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Carol Allread

From: Debi Wagner
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Burien
Subject: Re: CTTC - FW: Homeless Problem

Hello Terry: Thank you for your letter. I didn't know if you were aware that the organization Transform Burien provides meals and feeding over a hundred people three times a week, a clothing and food bank and laundry services every Friday as well as hosting medical, dental service. They also partner with many other human service providers to offer counseling, mental health drug & alcohol treatment, transitional programs, job training and connection with housing organizations. This non-profit organization receives its primary funding from area churches, has dozens of volunteers, been supported by the city and is presently considering adding shower service.

We also have many other established organizations throughout Burien that offer services to youth and families, victims of domestic violence, etc.

The city of Burien is home to the second lowest median income families in the county, many seniors on fixed incomes and a city revenue stream that is in a structural deficit since 2008. Any time we add programs we must increase revenue to cover those and currently we don't have enough for adequate policing and minimum maintenance for our roads. It seems compassionate to do all we can to help those in need, but we risk pushing more people into the system if we raise taxes to support additional programs.

I believe the organizations we have are doing a great job and can be supported further by those individuals who wish to contribute either financially or with volunteer hours.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,
Debi Wagner

From: Carol Allread on behalf of Burien
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - FW: Homeless Problem

From: Terry Kaufman [mailto:tck223@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Burien <burien@burienwa.gov>
Subject: Homeless Problem

Dear Council Members:

We as a community can no longer afford to ignore the growing problem of homelessness in our city. One positive step to remedy this situation is a Day Center which would provide the homeless a safe place to rest, laundry and bathroom facilities and access to meals. This solution would also return the

library to its primary and essential purpose. We cannot expect the homeless to disappear without our active and humane participation. There, but for fortune, go you and I.

Respectfully,

Teresa Kaufman

Carol Allread

From: Austin Bell
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Burien
Subject: Re: CTTC - FW: Homeless Problem

Terry,

Thank you for your email. I am in agreement that we need to take action and that a day center would provide a positive impact.

Austin Bell

Sent from my iPhone

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Teresa Kaufman

Carol Allread

From: Irene Danysh <iredanysh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Burien
Subject: Please bring Homelessness issue back on Agenda as Priority

Dear friends at the City Council,

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to talk and to listen concerning the issue of homelessness in Burien. I really learned a lot – about how a variety of groups of people feel about the issue, including the homeless themselves, and how providers are making headway with this problem. I was so happy to see many people coming to the meeting to voice concerns and I felt the majority seemed to show respect for the homeless.

I left the meeting feeling happy because I assumed the discussion would be taken up at the next meeting where it had left off, so we could understand how you the Councilors view the issues and possible actions to improve the situation, and take next steps.

I was shocked to understand that this is NOT automatically continued for the next meeting, and realize that if it is not given priority, it will again be cut off with no further study or action possible.

I urge you strongly to please put it on the agenda and please make it a top priority.

Why?

I see 4 strong reasons:

1. Any family, and increasingly many families, are becoming homeless now because of unaffordable housing – costs are sky-rocketing. Many of these families are living in cars, hiding from our view, but the issue of housing in the homelessness topic badly needs addressing.
2. Any family, and increasingly many families, are being forced to deal with the opiate epidemic which is a scourge that doesn't respect any boundaries – it could be any one of us next, - it creates homelessness, increased crime, death, and spread of addiction. We must address this problem more clearly in Burien before it gets much worse.
3. It is much, much cheaper to deal with homelessness at the front end and by forming relationships with people, treating them with dignity and realistically accepting their mental, addiction and health issues, as well as short-term financial issues. It gets far, far more expensive and far uglier for the entire community if we wait until crime, violence, hatred, racism and loss of life affect everyone even more.
4. This is a complex problem that can't be swept under the rug. It requires an intelligent, realistic approaches – which need to be analyzed, discussed and taken action upon. I was really impressed with the [King County All Home strategic plan](#) presented at our meeting. We can't hide from this, and if we refuse to spend money on it now, we'll badly regret creating an uglier situation – indeed, an uglier, less appealing and less safe Burien.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

I urge you very strongly to put this on the agenda and give it the priority - conservative, moderate, and liberal people in our community – everyone – will eventually thank you for your courage to tackle this issue before it gets worse and worse.

