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FW: YWCA

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From: lorraine montgomery <lorrainemontgomery@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 1:35 PM

To: Johnson, Kevin <kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: YWCA

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Dear sirs,

I write to express my concern about the future plans for the former YWCA building.

I understand that it has been left to deteriorate, and now stands a chance of being pulled down.

As a member of Pasadena Heritage, I strongly urge that this building properly rehabilitated and restored so that it contributes to the Civic Center environment.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Montgomery

1414 N. Chester Ave

Foster Care Project

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April 5, 2019

CITY CLERK

19 APR 08 09:17AM

Dear Mayor Tornek:

On behalf of All Saints Church Foster Care Project, I am writing in support of using the YWCA building as a residence for permanent supportive housing for young people over the age of 18 in foster care and for those transitioning out of foster care. (Housing is not provided for young people over 18 who continue in foster care; they receive a monthly stipend for housing). There is a wealth of non-profit organizations in the city with the knowledge, experience, and expertise to develop and manage such a program in the proposed facility as well as the possibility of securing funding for transitional age youth through Measure H.

For the past fifteen years the Foster Care Project has worked with local community agencies to improve the quality of life of transitional aged youth. One of the major obstacles which they face is the lack of housing. In April of 2018 in Los Angeles County there were 2,534 youth 18 and older in foster care and an additional 2,809 between the ages of 16 and 17 in foster care; for a total of 5,343 young people in need or soon to be of housing. As of January 2019, according to a report from PUSD, there were 144 youth in foster care attending high school in Pasadena: 42 in the 11th grade and 36 in the 12th grade—78 youth who, in the next 15 months will be in need of housing. The County's Transitional Housing Program for foster youth 18 and older and former foster youth has a capacity of 382 beds, and there are approximately 50 units of private, transitional housing.

It is very difficult to determine the number of youth transitioning out of foster care who are homeless. Using the Department of Education's definition of homelessness, the 2015 Homeless Count in Sonoma County found that 33% of the youth under the age of 25 had been in foster care, and that nearly 9% of youth under 25 experiencing homelessness had been in foster care immediately before becoming homeless. Thus many estimate that as many as 50% of foster youth will become homeless. Although the City of Pasadena's Homeless Count only identified 43 unaccompanied homeless youth 2018, Hillside's Youth Moving On, a resource center for homeless youth in Pasadena, served 150 homeless youth in 2017.

There are many opportunities for non-profit agencies to partner with developers in order to provide affordable housing for foster youth over 18 and youth transitioning out of foster care. For example, Nonprofit Bridge Housing developed a 250 unit high rise apartment in San Diego. Eighty-eight of the apartments are set aside for supportive housing: 25 units for youth aging out of foster care and 63 for seniors.

We believe the partnering of local government, developers, and non-profit agencies to provide affordable housing for young people over 18 in foster care and for young people transitioning out of foster care would be an excellent way to address this critical need.

Respectfully yours,

Jeanette Mann
Public Policy Chair, All Saints Church Foster Care Project

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Subject: FW: Item Number 13 on Today's Agenda

From: VERONICA JONES <vljones4610@gmail.com>
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Subject: Item Number 13 on Today's Agenda

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Good morning Steve,

I hope all is well with you and your family. The City has really moved forward and prosper under your leadership.

Union Station is very close and dear to me and my family. We work very closely with Union Station by volunteering and serving on the Board.

I would like to request your support for the proposal to renovate the now vacant YWCA facility. This is an important step in the right direction to help our homeless population in Pasadena and Altadena. I cannot stress enough the big difference this would make in the fight to end homeless. Union Station has had great success in expanding their presence in our community and continues to move forward to end homelessness. The approval of this proposal would help to continue this work.

Below is the item number on the agenda.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PARAMETERS WITHIN THE CIVIC CENTER AND ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE REUSE OPTIONS FOR THE YWCA BUILDING

As always, thank you for your help and guidance.

**Veronica Jones
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Jomsky, Mark

To: Johnson, Kevin
Subject: RE: YWCA Recommendations

From: Lynn Kolberg <lckolberg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:16 AM
To: Johnson, Kevin <kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net>
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Subject: YWCA Recommendations

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Dear Kevin,

I am writing to voice my support for the recommendation to "mothball" the YWCA building immediately, City funds should be allocated to ensure the building is secured and protected, meaning the roof is covered by more than tarps, entrances are sealed with something more than plywood, glass is either repaired or the openings covered by impermeable material, etc. The process to determine the building's use could take years, and the building deserves to be in a re-habitable state for the future occupant. Currently it is in a deplorable state, so if the deterioration can at least be stopped at this point, it would be the best temporary solution.

Sincerely,
Lynn Kolberg
Pasadena Heritage Board member and Vice Chair of Advocacy

19 APR 08 01:05PM

CITY CLERK

April 8, 2019

Dear Mayor Tornek and Members of the City Council,

I want to thank you for the two reports regarding the Civic Center that the Council is discussing this evening, the Olin report on urban design and the Kosmont report on financial considerations. However, I am disappointed that the Cultural Resources Report, which was specifically recommended by the Civic Center Task Force, is not included. I am also concerned that the public has had only three days to read and digest the lengthy reports submitted. This seems hardly enough time for the public to provide meaningful input, something that the Civic Center Task Force also recommended.

A Cultural Resources Report would almost certainly have determined that the L-shaped open spaces along Holly and Garfield on the YWCA and YMCA blocks are eligible for inclusion in the Civic Center National Register District. The language about parks in the National Register Designation (Pasadena Heritage 1980) clearly indicates that the preparers of the nomination considered the parks as contributors, but at the time the focus of the NR was on architecture and accessory landscape elements were not usually formally listed in the National Register.

The parks have existed as shown on the 1923 plan since the purchase of the land and putting through of Holly and the widening of Garfield beginning in 1924-25. Furthermore, in 1927, the Women's Civic League which sponsored the first Civic Center plan in 1915, successfully persuaded the City Council that the two parcels along Holly and Garfield be zoned as parkland. They are labeled as parks in the NR nomination of 1980 and remained so until the City changed the definition of a park in 1985, requiring that a park be at least 5 acres in size. All of this means that the parks are eligible as contributors to the Civic Center National Register District and need to be treated as such.

The Final EIR approved by the Council in 2017 needs to be amended to include these parklands and to include other contributors: the Police Building by architect Robert A. M. Stern and two pieces of Public Art, the Robinson Memorial by artist John Outterbridge and the Police Building Courtyard designed by artist Robert Irwin. While the latter three contributors are not 50 years old, they are clearly significant enough as the works of masters to be considered as contributors to the Civic Center.

In considering the future of the Civic Center this evening, I urge you to direct staff to commission a Cultural Landscape Report, as recommended by the CCTF and that you reject the notion of building on the parcels that are eligible for inclusion as contributors to the Civic Center.

Sincerely,
Ann Scheid
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