

Delridge Community Forum: A Conversation with DESC – October 11, 2011

Transcribed by Delridge Community Forum from handwriting on butcher paper on tables at the meeting.
Comments & Thoughts:

Thoughts:

Not supervised

Theft

Safety

Violence

Is family

Safety of families

Parks, schools

Library

Day care

Pre-school

School bus stop

Metro bus stop

Parking

Police response

Staff walk around

Sitting at tables does not change the fact neighbors have not been able to talk. I feel gagged. This does feel like we are supposed to listen and “get on board.”

I think they want it because it is cheap. CHEAP.

We don't have structure for this – or support. There are drugs down the street! No stores. No jobs.

Park

Engaged & connectedness

P-Patch

Neighbors

Park

Bus Service

Mutual support

Variety

An alternative for CMS to consider

Office of housing: the director makes final \$ decisions: Block groups 500-1k no more than 20% of housing should be for low income (waivers available, acknowledged citing policy sent in July); what do you want to see happen?

Policy issues: Neighborhood notification and siting plan

Office of housing: funding due end of July by end of month

Client care?

Drug activity

DESC

Design review meeting

Notification E12

Safety

Diverse

Scrappy

Proximity to bridge to go any direction

My neighbors

Yahoo group

Lots of green everywhere

Drug activities

Unpredictable environment

Community

Quiet

No hassle
Amenities
Call 911
Warmth
Concern
Resolving issues for mentally ill and homeless people
Country in the city
Fall 2013
Home
Familiarity and warmth
Homelessness shelter fails
Staff responsibility
Police presence
Tall: 4 stories
Into safer places
Activist
Decent
Thanks, pres Reagan
49 feet high

Notes:

Office of Housing Director – makes funding decisions: Neighborhood notification (page E12), site choice: in any block group, no more than 20% of housing should be provided for low-income people

What would you like to see happen after tonight?

Zoning-NC240: 40 ft height, allows add'l 5 ft for pitched roof, add'l 4 ft for 13 ft

Design & Environmental review process -Can attend meetings

Street level Façade- needs to be 80% nonresidential

Can request zoning change

Contract rezone – for a specific project

Legislative rezone

Funding was applied for July 2011

Cameras might actually improve that area

Lack of police response

They turn away men every night because not enough room.

My experience: alleyway assault; environmental neglect/burden placed on homeowners/residents (I don't have that kind of money); drug deals on street and creek path – danger; mentally ill neighbor verbally threatening passersby; the cronic mentally ill and homeless can fall into dependence on the system (HMO) many came to the ER at Harborview EXPECTING care... frequently.

Criminal history – 50% of residents (lower level: trespass, shoplifting)

This is not the end of the process

This presentation is so boring!

In Delridge, many people don't call the police, why would they call DESC if they are not even calling the police?

We are completely powerless. As usual.

You are harming one community in an attempt to help another.

Population density of every slide shown of current DESC projects is much higher than proposed Delridge.

This project will dominate.

New skatepark and optimism for North Delridge – until now.

I am 43 years at this residence. Drug use was very strong outside my residence. After our library went in, the kids were gone and the drugs were gone. Library we kids go and the want to put in a homeless center. I don't think so. My neighbors said the drugs are still HERE.

Getting better place to live after Highpoint housing.

I don't think this guy is on our team AT ALL.

Build it to help our neighbors.

Brandon Node: homes & townhomes; neighborhood center opportunity. Library. Bring a grocery store?
2500 sq ft.

We don't have homeless here in our neighborhood. Why bring it in?

So basically it's for people who are THAT messed up. How wonderful.

Please do not say "these people."

Proximity to transit. (In Roosevelt.)

Housing office; plan & DW office; neighborhood notifications

Concerns: sex offender proximity to school, daycare, and library. DESC committed to not have sex offenders.

Mixed income community model at risk with spike in low income density.

Community engagement not represented by demographics. Charette (sp?) format encourages strongest voice, not all voices! Since 1970s, not best.

Urban village model is problematic.

Notification 500 feet? Needs to be broader.

All studio apartments furnished.

Geographically isolated area.

Medical services.

That is a lot of folks.

Supportive housing? Mobility issues? Physical issues? Ability to function: meals, counseling, case management.

Community – residents: disenfranchisement; good neighbors?

Outpatient/outreach: mental illness needs stability

Housing, not a fix

Leases – services available

800, 650 in buildings

Homeless over time – most vulnerable. Low of the low.

People are more successful: get housing, get real help, increase health, keeping people off the streets!

Experience the joys and amenities of the community

The neighborhood is NOT READY for this.

Resolve homelessness and do it in a way that's EFFECTIVE

Shelter doesn't do anything to resolve?

Afford where we can do what we need to do

Neighborhood notification and citing policy

Didn't another organization just build a similar service in West Seattle that is for about 15 people? Let's build one of those instead. Hell, let's build FIVE just not all in one place.

75 drug-using criminals in one building is A LOT... especially surrounded by single-family homes.

(75 people of any population in that space is a lot, actually)

Do public comments at the design review actually mean/influence anything? No. Nice job DESC, applying for permit before telling us. You locked in the zoning. Smart.