Remember the young man who spoke at the meeting, a homeless young man who spoke so articulately, but clearly with much pain in his life. Remember him and let's see what we can do to assist him and others, and keep our wonderful youth and adults from turning into the same worried, pained, distressed people.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Irene Danysh

Carol Allread

From: Caleb Richmond <caleb.n.richmond@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Burien
Subject: Please support additional homeless services in Burien

Dear councilmembers,

I appreciate that you devoted so much of your meeting on Monday to discussing what to do with the homeless services in Burien. I was disappointed to hear however that there was not any further follow up scheduled so I wanted to urge you to continue the discussion to some resolution.

I know this is a very divisive issue in our community and I know you serve multiple interests. However, I think it is not only in the best interest of Burien but it is also the right thing to do as compassionate humans to create safe and accessible services for our homeless neighbors. Last year's One Night Count saw a 19% increase in people living outside and while the official numbers aren't out for 2017, I know from experience that it has increased significantly again.

With the continuing housing and cost of living increases in King County, people are in crisis mode. There are children under 5 years old living in cars with parents who have been evicted or fled from domestic abuse. And there are so few places to go that families can stay together and chosen family can be formed.

Desperate people take desperate actions. That is why providing low barrier services is so important. It is much cheaper to house and care for people than to wait for crime and violence to spread. There are not enough services in the county or Seattle to help all those who need it which is why each community also needs to make a commitment and investment in helping however we can. There are good resources for doing so in our county like the All Home Strategic Plan which I hope Burien will commit to joining.

Please make this a priority and put this on your next agenda. Thank you for your hard work,

Caleb Richmond
Burien Resident

Carol Allread

From: Matthys van Leeuwen <matthysvanl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2017 11:54 PM
To: Public Council Inbox Email; Lucy Krakowiak; Bob Edgar; Stephen Armstrong; Austin Bell; Lauren Berkowitz; Nancy Tosta; Debi Wagner
Subject: CTTC - The voice of the people of Burien

Dear council members,

During the council meetings you provide visitors a chance to speak for 2 minutes about their concerns or items on the agenda. I have noticed that during controversial topics (like the sanctuary city ordinance or the homelessness issue) a lot of people outside of Burien use this opportunity to voice their opinion.

The question should be do you really want that. Why do you want non-residents of Burien have a say about the future of the city of Burien? It takes away from the voice of the citizens and lengthens the council meetings. I suggest to pass a resolution that only residents of Burien can use this time to share their concerns. To verify this any speakers needs to sign the list with their address included. Please remember you are voted by the people of Burien and ought to work for the residents of Burien. Activists from Seattle and other parts of King County can make their voice heard in their jurisdiction.

Best regards,

Matthys van Leeuwen

Carol Allread

From: Theresa Crecelius <tcrecel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Burien
Subject: Please Add Homelessness To The Agenda

Hello City Council,

I am writing to you as a Burien constituent to express my concern about the homelessness situation in Burien. I heard that the city council discussed homelessness at the last Burien City Council meeting but that no actions were decided upon. I urge you to add homelessness to the agenda for the April 3rd city council meeting.

Homelessness is increasing because of high rent costs and the opioid epidemic. It is a complex issue requiring a pro-active solution to curb the increase. It costs tax payers much less to confront homelessness proactively and positively. Most homeless people are fighting to maintain their dignity and normalcy by living in their cars, in shelters and trying to get back on their feet. It is a traumatizing experience no one should have to go through. It disproportionately affects LGBTQ youth whose parents reject them. People experiencing homelessness are more often subject to crime and abuse, more likely to fall into more desperate circumstances and behavior unless they are assisted.

