White Center Open House

5/25/2021
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Interpretation available in:
Spanish
Vietnamese
GROUP NORMS/MEETING RULE

- Recording in progress
- Q&A Section for questions
- Use the comments box to share idea
- Be Respectful
- Challenge the idea, not the person
- take care of yourself and others

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Sili Savusa, WCCDA Executive Director

“Our residents and partners have been stellar in guiding our strategies and keeping us accountable to priorities of the White Center Community. WCCDA believes we can do things bigger and better together.”

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White Center Community Development Association

COMMUNITY BUILDER
We increase resident voice to build a vibrant, multi-ethnic, and proud White Center community by:
- Supporting resident-led activities
- Strengthening resident connections & leadership
- Creating opportunities to build relationships

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
We assist White Center early learners, young adults, and their families in achieving their goals by:
- Building knowledge
- Accessing services
- Providing leadership opportunities
- Connecting families to schools, resources & each other

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
We use a community-based economic development approach to revitalize the neighborhood by:
- Attracting investments
- Supporting small business & entrepreneurship
- Improving health & safety
- Increasing affordable housing options

DATA & RESOURCES
Our community-oriented data approach makes our work unique and keeps us accountable to White Center residents by:
- Incorporating data in all our activities
- Conducting surveys and interviews of residents
- Creating data dashboards

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White Center Neighborhood Advisory Council

VISION STATEMENT
“White Center cultivates economic and ethnic diversity in our neighborhoods, the health and well being of our entire community, is welcoming to everyone, and is recognized as an exceptional place to live, work, go to school, and raise our families”

MISSION STATEMENT
“Provide diverse community perspective and input on designing a Family Resource Center and Affordable Housing at the former Public Health building/WC Food Bank site, and identify long term housing needs for White Center”
History of the HUB

EQUITY
All White Center community members deserve access to affordable housing, great parks and other open space, family-wage jobs, a thriving, safe business district, effective schools welcoming to all families, and a transportation system that greets them where they live and takes them where they need to go.

SUSTAINABILITY
All development should enhance our natural capacities through strong resilient neighborhoods, characterized by healthy homes, environmentally-restorative, community-oriented development, clean air, water and land, and promotion of our local economy, its businesses, goods, and services.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE
Community, ethically diverse members are the best experts to consult when it comes to our community needs, challenges, and opportunities.

DIVERSE, EXPANDING ECONOMY
Thriving local economies must have inclusive pathways to prosperity with a broad variety of opportunities for people of all ages to secure their livelihood here in the community whenever possible.
White Center Food Bank and Mary’s Place

Mary’s Place is very appreciative of how the White Center community has welcomed us in and embraced our work to support homeless families in crisis here. We have placed dozens of families into permanent housing, helping them get back on track and stabilized in housing. We couldn’t have done it without the support and generosity of the White Center community.

With this in mind, we fully support the community effort to re-develop the former White Center public health site into a wonderful community asset providing important, life-saving services for White Center.

When we moved into this location, we knew that it would be temporary. Our operating model is to move into unused buildings and turn them into temporary shelter. We are continually working to develop new locations to ensure that we are ready to move when the time comes. When we move from the public health building, we will ensure that all of our families are successfully placed in housing, or one of other nearby locations.

We understand the complexities and unknowns of funding and developing social services facilities and housing. Be assured, we are eager to work closely with you both in your efforts and do not want our temporary use of this building to have a negative impact on the realities of re-development investment opportunities and the benefits for the community.

We wish you every success as you move forward with community and re-development planning. Please let us know how we can support your important work.

Sincerely,

Marty Hartman, Executive Director
Mary’s Place

February 15, 2018

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Sill Savusa, Executive Director
White Center CDA
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Seattle, WA 98146

Steve Dashie, Executive Director
Southwest Youth and Family Services
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Seattle, WA 98106

Sill and Steve,

As the planning and design for the new White Center Community HUB (former public health site) gets underway in earnest, I wanted to take a moment to clarify the position of the White Center Food Bank.

Originally, the Food Bank was going to be one of the service agencies co-located in the new development. While we continue to fully support the project, we have determined that, due to an ongoing internal review of our food bank service model options, and due to the considerable physical improvements needed at the current building, ultimately it will be better for the Food Bank to be relocated to a site closer to transit.

We are grateful to continue to be a social service partner in White Center, in the HUB project and very much appreciate the invitation to have Carmen Smith, our Development Director, participate in the Neighborhood Advisory Council to provide input. We believe the vision of having affordable housing and critical social support services located at the site will be hugely beneficial to the White Center Community.

Whether or not we are physically a part of the HUB, we want to continue in our collaboration with you and your organizations to provide White Center families with food and services to allow them to thrive. We intend to cooperate to the fullest extent to help make the redevelopment a reality and have it become a true asset to the community.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN E. FERRIS
Interim Executive Director
White Center Food Bank
10825 6th Ave, SW
Seattle, WA 98146

February 16, 2018
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Southwest Youth & Family Services
YES Foundation Of White Center
HealthPoint
HOUSING – Partnership Capacity Building

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HOUSING – Housing type 76 Units Intergenerational families

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Letters of support
There are a couple of options to present to the community regarding feedback

1) EMAIL Letters to HUB@wccda.org
2) 605 SW 108th St, Seattle, WA 98146
   1) Atten: Aaron Garcia
Thank you!