

CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

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Carol Allread

From: Trish Coleman <colemantrish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - What's your plan of action??

We are just six weeks into the new year, and there has already been 3 shooting incidents in Burien. The homeless are taking over the Burien Library/City Hall building. Property crime and mail theft are out of control. Gangs are in full swing in Burien. The law abiding, tax paying citizens of this town are prisoners in their own homes. And you all refuse to even address it. You would rather lose Federal funding that could help clean our city up, so you can do what you feel is the "feel good" thing to do and declare Burien as a sanctuary city. THE TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF BURIEN AND THEIR SAFETY NEED TO BE YOUR PRIORITY.....NOW!!! DO YOUR JOB.

Sent from my iPhone

Carol Allread

From: Randy Mullinax <randy@rem-pi.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Tony Piasecki; Scott Kimerer (Burien PD); Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - RE: Crime in Downtown Burien

Ms. Berkowitz,

Thank you for the prompt response. I applaud your efforts to afford the homeless population assistance and shelter. I'm certain it would be a blessing to some of the folks I see roaming our streets on a daily basis.

Gang members (or those who prey on our citizens/community) and the homeless are often brought together by their lifestyles...not because they act together. In fact, I would imagine many of the homeless I see in the park, and around city hall, are intimidated and frightened by the presence of those who would do them harm.

What I found unsettling about your response is that you summarily dismissed the notion Burien may have a problem with violent crime. Last night, my wife and I were pulled into the drug store only moments after several random shots were fired. The news report indicated this was a possible gang related incident involving two groups randomly firing weapons at each other. Several of the bullets struck a car and a building. I'm glad none of my family, or yours, were caught between these people. Further, several weeks ago a man was shot on 4th SW & SW 152nd. Next, it seems I read a recent story about at least one gang related homicide in/around the area of SW 136 and Ambaum.

In my 25+ years with the Sheriff's Office I was involved in investigating 100's of homicides and violent assaults. Violence can touch all of us. It does not care if you're homeless, walking to work, or simply enjoying a day with your family. What I know from experience is that a family, or community, is often changed forever after one of these horrific acts.

I don't follow local politics, but it seems from your response that the City Council is suffering from partisanship...which is likely not good news for those who live in Burien.

I am simply asking you to understand that regardless of what a police report might say, I am concerned for this community, including my family. I hope you will be as vigorous in your efforts to keep Burien citizens safe, as you have been in addressing the homeless problem.

Respectfully,

Randy Mullinax

Dear Mr. Mullinax,

Thanks for your email. I think it would be helpful to address your complaints separately.

First of all, regarding homeless individuals: for the last three years, I have requested information and discussion on solutions to homelessness, including a day shelter, mobile shower units, decreasing barriers to employment and housing, and regional solutions recommended by the regional expert coalition. The council majority (the Mayor, CM Edgar, CM Wagner, and CM Armstrong) has steadfastly refused to allow staff to provide us with this information so that we could discuss it, let alone do something. Instead, they voted to give out gift cards to homeless persons, which truly helps no one.... it is this partisan inaction on their part that has allowed the problem to continue and to grow. I recently

pushed again for consideration of a day shelter similar to that of Federal Way, which opened a few years ago and is very successful. I have succeeded at last in getting this item on the agenda for discussion next month. I hope you will encourage the council majority to make the investment in such a shelter so that people experiencing homelessness have a place to go, get warm, get a shower, find housing or employment or other services, etc. I have been working hard to do something for years, and have been thwarted at every turn.

Regarding violence: although there have been a few visible incidents, our police report indicates violent crime is actually decreasing, not increasing.

I also take issue with your assumption that transient and gang member are equivalent or correlated. In fact, the top reasons for homelessness include medical catastrophes, domestic violence, and LGBTIQ status. If there is something that needs to be done about gangs in Burien, based on facts and not rumors or false allegations flowing freely in certain social media groups, I'm sure we will hear about it from the police. We have not.

It's important to operate from a place of facts, not incorrect assumptions. I hope you will encourage the council majority to support real solutions to homelessness, as researched and described extensively in a king county homelessness report on which we were thoroughly briefed years ago.

Thanks for your email,
Lauren Berkowitz

Please excuse the brevity of this email; it was sent from my mobile device.