Ideas I have heard about how to assist the homeless include offering a needle exchange so that needles aren't left in parks and IV drug users have a lower chance of contracting infectious diseases like hepatitis C and HIV. Rapid rehousing coupled with job training to get able bodied people into a safe place and back on their feet making enough money to pay rent. Long-term low income housing for those who are disabled and on a fixed income and can't afford rising rent costs. There are multiple types of tiny houses that can be built for a few thousand dollars each. Mobile health care vans to offer health care to homeless people so they aren't coming to the ER with problems that could have been prevented.

I urge you to choose at least one action so that the City of Burien is helping these individuals when they need help the most. That is what society is for- to support the needy.

Sincerely,
Theresa Crecelius M.L.S. (ASCP)
10 Actions in 100 Days Burien community group

Carol Allread

From: chestine edgar <16collingham@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 10:15 PM
To: Monica Lusk; Public Council Inbox Email; Austin Bell; Bob Edgar; Debi Wagner; Lucy Krakowiak; Nancy Tosta; Stephen Armstrong; Tony Piasecki
Cc: Laura Crandall; Lori Fleming
Subject: CTTC - Day Centers and shelters started and maintained by faith based organizations

To the Burien City Council,

At the last Council meeting on March 20, 2017, the topic of the council business discussion session was supposed to be possible solutions to the homeless issue and the potential of establishing a day center. So I question how a night shelter that would only house six people got into the packet as a proposed solution? And especially because, the topic for discussion before the Council was not night shelters. Further, I mentioned that the proposal placed in the packet by NEXUS were not realistic in start up costs and contained no estimates of annual operating costs or possible funding sources. Why was that NEXUS proposal in the packet? Even more concerning was that the packet failed to discuss the current day center we have in the city (Transform Burien)and possible enhancement to their existing program.

At the end of the meeting on the Facebook/Twitter site of one of the council members, again there was negative comment about Transform Burien and the fact that they are a faith based group. This seems to be a constant "hang up" of one and perhaps two council members who don't go out to visit the non profits organizations in the city that get grant funding from the city but they constantly attack these groups and are quite sure solely governmental agencies do more or do much better than faith based groups. Simply, this shows how little they know about faith based non profits in America and the expanse of their work and service to people in America. Additionally they know very little about federal government policy with relation to faith based non profits. Their negative attitudes and lack of factual information does nothing to build partnerships and collaboration with service providers in this city.

A new shelter that was mandated by King County in the White Center area. Strangely, this new center, Mary's Place, is being sponsored by what was a faith based group in its origin and it now has additional partners. I am attaching the historical background information on Mary's Place-see below. Additionally, I encourage those couple of council members who have personal, prejudice problems with faith based groups to expand their knowledge base on charities in America and the world (who really takes cares of and serves the poor and homeless of the world) and to modify publicly rude behaviors toward them for the benefit of all in the city. Burien has the largest array of mental health services of any small city in South King County and the largest stock of available, affordable housing in the county. But Burien doesn't have to recreate all of the services needed in just its borders. Burien has neighbors who it can partner with it to create extended options to the poor and homeless in this area of the county.

To the Council- Get to know, visit and donate to the charities in the Burien community. Don't constantly believe that there are people who have the "magic solution" and they are somewhere outside of Burien and they can come in and tell us what to do.

Respectfully,
C. Edgar

Mary's Place

With a \$32,000 grant from the Boeing Community Fund and the passion of a dedicated Board from the Church of Mary Magdalene, Mary's Place was born in October 1999. Several major planning sessions involving 50+ homeless women were held to develop the program. Women were asked what they needed to rise up out of homelessness. Together they developed the structure and daily schedule that remains in effect 13 years later: two meals a day, hygiene facilities, showers, laundry, medical care, support groups and ample resources for housing, employment and benefits.

What is the Church of Mary Magdalene?

Mary's Place began as a program of the Church of Mary Magdalene and received its 501c3 status in early 2012. In January 2014, with three years of experience running both non-profit organizations behind us, the Board of Directors of the Church of Mary Magdalene and Mary's Place came to the conclusion that we were stronger as one. The services offered by the Church of Mary Magdalene, including hospital and jail outreach, Women in Black, Saturday church service, and the Homeless Women's Choir continue to exist as programs at Mary's Place.

