

Intro; SFCC special meeting was attended by SFCC President & four board members, with community input from Nextdoor Comments and a Homelessness Survey

- Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed mass homeless shelter. Many of us have been frustrated with the current enforcement policies which just serves to move the problems from park to park.
- Our community does support and recognize the need for a plan now but believe that the size of the proposed shelter is not appropriate.
- This is a community problem, and the community should be sharing in the solution.
- Our current administration has worked for 1 ½ years on a plan and it appears it is being thrown out to start again.
- Our neighbors are willing to come together and help with a solution, but this should not be just an east side problem.

Concerns; a homeless structure of this scale will undoubtedly bring spill-out of these problems to our area:

- unauthorized campfires from illegal campers might spill into Far North Bicentennial Park, that's black spruce is ripe for wildfire.
- Current camps are trash ridden and full of human waste.
- Thefts abound from houses in the area of current homeless camps.
- We are concerned with the lack of details in this shelter plan.

A few Alternate Suggestions

- smaller shelters spread around town.
- Using existing vacant properties before erecting a building for this purpose (AK club, Sams Club and other vacant properties abound)

That being said, if we are doing this; Pragmatic Suggestions

- Physical impediments to direct traffic west towards Elmore
- Bear-Proof Trash Receptacles
- We also would like to see every community identifying safe house for next level of care.
- Enlist retired social service workers, contact tracers for Covid 19 who are currently at slow spot in work

Questions; he building is just a tip of the iceberg of needs.

- Where will you find the professionals needed to staff this shelter
- Cost breakdown for building and staffing this structure
- What social services will be available (job training, detox, mental health, counseling)
- What is the source of sustainable funding
- How will you police and ensure safety in the area.

- Who has skin in the game? Is ANTHC a player? Churches? State budget (this is a statewide problem)