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Subject: City Council Meeting Dec. 12,2023

Ms. Corman; city clerk office
Deputy City Clerk,

Re: Strategic Priorities & Policy Committee Meeting December 12th, 2023 Agenda item 4.1

Submission - Progress Update Lewis - Franke

The Whole of Community System response including Proposed Hubs Implementation Plan is a major project spearheaded by an "Expert Panel of 200 people from 70 companies".

This include city staff! As such and based on format the proposal to get reports in 6 months or as needed undermines the emergency and priority of this project.

The 62 pg. report clearly indicated how the system would be built and how the public would be involved! Included with the report was meeting dates for the public to answer specifically 3 questions about hubs and nothing else.

A letter to a project leader raised this concern!

The reality is based on the actions to date that have tremendously undermined the plan supported by the actions on first locations.

Adding to this from the SP&PC special meeting on Dec. 6th was discussion about staffing problems; noting permits were half from year before!

The obvious outcome is too many staff and lack of funds to cover the usual expenses! Also raised was the debate about work from home and return to office of staff with implications attached! It appears (from memory) staff or consultants were looking at benefits from options! Issue also raised about operating dollars verse capital dollars for whatever action decided. The authority and power of "Encampment Table's function" or Accountability Table is out of sight of public

I would remind you that given the outcomes to date (major failures) even though Ark came to your aid and the 25M dollar donation (subject to their approval) appears to only be for hubs I believe the the public and Council publicly have updates; the short executive type, by senior management informing us as to status. This homeless and poverty issue is very important and larger than just hubs!

I urge you to reject this and keep us in the loop as this emergency worsens. Remember the rush was political and supported by Council even to point of federal announcement and limitation on public input!

It is your responsibility to keep us involved not an after thought after rules of engagement has been decided!

William Brock