Church of Mary Magdalene

811 5th Ave **Seattle, Washington 98104**

(206) 621-8474

About

Church of Mary Magdalene is located at the address 811 5th Ave in Seattle, Washington 98104. They can be contacted via phone at (206) 621-8474 for pricing, hours and directions.

Church of Mary Magdalene has an annual sales volume of 0 - 500K. .For more information contact Patricia Simpson, Religious Leader

Church of Mary Magdalene provides Ceremonies, Family Counseling, Communion to it's customers. For maps and directions to Church of Mary Magdalene view the map to the right. For reviews of Church of Mary Magdalene see below.

- **[Church Of Mary Magdalene, Seattle, WA - Church Angel](#)**

www.churchangel.com › ... › [Catholic](#) › [Seattle](#)

Church Of Mary Magdalene is a Catholic **church** in **Seattle**, Washington Wa. ... **CHURCH OF MARY MAGDALENE** is located at 811 5TH AVENUE in the city of **Seattle**.

How is Mary's Place funded?

Mary's Place receives funding from five sources: individual donors, foundations and grants, corporations, congregations, and city and county government grants.

Carol Allread

From: Les Holm <hotrodsandhuskies@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - Burien City Council Self Amendments

City Council Members,

Congratulations are due to all of you. You and your fellow constituents in Olympia continue to write, publish, and maintain documents enabling local city governments such as Burien's to continue undermining the wishes of the voting public.

This past week I received my 2017 Car Tab bill for one of my vehicles. On the list of NUMEROUS fees is a little known T.B.D. Burien \$20 Fee. As usual the "T.B.D." is unexplained on the billing notice leaving the citizens to seek out what this fee is and how it was added. To my amazement this fee has a long history.

In 2009 the Burien City Council added a need for a license fee in an attempt fix their failed City Transportation budgeting to the voters ballot. That vote was OVERWHELMINGLY against a license fee in the city of Burien by 74% !

Not to be swayed or stopped by the wishes of the public. Burien and all other cities in the state of Washington found a way. Olympia to the rescue !!! By creating "Transportation Benefit Boards" we, The City Governments, CAN, and WILL, decide what is best for our communities.

Now the City of Burien has moved from a Transportation Benefit Board created from members of the city council to the City Council being the ones in charge of making and determining this Car Tab fee without public vote with Olympia's blessing.

How many people within the city of Burien are aware that within the next six years their Car Tabs can and WILL be increased multiple times by you without their vote ? Very few. Why, Because unless someone digs into your council meeting minutes or goes to council meetings every Monday they will have no idea what you are up to on our behalf !

Funny isn't it. NONE of you will be there when all heck breaks loose over this !!! Your attitude is what's \$10 then..... Now \$20 in 2017..... \$40 in 24 months \$60 in 48 months..... Who'll notice !!! Dang, If only that Computing System for the DMV hadn't failed you the new fees could have been rolling in starting in January instead of April !

I can't wait until the next voting term.....

Regards,
Les Holm
Burien

Sent from Windows Mail

Carol Allread

From: Rob Chapman <robertchapman121@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - Traffic at 160th and 148th

Any chance of posting an officer at the intersection of 1st Ave and 148th and or 1st and 160th between 3pm - 5pm with the specific responsible to site those blocking the intersection? I sure the cost of having an officer at those intersection would be offset by the number of citations here she would be able to write.

Rob Chapman
638 sw 136 PL
Burien

Carol Allread

From: bonnie <bonnielwest@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - SAY NO TO BRIAN WILSON

Colin Baenziger & Associates already had Wilson in their files from Medina. Why didn't Medina hire him?

<https://medina.civicweb.net/document/8988>

<https://medina.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/8105?preview=8989>

- Armstrongs

Carol Allread

From: bonnie <bonnielwest@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - NEW CITY MANAGER - SAY NO TO BRIAN WILSON

You choose Wilson and he will be in the newspaper constantly which is not good press for the City of Burien, like it wasn't for the City of Federal Way.

Does he still live in Magnolia? We would think the "City Manager" should live "in the City."

