

Miller, Tabatha

From: Ang D <ang_dominguez86@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Miller, Tabatha
Subject: Hi there!

Hi Tabatha(sp?) Angela Dominguez here and I wanted to reach out with some ideas I had for the EWS and I will forward this to Paul at CHC as well- what about the grange in Cleone to host the EWS and have a shuttle and from there in the AM/PM? Also what about assigning community service workers to hours there as staff with a supervisor employee and a couple people on a staff/team. Thanks for reading :)

-Ang

Miller, Tabatha

From: Jennifer Kreger <refinnej@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Miller, Tabatha
Subject: Winter shelter idea

Hi Ms. Miller!

Thanks for all you do to keep our town going strong.

Whichever large building becomes the winter shelter, can we put individual tents inside it, one per person or per social bubble?

(some tents support themselves without the need to drive stakes into the ground.)

If people put their masks on before unzipping to leave their tent, and wore their masks until fully zipped into their tents, it would be "more OK" that they removed their masks to sleep, in terms of ability to share COVID and influenza.

I bet people would donate tents for those not bringing their own.

The FDA's having authorized a vaccine for emergency use does not, as you already know, mean we can afford to slack off with our "don't swap air" project.

Thanks for considering this.

Jennifer Kreger MD

Miller, Tabatha

From: Jackie Bazor <jdbazor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Miller, Tabatha
Subject: CV STARR FOR HOMELESS USE!

I am writing this to ask the city to reconsider their plan for using CV Starr for a Winter Shelter. This is the only nice thing that Fort Bragg has for public use. Mr Norvell said himself "It is a tough demographic. I have seen people try to bring alcohol in. I have seen a fight. These are people who don't qualify for the Hospitality House because they don't want to follow the "rules". We do not want those people in our neighborhood. During the day and into the evenings there are a lot of children who are using the property, the skate park is always busy and they do have some kids in Kudos. I have seen and heard my family and others who have gotten yelled at and threatened by the homeless and if they are next to the skatepark with a lot of kids I am sure it will happen multiple times. My special needs son walks to work everyday at 8:00 in the morning and passes the CV Starr which would be the same time they would be leaving. HE HAS BEEN HARASSED SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY by the homeless which upsets him to the point where he is unable to work that day, also my granddaughter lives next to the Catholic Church where there is a soup kitchen and she has witnessed them fighting and has been yelled at so she doesn't leave the house alone. What if by some miracle Covid ended and we are able to open, we would not be able to use the facility in the evenings. plus if covid ended schools would open at 8:00 or before and all of the teachers and children mainly of Redwood, would have to deal with the messes or the fights. I feel that the city let MCHC purchase the Old Coast Hotel and that they should use it or better yet let them use the old Rec Center. The Old Rec Center is downtown just around the corner from MCHC so they wouldn't have to give them rides and there is nothing going on downtown at those hours. If there were fights and problems with alcohol it wouldn't disturb anyone. Plus there are bathrooms and showers for them to use. The Old Rec Center is not being used for anything right now so it would be the perfect spot and has no neighbors that would be bothered or frightened by the homeless. The neighbors that are directly behind the CV Starr are older and more vulnerable, they do not need to be exposed to this population. Our neighborhood has already seen camping in the alley behind CV Starr and there has been a fire on one of the outbuildings. If they use the CV Starr they will start hanging out there during the day and will make a mess just like under the bridges. We DO NOT need to invite more of this to the area. I feel for all those who do not choose to be homeless and follow the rules but these are the ones that do not want to follow the rules so why should we have to deal with them when we are law abiding citizens. PLEASE DO NOT USE CV STARR.

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From: lisa norman <lisaahnnorman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Miller, Tabatha
Subject: proposed homeless sheltering overnight

Hi

I'm sorry I was not at the meeting that discussed where to place the winter shelter for homeless. While I am concerned for this population it also concerns me that the use of CV Starr Center is not being restored for the people who it was built for, the entire community most especially the children. I have been a longtime member of the CV Starr Center and am disappointed that nothing is being worked out to reopen the center even with limited use due to COVID as other health center have done, nor even the usage of the pool for our local swim teams.

And then if there is an outbreak at the CV Starr Center, what of the future for the use of the center as it was intended, for health and recreation?

That said I find it more productive/a better fit to utilize the gym behind city hall as it seems to have been suggested in the report I read. That space is also closer situated to services from hospitality house besides other support services like food bank etc. and may other public services and businesses. There needs to be some improvements to that gym in my view and investing in the space now would be good for serving the current need for homeless as well as for future purposes, when MCRPD might need to use the space for its basketball programs etc.

Also, hosting a shelter in close proximity to the skatepark is less desirable for the youth who are currently using the park ever more frequently as a source of sport and recreation during this Covid time because all other athletics and social activities have virtually ended. This is their time and place to escape the worries of the world, not to be surrounded by more of the sad realities of our current time. While I appreciate the importance of serving the need of the homeless and am in full support of hosting such a venue at this time in winter (really, really, we need to do something), I also want to keep the safety of children in this residential area a constant and minimize the influence of the increasing out-of-area and local transients and homeless. Their proximity to children I don't find to be a healthy influence to the youth in our area who are already distressed by the lack of socialization with schools closed.

Thanks for allowing for input on this important matter. Should you have any questions or wish further discussion or input, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Lisa Norman
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