their last permanent address in our community, as well. There is not a screening of clients to find their last address, but we are confident this model will serve our community members in need.

hollie 06:37 PM

Is this a drug free environment?

Kristin Ely 07:24 PM

Residents are not allowed to use or store drugs at the TEMS site.

Destiny Logan 06:37 PM

What other sites are being proposed? What are the timelines?

Kristin Ely 07:27 PM

At this time, 602 N Orchard is the only site under consideration for a TEMS site; however, the community still has a need for additional sheltering to support our unhoused neighbors. The City would consider additional locations as they are identified, made available by the property owner, and funding is available to support operations. Community members are welcome to contact us about potential opportunities by emailing us at shelters@cityoftacoma.org

Angie380868 06:39 PM

what consequences will there be for drug/alcohol use within that community?

Kristin Ely 07:29 PM

Individuals who cannot adhere to the code of conduct will be asked to leave. Case managers work with these individuals to find other shelter alternatives upon their exits.

Anonymous Attendee 06:39 PM

Has NCS considered developing a program where citizens can volunteer to take in a homeless family into their home as they transition into permanent housing? "Adopt the Homeless" program.

Kristin Ely 07:31 PM

This is not a program we operate but would be interested in hearing more about your idea. We do have community partners who offer shared housing options that may be similar to your idea. Please reach out to us at shelters@cityoftacoma.org to discuss further.

Carol Wolfe 06:40 PM

I live around North 15th and Huson, I have for 15+ years. Over time I have seen homelessness increase and housing stability decrease. The North and West end, which I am proud to be a part of and raise my family in, has not shared the burden of housing our vulnerable and asked other neighborhoods in Tacoma to do so. It is our turn. I see people coming out of green spaces, allies and shrubbery early in the morning as I walk/ jog, this housing is needed here in the North/West end. Thank you

Kristin Ely 07:32 PM

Thank you for your comments.

scott68 06:42 PM

will the city be installing additional lighting for the neighbors i live 2 houses away on n 8th

Kristin Ely 07:34 PM

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. I encourage you to follow-up with us at shelters@cityoftacoma.org. We can assess this issue and see if we can come up with a solution.

Andrea 07:02 PM

Can Council Member Hines clarify, I think he stated at the start that 1,497 children in Tacoma are homeless and later Linda Stewart stated that 1,897 individuals are experiencing homelessness in Tacoma. Does that mean that 78% of the homeless are children? Will we see large numbers of children at the microshelter site then?

This question has been answered live

adam

BUSINESS DISTRICT NOT RESIDENTIAL AREA. i am not for this at all

This question has been answered live

Hello

Here are a few questions regarding the proposed Homeless Housing at 6th and Orchard.

1) I reside on 6th Ave near Orchard and I don't recall any outreach from the City or the Church regarding this proposal. Did I miss notice of public hearings?

2) Under what legal authority is the City using to construct the Shelter? Are you solely relying on Ordinance 28216?

3) Was this proposal voted on by the City Council and if so, who voted Yea and Nae?

4) What issues arose from the recent temporary shelter on South Martin Luther King Blvd and 8th? Any success moving people from homelessness back into the mainstream by relocating them to permanent housing?

5) Why was the temporary shelter on MLK Blvd and 8th closed?

6) What was the reasoning behind selecting the location on the edge of a residential neighborhood vs other sites further away from a family neighborhood and schools?

7) As a resident very close to the proposed site, I am worried about drug users, property values, crime, trash and other issues that may arise from homelessness.

8) There are at least 4 schools located within a 1/2 mile of the site, what safeguards are in place to secure the safety of students, teachers and residents?

9) Will there be background checks for potential residents of the Shelter including drug screening, sex offenders, violent felons etc....

10) What rules will be in place to insure quiet enjoyment and safety of existing residents near the encampment?

11) Approximately how many homeless people will be residing in the sheds?

12) What steps will be taken to insure the facility will blend in with the aesthetics of the neighborhood?

13) The homeless have left large amounts of trash and graffiti on near bay bike paths, parks and private structures, so what steps will be taken to insure it remains clean of trash, blight, graffiti and other things that affect health, safety of the surrounding community?

14) Why wasn't there more community outreach on this issue?

15) For those North End residents that object to the location, what are our options to prevent the placement of the camp in our neighborhood? I hope litigation is not the only option at this point in the process.

Sincerely

Bob Anda
Concerned Citizen

City council My name is Maria Remick and I had a few questions

- Will the council have it in the contract that the Wooded property owned by the First Christian church be fenced entirely around the wooded area to prevent any coverage for criminal activity or tents going up ?

- Regarding the church property and adjoining sidewalks of orchard and 6th street, is there an actual agreement in place for trash and garbage to be picked up daily from the grounds to avoid blight and litter potentially on the sidewalk's and street.

- Are there any options in place for the school children of the 4 schools in the area that have to wait for and use the bus other then the corner of 6th and Orchard?

Thank you for you time and attention to this matter .