When Wilson worked for our mayor, he intercepted all emails to the City Council and the Mayor's office.

For example, one citizen's comment that reflects hundreds: *Has our City Council been silenced by the Mayors Chief of Staff?*

I sent an email to all of the Councilmembers yesterday offering them my thoughts about this action and a few minutes ago I got an email from Brian Wilson Thanking me for my email and attendance last night.

Are our emails now being filtered?

He put gag orders on the City Council over several city-wide issues.

Serously, Is this what you're looking for? If so, you are not there for the citizens of Burien!

BURIEN IS GREATER THAN THIS!

<http://www.federalwaymirror.com/opinion/reaction-to-wilsons-hunt-for-retirement-benefits-inside-politics/>
<https://issuu.com/pnwmarketplace/docs/i20151113160051410>

He'll be looking for yet another pension from the City of Burien.

<http://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/city-of-federal-way-chief-of-staff-under-investigation-on-forgery-allegations/>
<http://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/federal-way-chief-of-staff-brian-wilson-resigns/>

See the section re forgery charges -- this is something the Mayor couldn't patch up with the citizens who remain suspicious

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/police-chief-apologizes-for-hitting-car-while-looking-at-blackberry/>

<http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/news/237061391.html?mobile=true>

And this job didn't last too long for good reason . . .

From: bonnie [mailto:bonnielwest@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:25 PM
To: 'council@burienwa.gov'
Subject: NEW MANAGER

We live in Federal Way, WA where BRIAN WILSON was the Mayor's right hand man who got FIRED by Jim Ferrell several months ago.

We grew up in Burien and graduated from HHS. Your consideration of Wilson for City Manager would be a catastrophe for Burien and we know you are better than that.

You have other wonderfully qualified candidates -- don't do to Burien what Wilson did for Federal Way and got FIRED for! YOU ARE BETTER THAN THAT! Do research and his double dipping for retirement -- an extremely disliked person who didn't even live in Federal Way.

Armstrongs
Federal Way, WA

Carol Allread

From: Mike Etzkorn <etzkornmike@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Public Council Inbox Email
Subject: CTTC - State of the community

Councilmembers,

My name is Mike Etzkorn, I am 39 years old and I have lived in Burien my whole life. I am writing you this e-mail to let you know how disenchanted my wife, extended family and myself have become with the crime and lawlessness that is becoming rampant in our city. I have three young children my oldest is 14, then 12 and lastly 10. I do not feel comfortable to let them ride their bikes through our neighborhood, and I would like to share with you why. Today at 10AM I took a break from work to go pick up a prescription at Rite Aid. I work on 142nd. When I drove by Dottie Harper park I noticed a large group of men in the park arguing with each other. I have no idea if these men have homes in our community, but I recognize them as the same individuals that I see loitering around our community, on a regular basis. I pulled into the parking lot at Rite Aid and a well kept man in his 50's stopped in front of my truck and stared at the logo on my truck. I asked him if he knew Robbins and Co. and he began to yell at me cursing and saying horrible things. I decided that he was mentally unstable and removed myself from a potentially dangerous situation. I then headed back to work back at Dottie Harper park there was a man on the East side of 4th Ave. yelling at a woman who was running through the bushes on the West side of 4th Ave. She appeared to be a hooker and he was extremely angry. I had to slow down because I was afraid that he was going to walk out into the road. At this point he turned his attention to me and wanted me to keep driving. Which I did because its just not worth it right? I then got to 142nd and 6th Ave almost back to work. I encountered a man ducktaping a makeshift trailer full of what I would describe as garbage to a very nice mountain bike. He appeared to be a homeless man, no threat to me but definitely a possible threat to a child when looking at him as the father and uncle to 8 young children that live within walking distance to where he was. When pulling back into work I noticed a monstrosity of a pile out on 142nd right off of Ambaum. I have come to realize that it is, another moveable home that someone is living in. This all occurred within a 10 minute span. What is your suggestion? I would love to get a response from you on this so that I know you have received it.

Concerned,
Mike Etzkorn