

From: Cathie Raine <cjrRD@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: 4/25/2023 City Council Meeting

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Dear Council Members and Mayor Woodards,

My comments today are related to:

1. Resolution #: 41186

This execution of a multi-family agreement (with DIMA Construction) tax exemption (8 year limited) is for 140 "market rate" studio apartments (with essentially no parking provided/ only 7 parking spots) to be priced at an unreasonable rate of \$1,100-1,400/ month (for a 375-490 sq ft unit)!! Possibly 4 total units may have decreased rent? These apartments are clearly not intended for use by the lower-income Tacoma residents and are excessively priced considering no "off street parking" is provided! It is unrealistic for City officials (and the DIMA Construction Company) to consider ALL of these tenants would be 100% dependent on use of public transit to travel to work AND to use transit for grocery shopping. Where is the closest grocery store located..and, what bus route(s) would need to be used to get to stores?

What would tenants do to if they already own a vehicle. .and would the tenants be able to find any (and safe) parking (for possibly 50+ vehicle).

This is not a construction situation that is appropriate to receive this 'multi-family housing 8 yr limited property tax exemption' agreement.

2. Resolution #: 41187...is another housing situation not reasonably priced for lower income residents. Having to pay \$1,425/ month for a 1 bedroom/1 bath (505 sq ft unit)...is unreasonable for any lower-income resident.

Again, this is another case of a construction company trying to get a 12 yr property tax exemption...along with gaining income from very high monthly rent

These types of agreements need to be more closely evaluated before approval. Is the City of Tacoma realistically meeting the lower-income residents' housing needs (THAT should be the goal).

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From: Anna Garvin <garvinanna@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 7:23 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Not Again

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To the City Council,

I'm very concerned that after spending an exorbitant amount of tax dollars clearing out and cleaning up Peoples Park, there seems to be tent's going back up. There also seems to be "campers" taking over G street again as well. These areas need to be vigilantly monitored for this activity or stop wasting the City resources to clean them up after they are out of control. Calls by concerned citizens are seemingly going unanswered. Let's make public "camping" illegal in this town and put resources into something that will benefit tax paying residents for a change.

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:00 AM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Ushka, Catherine; Walker, Kristina; Bushnell, Joe; Diaz, Olgy; Daniels, Kiara; Blocker, Keith; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Hines, John
Cc: Pauli, Elizabeth; Planning; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homeless getting shipped to Washington State

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Dear Tacoma City Council and City Manager,

Way before the Pandemic, I sent information about homeless people being shipped to Tacoma from out of state. Some were coming via airplanes with a one way ticket to Seattle Tacoma Airport. I know because our daughter was at the airport and witnessed this and notified me.

Just before winter, some friends of mine at the Freighthouse Square were informed of a bus load of homeless being shipped her from Baltimore and Colorado with \$50 in their pockets. They told those homeless that the winters in our State was milder than in their respective states. I was skeptical of this information, however, a couple of days after receiving this information, I was told by some food court facility owners that indeed, they had some sketchy looking people come in and order food. They had 2-\$20s and 1-\$10 to in their wallets.

Last Thursday evening, I was speaking to my niece and her husband – they live in Vancouver, WA. They both work with homeless folks in Vancouver. Vancouver has taken a strong stance about a lot of things that these homeless folks cannot do.

However, as they were driving to a homeless encampment, they witnessed a large white bus coming from the direction of Portland, Oregon. Can't say they were from Oregon, but more than likely from there or California.

They followed them as they drove to areas where homeless had been cleared by Vancouver and dropped these folks off in the middle of the night.

We need to make sure we stop these buses from entering our state and adding more financial burden to our state and especially our city.

They are NOT CITIZENS OF TACOMA. They are transients. If they are offered housing and they don't accept, escort them out of our city.

Please TAKE NOTE OF THIS AND INVESTIGATE. DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. INVESTIGATE. STOP THIS INSANITY.

ALSO, think seriously about creating a WPA program to have these people earn their keep.

Don't let these homeless folks who don't take our offer of help to end up setting fire to our businesses as they did to the Freighthouse Square where a friend of mine and business owner had to cease operating because of a fire outside the building impacting his business. Several employees have lost their jobs, and my friend, a disabled veteran fighting cancer and heart issues – is now trying to get his business back in operation.

Stop pandering to homeless folks. There are some who genuinely want help and will take it. Some of them have skills. Find out and use them to help Tacoma via a WPA program. Give those folks a ray of sunshine.

If they don't take it, then escort them out of town and let the next town know so that they can get them out of their town until they get back to where they have family.

We have a serious issue with our infrastructure in Tacoma that developers are not being asked to pay into. That is a higher tax that we homeowners will be imposed with – while developers get off with their investment PAID BY US TAXPAYERS.

Stop this insanity!! TAKE ACTION NOW!

Regards,
Esther Day

From: Hunter Henderson <grifoth134@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Written Comment - sustainability. Environmental justice
Attachments: Screenshot_20230417_143939_Facebook.jpg

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Hello,

I am writing to address the city council on the lack of sustainability in action for Tacoma. I constantly see wanton development and no accountability.

It has come to my attention that historical homes have been demolished with no public opportunities to salvage precious old growth timber. Instead, these materials are being sent to the landfill.

What part about destroying homes for a parking garage is sustainable? What part about throwing away precious resources is sustainable?

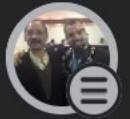
Keep at this and i will make an earnest attempt to sue the city for lack of action on enacted climate and sustainability policies.

I demand a response back to these egregious errors and lack of thought for the community at large.

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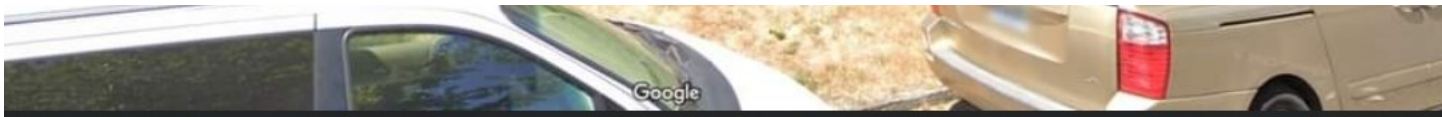
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Sorry to report that the historic homes on the 500 blk of South L Street have all been demolished this past week. The remaining apartment house on the corner, designed by one of Tacoma's most famous architects, Frederick Heath, is next to go. They are now all headed for a landfill somewhere and the 20+ units of affordable housing will be replaced by a parking garage.





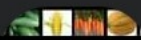
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