

MunicipalJailSEPA

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Date: 1/18/2009 12:06 PM

Regarding the proposed jail site selection at 1600 W. Armory Way:

I have a 4 plex nearby and do not want my property values to go down because of a jail going in nearby. The undersirable element would make finding good renters really hard to do. No one wants to live next to a jail and be subject to higher property damage and greater propensity for personal attacks.

The property values and corresponding rents are higher in this area than in other areas also up for review in your proposal. Therefore it would be a disproportionate burden to us to have a jail here.

My recommendation would be to put it in a place with the lowest property and rent values as its impact would be much less significant.

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Date: 1/19/2009 9:59 PM
Subject: FW: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
Attachments: details00000.txt; No Shoreline Jail

To the Selection Committee; I am voicing and documenting my opposition to the Shoreline site being considered for the new King County Jail. My reasons are these:

The area under consideration is a residential neighborhood with many children living and in the area;
The area is a "green space" opportunity for recreation and used extensively by children and their families;
The school district has voiced their opposition to the use of their property for this purpose and also do not support the selection site;
The potential for criminal activity to increase in the area after the inmates are released - property damage, vandalism and burglary
Inmates may have been given a lesser sentence from a felony conviction and will be housed here - medium or minimum security does not mean inmates have not been convicted of a felony crime
The Shoreline area is known for its excellent school system, it should not be renowned for its jail.
Housing values have already taken a fall as of late - this will do nothing to improve those conditions
Increased traffic and construction will become a major concern
The other sites under consideration are better suited due to lack of residential homes and community activities
Thank you, Keren
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From: Amy Norton <nortona99@yahoo.com>
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Date: 1/20/2009 4:36 PM
Subject: LFP/Shoreline Jail

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the potential jail site in Shoreline/LFP, at the old Kellogg School property. I am extremely concerned that this property was even considered for a potential site for a jail given it's proximity to schools. It is also a residential site and from what I understand the only residential site on the list of candidates. I am shocked that the Shoreline School district was not included in the selection process or even made aware that the site was being considered. That alone says a lot about the selection process and I am left to assume that the decision for the site was not looked into thoroughly nor was any feedback encouraged.

The Old Kellogg School property is currently used for recreation, as it should be. It is in a residential neighborhood and should be accessible to the residents of the community. I believe that if anyone would have a say in any potential future uses for the site, it should be the school district, as well as the surrounding community.

There are obviously many reasons why a jail would negatively impact a residential neighborhood. I can only hope that you take into consideration the voices of this community and rethink the selection of this site and ultimately remove it from the list.

Regards,
Amy Norton

From: "Keith Mahler" <mahler@seanet.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/20/2009 4:44 PM
Subject: No To Shoreline Jail Site

I am very much opposed to the Jail site proposed for Shoreline for the following reasons:

- The site is located in the middle of a residential neighborhood where my wife and I have lived for over thirty years and are raising three kid's.
- The site is 1 ½ half blocks from two homes we own. I was 24 years old when I bought my first home and was able to save enough money to purchase the house next door as a rental. This is a large part of our retirement program. At one time before the real estate downturn the combined value of the homes was approximately one million dollars that was then, they are worth far less now. If the Jail goes in I would perceive the value could be reduced another \$200,000.00. There goes our retirement, I am just one of many owners that will be affected.
- We have real concerns about our family and community's security with the increased traffic and visitors that this proposed jail will bring into our neighborhood.
- There are numerous schools in this area with bus stops that are currently located along 35th Ave, making our children vulnerable . There are also a number of daycares along this same street, having a jail right next door does not exactly make a parent feel secure about leaving their children in these small businesses.
- At the present time these fields are used by many soccer teams as practice facilities, the track is highly utilized by the residents of the area, the tennis courts are full during the spring and summer and fall and there are baseball fields that have little league teams practicing and playing throughout their season. There is also a Teen Center which is considered a safe place for these teenagers to go and play basketball, watch movies and just be with their friends. Where could they go?
- How will our neighborhood be affected by an escapee? Will it be in a "lock-down" situation where we cannot get in or out of our homes, our children cannot get home from school? Just living with that as a constant possibility would take an emotional toll on us.

In conclusion this puts an unfair financial and emotional burden on the community residing around the proposed Shoreline Jail site. Out of all the proposed jail sites, this is the one that affects the residential neighborhoods the most, it puts the burden squarely on the middle class home owners in the area.

Sincerely,

Keith Mahler

No letters received for the week of 1/18/09