From: Randy Mullinax [mailto:randy@rem-pi.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 4:19 PM
To: 'tonyp@burienwa.gov' <tonyp@burienwa.gov>; 'Scott.Kimerer@kingcounty.gov' <Scott.Kimerer@kingcounty.gov>; 'council@burienwa.gov' <council@burienwa.gov>
Subject: Crime in Downtown Burien

Hello,

My name is Randy Mullinax. My wife and I have lived in the Burien Town Square Condo's for the last several years. Our unit overlooks the Burien City Park and the library/City Hall. In our years of living here I have called 911 on countless occasions regarding crime in the park and transient/gang presence around City Hall and the park. I have also communicated directly with Chief Kimerer and members of his police department. In full disclosure, I am retired from the King County Sheriff's Office and spent most of my career in the Major Crimes Unit. I believe Chief Kimerer and his Officer's are doing the best with their available resources. However, as Friday nights shooting incident had once again shown...crime **HAS** become an emergent situation in our City. It's sad that the new residence of Merrill Gardens were welcomed to their homes by the sound of gun shots and police sirens. Soon, the new apartment complex will open...how will these new residents be welcomed?

The City **MUST** do something to address this dangerous upswing in violence. One suggestion is getting the transient/gang member presence under control in, and around, City Hall. It is not unusual for me to see 10-25 people loitering in the park and around City Hall at midnight. Many use the power outlets on the light poles to recharge their phones. Many are drinking out of cans covered in a paper bag, while other's engage in hand-to-hand drug deals. I see many of these people coming from the area of the transit center, where last nights shooting occurred. No citizen would dare walk in this area on any given night.

Downtown crime has to be immediately addressed, or some innocent citizen will pay the ultimate price. The police reacting to crimes, or suspicious people, in this area is no longer a viable solution. There has to be a sustained proactive approach to this problem before there's a real tragedy.

Respectfully,

Rand Mullinax

Carol Allread

From: Jen Welge <Jenniferwelge@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - More vandalism
Attachments: IMG_2527.JPG; IMG_2528.JPG

Dear city council members,

It saddens me to see our city have a huge surge in crime, including this brand new graffiti on YOUR city hall building, this evening. It was even witnessed by my 7 year old son. I contacted the police and hope it is taken care of immediately because of the rise in gang/graffiti related shooting in the past 30 days! This is just days after the gang shooting at the transit center, which was just weeks after 2 other gang shootings.

Me and my family are unable to safely use resources within our own community anymore. My husband who has been a public transit rider no longer feels safe taking the bus from the park and ride any longer. I no longer feel safe taking my son to the library or any business within the downtown Burien area. I have mixed feelings about a sheriff being posted in the library. I'm thankful he is there when he is needed so frequently, I've seen him resolve issues on multiple visits, but I'm also horrified we have to have a Sheriff in our library because there has been so much criminal activity at the library to require him being there. Why are we letting this continue? How are the gangs being addressed? Have we looked for outside resources who are better equipped to handle this problem? It's my understanding the city has previously had a gang specialist from Los Angeles, and that he was able to assist Burien in effectively controlling the gang problem. Can we bring this person back? I want to use my library again, this is so ridiculous.

I look forward to hearing what the city has planned to address this.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Welge

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Jen Welge

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Monica Lusk

From: Carol Allread
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Cc: Tony Piasecki; Monica Lusk
Subject: Correction to CTTC: Hilburn
Attachments: S011001567_1702211237000.pdf

Councilmembers,

Attached please find a letter from Mr. John Hilburn that was received on February 8, 2017 and was assigned to Lisa Marshall for follow-up. Lisa's response was emailed to you on February 15, however, his original letter was not transmitted to you prior to now, which was an oversight on my part. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Best,

Carol

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To: Carol Allread <carola@burienwa.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Mayor Krakowiak,

I would like to share with you and to your staff concerns that my neighbors and I are experiencing in our area. We live on 130th street between 2nd SW and 4th SW. City of Burien

Our primary concern is a house on our street 212A SW 130th that is an absolute disaster. This property has been reported to the City many times and to date, no progress has been made to solve this problem.