Maria Remick

Remick

This is specifically for the TEMS Town Hall-

As a North End Resident for the past 20 years, I would like to speak out in Support of the micro shelter at the First Christian Church at 6th and Orchard. My simple question is if you do not place the micro shelter here, where specifically do you plan to place it? What other properties do you have lined up? Where else in the North End can you place it or the other shelters needed because of the Covid pandemic in winter?

Thank you,

Carl Anderson
909 North I Street, #408
Tacoma, WA 98403
253-307-6513

Our questions for the 6th and Orchard Village meeting on

Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6-7:30 PM.

Questions submitted from:
Cheri Solien, Jean Kelly, Kim Vascik
West End Neighborhood Council Board Members

Questions also in attachment below.

Questions concerning the Orchard Street and 6th Ave Micro village

Transparency

Our community needs **transparency** from both the City of Tacoma and LIHI when communicating about this new proposed Micro Village.

1. Can both the City of Tacoma and LIHI tell us how they respond to community concerns about the village?
2. How much money will First Christian Church receive in monthly lease payments?
3. What is the evaluation process for the success of the village? How often-quarterly to identify issues or success?

Advisory Board- I have read from a Seattle post and Sheldon Greyell in Tacoma that there have been communication problems with LIHI. Neither Josh Castel nor John Brown responds to Community Applications or follow up emails to be on the local Micro Housing Advisory Board of a specific community even when there are community position vacancies. It has been reported twice that there was zero response.

1. How will LIHI make sure we do not have these kind of non-communication problems with our West End Micro Village Advisory Board?
2. Will there be a Community Advisory Board? Will West End Community members be on this board? How are the seats filled?
3. What will your response time be to community questions?

Occupants

1. How will it be decided who gets to live in the village?
2. Will you be taking the homeless off the nearby streets and neighborhoods, or bringing in new homeless from elsewhere in the City of Tacoma to live in the village?
3. There are homeless living behind Kmart, on nearby vacant property. Will they be living in the village or remain in the homeless encampment?
4. How many West End Homeless will be living in this Micro Village?
5. If someone fails in the village, will they return from where they can from with transportation from LIHI, or will they stay homeless in the West End?

Food

1. How will the occupants of the Village be fed? On-site or off site?
2. Does the City of Tacoma and LIHI ask for community support in providing food, cooking or other volunteer services for the homeless?

Resources

1. What nearby outreach resources will be available to the West End Micro Village?
2. Are outreach services within walking distance of the village? If not, how will the residents get the services they need?
 - Medical
 - Medication
 - Addiction
 - Counseling
 - Mental Health

Outside Community

1. Are Micro Village guests allowed to have company visit in or outside the village? Are over-night guests allowed?

2. If so, what plans are made for the city side so there are no trash, litter or encampment build-ups?

Addictions

1. Is drug and alcohol use allowed inside the Micro Village?

2. Are the residents allowed to leave the village and use alcohol and drugs and come back inside the village?

Gated Micro Village

1. Are the Micro Village residents allowed to leave the Micro Village at any time during the night or very early mornings, or are the gates locked at night?

2. How is the village guarded? How many guarded entrances will there be?

Police

1. Which Police Precinct will police the area?

2. Will this village have a police officer liaison?

General Questions

1. How will the West End Micro Village be the same as the other villages that LIHI runs from Olympia to Seattle?

2. What lessons has LIHI learned from managing other LIHI Villages in Western WA?

3. What Best Practices of running Micro Villages will you be keeping? What past practices will be replaced with new and better practices?

4. Mr. Castle is a busy man with many Micro Villages to over-see. How often will he personally be on site in this West End Village?

5. How will management monitor the village?

6. How are complaints from the village and the community dealt with?

7. What will the City of Tacoma's role be in managing this West End Micro Village?

8. What is the duration of the West End Village contract?

9. Is LIHI given enough money to run these villages at a 100% operating level or does LIHI also need direct community donations of money and hygiene supplies?

Bathrooms

1. As bathrooms are a huge problem when provided to the homeless in encampments, how does LIHI manage the bathrooms so they are accessible and clean to ALL Micro Village residents?

1. What sort of problems are mostly likely going to occur on site and off site?

2. How are problems with difficult residents dealt with?

3. Identify the job titles and the number of the employees on site each day?

4. What type of Governance will be implemented in the village so rules and laws are followed?

5. How are the village bullies and trouble-makers dealt with?

6. How soon does LIHI deal with a problem person?

Hi Everyone.

i will be attending the October 7 meeting on housing the homeless on 6th and Orchard.

What a great idea. I am sure the City of Tacoma put together the best and brightest team of experts to put together a solid plan!

What housing plan will the City of Tacoma have that will provide prime safety and security and cleanliness for the homeless population that will be on 6th and Orchard?

What social services will they have that will put them "Back on their Feet."

What training and life skills programs will there be for the homeless population to give them goals, life skills, and future work force training?

Why did you chose the particular church to work with? (There must have been competitive bidding to in why chose their proven history of getting the homeless population permanently employed?)

How do you plan to make this area blend in with the other neighborhood so the homeless population gets attractive housing?

How will you secure the continued well being and return to campus for the Wilson High School students once they return this school year. (You may point out that all students are encouraged to provide community service work with the homeless, but these are carefully constructed plans with instructors and other teachers and their homeroom class students).

