

I will begin with my initial 1st response and say, "how can a committee of people initiate a Warming Center for the homeless and drug addicted in a community which houses 4 schools, 2 which are for high risk, vulnerable children and teens, an after school program and a library all within 1 kilometer of the center. Who are these people who are making these decisions. YOU do not live here, do not see what is transpiring in the parking lot at the back of the building. I live at a place that overlooks this area and have lost count on how many times I have had to call the police and ambulance. I never dreamed I would see and hear the carryon. They are using drugs out in broad daylight in front of our children, without a care in the world. When I approached a worker named George inside the building, I was told that the parking lot is public property, that's news to the people in the community and there is nothing that can be done. We as a community have attended many meetings to make our streets and building more attractive and affordable to incoming families and businesses. Our neighborhood is now becoming a shithole and cesspool of filth. Our children do not and will not play outside or even ride their bikes, as we as parents are fearful of what they see and hear. My grandchild are not allowed to come to visit me because of the constant drug use outside my very window. After 20 years as a tax payer and proud of our tight knitted community, I am saddened. We excel in kindness and camaraderie and want our kids to grow up to be contributing adults. I now never know what I am coming home to. I have many pictures and video to back up this statement. This morning, April 17th, there were 2 people sleeping at the back door and a girl off to the side, using drugs. I am going to repeat myself and say, How the hell did this get approved in a neighborhood with 4 schools, a library and an afterschool program within a kilometer. Please make note that there are houses within steps away from the center.

It is my understanding that there is NO mental health facilitator on site. That's just great. No professional, with education to deal with this seriously out of control issue. Let's just give them a snack, hot drink and send them through OUR streets. It is ridiculous what is happening. It must stop now!!!! There is a resolve to this and that is, DO NOT extend this "program" til June. Give us back our seniors, our square dancing and AA meetings. A press release may need to be considered as we have had enough of this... ENOUGH