When problems are reported, the City has not responded to our concerns. There is trash, abandon cars, and chemicals that completely overtake the entire back yard, front yard and spilling out into the street. Several neighbors have reported rats getting into their garage and homes. We have had to resort to trapping them and relocating the rats to a pond nearby. I spoke with the folks at Code Enforcement about this problem and the other problems regarding this property and no solutions were presented. We understand that the City did not create this problem but we are aware that the City did grant the property owner a permit to operate as a multiple housing unit where nearly 20 people were living in the one home. The residents living on this street was not consulted or given a voice but we have had to endure the noise, the vehicles parked in the street blocking a lane, the trash that blows into our yards, the rats and the visitors who park a block away that are buying or selling drugs at this house.

The utilities to this residence has been turned off for some time however there are people living in this squalor. It is well documented that Burien Police has made numerous visits and drug raids to this house and the City still allows these conditions to continue. Burien Police has been the only city agency that has helped and communicated with the citizens in our area and has done an outstanding job. Burien Police has been very helpful when we reported the amount of vehicles speeding that is occurring on our street. Our street has had a huge amount of traffic ever since the traffic lights were altered on 128st and 4st SW. Those lights tend to impede traffic so many more commuters now use SW 130th as their primary route and we see drivers doing 35 MPH plus in a 25 MPH zone.

I have been a Burien resident living on SW 130th for the past 35 years and in that amount of time, have become friends with most of my neighbors. Most comment on the terrible conditions that exist at 212A SW 130th and they too feel that the City has ignored their concerns. One neighbor recently mentioned that he believes that the City has no interest in resolving this problem and if that was the case, he would not be interested in applying for a building permit when he starts a remodel project next year.

I would like to be a lifelong resident here as I have always enjoyed living in Burien. I can recall when we were considered Seattle and I was very glad when we became a city. The promise by the City then was to declare a moratorium on building multiple housing units and apartments. Campaigning on that platform alone had most folks here including myself in full support for Burien becoming a city. Sadly, today this promise looks very similar to the promise the Port Of Seattle made when building their 3rd runway and only using this runway in inclement weather or emergencies.

Another point of concern is the terrible road conditions that exist on 1st Ave South between 140th and 128th. We were excited when the City proposed the revitalization of the downtown core and the rebuilding of 1st Ave South roadway. That project turned out great however no improvements were made to repair or rebuild 1st Ave South from 140th street to 128th street. Repaving this section of the road would be a great improvement.

Thank you very much for your time in reading these concerns my neighbors and I have. I sure appreciate that.

Sincerely,

John Hilburn 230 SW 130th Burien 98146



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February 15, 2017

John Hilburn
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RE: 212A SW 130th Street

Dear Mr. Hilburn:

Please accept this response to your letter to Mayor Krakowiak regarding the referenced property. The City is aware of the problems at this address and has retained outside legal counsel to prepare a lawsuit for filing in King County Superior Court against the property owners. We expect that this lawsuit will be filed in the next two weeks. The City will be seeking an order of abatement which is a legal document allowing the City to physically enter the property and remove the garbage, cars, and debris. To date this is our only recourse as we have been unable to obtain compliance from the property owner through the filing of civil citations in district court. Please feel free to call me at (206) 248-5531 for updates on the status of this litigation.

Thank you for your letter, and thank you for taking pride in your community and making us aware of your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa Marshall
City Attorney

Cc: Mayor Krakowiak and Councilmembers
Scott Kimerer, Burien Chief of Police
Maiya Andrews, Director of Public Works

We the family and students of St. Francis of Assisi do not feel safe at the Burien Library. We see people smoking weed or other drugs, people who are breaking the law, and people who are causing disturbances in the library. We do not feel safe or comfortable at this location. The City of Burien needs to do something about this because the library won't. People shouldn't be worried about their safety at a library. "I have experienced many fights while doing my homework. Also one day when I was in the library a man was screaming and wishing everyone would get raped and murdered. The man was screaming and yelling at the workers for no reason." - Francesca Dipietro. "As I was walking past the Burien Library people were smoking weed outside and throwing garbage in the bushes." - Angelica Dipietro. We want to see a change as quickly as possible. No one, no matter grade, age, or gender should have to worry about people who might hurt you at the library. Please make a change not for just me, for our school, and community.