I am looking to hear more.
Thank you.

October 4, 2020 To: Neighborhood and Community Services, City of Tacoma From: Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness **Support for TEMS at 6th and Orchard Who We Are:** The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness is a loose network of individuals, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and community businesses working together to serve people experiencing homelessness. Each week, 50-100 coalition participants meet and more than 500 people are on the Coalition's email distribution list. **Why This Letter:** We are writing in support of the TEMS project at 6th and Orchard. Pierce County continues to lack adequate shelter, and this project is one of the many types of shelter the Coalition strongly supports, most recently in the May 18th, 2020 COVID-19 funding recommendations ([https:// pchomeless.org/Home/COVID19](https://pchomeless.org/Home/COVID19)). These shelter beds will become available at a critical time. Our Coalition is working hard to ensure that at least 400 Winter Shelter beds are created before the weather sets in. While this shelter will not come on-line until the end of December 2020, the fact that it is funded through July 2023 secures those beds well into the future. Every unit, every bed, every type of safe shelter will help people survive the coming winter. Participants in our Coalition stand ready to help the people experiencing homelessness who will reside in this TEMS end their homelessness and move to permanent housing. We especially applaud the siting of this shelter. People experiencing homelessness come from all parts of Tacoma. The closer someone stays to their support structure, the easier it is for them to exit homelessness. The neighborhood around 6th and Orchard currently provides no nearby services to people experiencing homelessness. During the past year, over 200 people experiencing homelessness identified their last permanent residence in the 98406 zip code – 100 of them utilizing emergency shelter. This site gives the 98406 neighborhood the opportunity to better serve their neighbors who become homeless. **We want you to know that the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness voted formally to support this new TEMS.** Contacts for the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness: Gerrit Nyland, gnyland@pchomeless.org 253-304-5105 Maureen Howard, mhoward@pchomeless.org 253-255-2200

In preparation for the Town Hall on Oct. 7th, I would like to have the following questions answered:

1. There is a retirement home in close proximity to the housing location. How is this being accepted there by owners and residents? I would think, not favorably.
2. How are people screened to live here? Are there drugs and alcohol prohibited and if so, how and who controls that?
3. This is close to nice neighborhoods who's property values range from \$350,000-\$500,000+. I am concerned about this affecting our property values in the future. Can you please address that.
4. What do the people who live in this community do during the days? Are they required to work or are they left to roam our streets and panhandle or go into our neighborhoods?
5. Is there a curfew at which time the gates are locked?
6. If this is an "emergency" because of covid, why does this need to be a 2-3 year contract and why after 7 months of lockdown, is this just now an issue?

Thank you for your continued work. I know that there is no easy answer to our homeless problem, but I feel trying to integrate into this project into our area is not a good idea. This is a family-oriented area with several schools in the area. I feel like there could be better locations in less populated areas if you looked for them. I understand the church is getting \$3,000 a month, which they probably need desperately because of the shutdown, but I wish they would consider their neighbors in this decision.

Valerie Frazier

Question for the TEMS Town Hall:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department have recommended the following for the control of the coronavirus pandemic: Social distancing of at least six feet, frequent hand washing, and wearing a facial covering that is cleaned on a regular basis.

Will the Tiny House Village currently planned for 6th Avenue and Orchard provide hygiene facilities to address the pandemic? Will the tiny houses increase the opportunities for social distancing as recommended by the CDC and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department?

Thank you,

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I am wondering what you plan to do with the homeless once you have brought even more homeless to our neighborhood and then they decide they do not like your little house rules and decide to set up tents on our streets? We will have Orchard looking like Yakima in Downtown Tacoma. I work downtown and we are not even able to leave the medical building and go for a walk at lunch because of all the homeless

tents, human feces, drug addicts lining the streets. How do you plan to transport the high school students from 6th Avenue to Wilson High School when they are not able to safely walk from the bus to the school or from their homes to the school? I live around the corner from your proposed site. In the woods up the street, we have homeless that walk our block at night stealing anything that is not bolted down - that was until they were able to get some bolt cutters. Now they walk the street at 2 or 3 a.m. with bolt cutters and have tried at least 3 times to steel a bike off the back of a car in front of my house. We have many single women living on this block who paid the higher price for homes in a safe neighborhood, pay more in property tax to live in a safe neighborhood, work sometimes two jobs to be able to afford to not live in a bad neighborhood and now you are bringing this mess to us. I plan to have my home appraised before this shelter goes in and then again in a year if the shelter goes in. Please let me know who I go to for reimbursement for the loss of property value? Also, there are no resources here for them. Downtown there are offices, resources that the homeless can get help at. There is none of that near your proposed site. Why not put these people in an industrial area where they are not disrupting our homes and there is more opportunity to find work. I am not heartless but I know most of these people have been given many opportunities and have not taken advantage of them. A lot of the homeless do not want to live in a structured environment, don't want to follow the rules. They are going to end up in tents on Orchard or 6th Avenue or on our side streets where our homes are. What do we do then? Rent a van and move them to your block in front of your home in front of where your children want to play outside or walk to school? I want my questions answered at your virtual meeting please!!!