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③	Giino Morella	Giino Morella
④	Chloee Freilinger	Chloee Freilinger
⑤	Lauren Brant	Lauren Brant
⑥	Ali Gumapas	Ali Gumapas
⑦	Dominic Santella	Dominic Santella
⑧	Graham Shirley	Graham Shirley
9.	Aveoleila Kitiona	Aveoleila Kitiona
⑩	Sonja Susny	Sonja Susny
⑪	Rohi Feishholz	Rohi Feishholz
⑫	Matthew Klemm	Matthew Klemm
14	Dave Bush	Dave Bush
15	Kathy Casini	Kathy Casini
16	Lyndi Perkins	Lyndi Perkins
17	Dustin Keeth	Dustin Keeth
18.	Wendy Jones	Wendy Jones
19.	De Halverson	De Halverson
20	Gary Keeth	Gary Keeth
21	David Floyd	David Floyd
22	Bruce Knight	Bruce Knight
23	Barbara Popsky	Barbara Popsky
24	Tommy Butzer	Tommy Butzer
25	Jacob Ombac	Jacob Ombac
26	Audrey Loo	Audrey Loo
27	Evan Anderson	Evan Anderson
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Carol Allread

From: chestine edgar <16collingham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:58 AM
To: Monica Lusk; Public Council Inbox Email; Lucy Krakowiak; Austin Bell; Bob Edgar; Debi Wagner; Nancy Tosta; Stephen Armstrong; Tony Piasecki
Subject: CTTC - Federal Way- Way Day Center

February 21, 2017

To the Burien City Council;

At the last two Burien City Council meetings, One Council member who calls in by phone was insistent that the Burien Council take up discussion on a Day Care Center for youth (18-24yrs) in Burien-one that would be stylized after the Federal Way Day Care Center.

What is strange about this demand is that Burien have a center somewhat like this already;

1. The Federal Way-Way Day Center is much like the model that Transform Burien has and was started by faith based organizations.

1. **Federal Way Day Center - ccsww.org**

www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homeless_federalwaydaycenter

The **Federal Way Day Center** grew from the grassroots organizing efforts of concerned neighbors in **Federal Way**.

2. Catholic Community Services was one of the lead organizations on this Way Day center.

The Way Day Center is of course larger because it is in a community that is larger and has more funding available because of its greater business and economic development base. It has been open for just less than one year. It is run by a non profit organization (with many embedded faith based members) and serves all ages of those needing services.

This is exactly the type of organization that this Council member was adamantly opposed to giving funding to at the 10/2/16, 10/17/16, 11/7/16 and 11/21/16 Council meetings when discussions on the Human Services 2017-2018 grant budget were going on. She was openly hostile to applying faith based organizations getting grant dollars from the Human Services grant budget.

Transform Burien already provides 3 meals per week, a clothing bank, a food bank, laundry services, connects to housing services, access to health care, connections to educational services and other social services at their site.

Likewise a second Council member was opposed to any Human Services grant applicants getting monies from this budget until the City appointed a city staff overseer/social worker to determine whether these non profit organizations were worthy of getting these monies. Burien currently has a member of the Finance Dept. who oversees these grant monies.

What is perplexing is why the Council member who opposed faith based organizations getting grant monies from the Burien City grant process now wants a day care model for the homeless that is based off of faith based and non profit dollars in the City of Federal Way. And why she wants an age discriminatory day care model rather than an age inclusive day care model like the model she referred to in Federal Way.

Burien is a small and economically disadvantaged city. It needs all of its potential partners (non profits, faith based organizations, businesses and individual residents) to work together for the benefit of the total community. The City of Burien should continue to reach out to these groups through its grant process to help to develop humans services in the city. it is important to remember, that cities in Washington State are not charged to provide human services but many of their faith based community members/organizations are charged to do that as part of their beliefs and mission statements. Vilifying and name calling of faith based organizations serves no one very well and does little to improve the total community or help the city.

Again, I encourage those Council members who have not been out to see what the Human Services grant dollars provide to the poor and vulnerable in the city; to go out and visit these provider organizations. Perhaps with the right collaborative effort, Transform Burien can expand its services in the city. Burien already gives more money proportionally to Human Services than most of its neighboring cities. It needs collaboration and partners to help.

Respectfully,

C. Edgar