Debbie Beadle

From: Kamuron Gurol
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Carl de Simas
Cc: Susan Cezar; Kurt Aldworth; Devany Lunde; Debbie Beadle
Subject: FW: positive document/Tent City 4
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From: Nancy Whitten
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Kamuron Gurol
Cc: City Council; byacizi@ci.sammamish.wa.us; runtis3@comcast.net
Subject: FW: positive document/Tent City 4

Kamuron, I am forwarding to you the email and attachments of positive comments concerning the United Methodist's potential hosting of Tent City 4 and ask that you provide the information to the Planning Commission and make it part of the record on our tent city ordinance proposal. I will be sending a second email with questions and answers in the same regard. Nancy Whitten

From: Rickie Anderson <runtis3@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 5:15 PM
To: Nancy Whitten
Subject: Fwd: positive document/Tent City 4

Nancy--Here is a copy of the positive comments we received as part of our community meeting regarding the hosting of Tent City 4. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me--Rickie Anderson

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rickie Anderson <runtis3@comcast.net>
Date: February 21, 2014 9:01:17 PM PST
To: Brad Anderson <bradleyanderson@comcast.net>
Subject: positive documents
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

COMMENTS

Please voice my comment: I am a Girl Scout leader who uses the church building. I teach Sunday School here at FUMC. I have 2 small children. I view this as a wonderful opportunity to give, serve and teach our children. We have so much to give.

The difference between TC4 and us is the roof over our heads. We all are broken – with the difference being TC4 brokenness is visible and ours is hidden under our roof. We can’t ostracize TC4 just because we can see the brokenness. Maybe the reason we shrink back from this opportunity is because it reveals something we like to keep hidden.

I am the chairperson of the neighborhood watch in Klahanie. It’s important regardless of approval of TC4 that our neighborhood engage in the neighborhood watch program. I approve of TC4.

I am a member of St. Jude parish in Redmond. We have had T4C stay with us FOUR times with no problems, arrests, or complaints. The first time we had the camp stay at our church the neighbors, especially parents of school children, were strongly opposed to having homeless people in their neighborhood. The next THREE times they came to our church there were no objections, NOT ONE, from the neighbors. (capitals copied from original comment)

I am proud of this church for extending a helping hand to TC4. It is clear what God would have us do – Jesus was consistent in his teaching on serving the poor.

TC4 does attract people with issues, but they do eject those whose behavior causes a problem in the camp. In the THREE times hosting in Issaquah we found them to be good guests. The Community Church of Issaquah and our nearby neighbors always felt safer when TC4 were our neighbors than when they were not there. There were 3 preschools on our site and a school across the street. TC4 became an educational opportunity for those schools, and teachers and students looked forward to their return.

I live in Summer Meadows. Within the neighborhood, my home is closest to the church, my fence separates us and my daughter attends ITBS. I have no problem with 90 days. People deserve help. If there becomes a problem I believe and EXPECT it will be handled swiftly and effectively.

“What Would Jesus Do?” Jesus would help the homeless, he would allow Tent City in his backyard. I am one of your neighbors in Summer Meadows. I am in support of TC4 at Faith UMC.

Thank you for having TC4 here. My family and I are very happy to have them here.

“What Would Jesus Do?” The answer is easy: HOST TENT CITY 4

I am a Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) parishioner and my home backs up to FUMC. I fully support having tent city stay here and I would also like to help if TC4 is approved.

I work at MQP and attend the church. I supported TC4 there and I support it here. I border the church (FUMC) property and they will be in my back yard. Please host them.

Exhibit #4
I am a Klahanie resident and a member of MQP. I totally support TC4 at Faith UMC. It was a great gift to have them at MQP. I served and ate Thanksgiving dinner w/ TC4 residents.

I appreciate that this church, my neighbor in my own neighborhood, would honor their mission and scriptural expectations to care for these folks.

Thank you for reaching out to “the least of our brother’s”.

As of February 11, 2014, the Federal database lists 7 registered sex offenders living in Issaquah. Why should we worry that TC4 will bring more? www.city-data.com

OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE

TC4 camps provide a safety net for individuals in need. Thank you for considering being a partner in this work. THE IFCB (Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank) is here to help when needed. We can provide help with food, warm clothing and equipment. Please keep us in the loop as a resource and partner--Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

If we want to donate food or clothes or other necessities, whom do we contact?
Where would people donating food, etc. drive when coming to make deliveries?
How can we volunteer?
If Faith Church members vote to host Tent City 4, you can check our website www.faithchurch.org for details of how to volunteer and donate.

How large is your congregation and do you allow others to volunteer or help?
Faith Church has approximately 600 members. We welcome all volunteer help on any of the outreach programs within which we are involved, such as the Issaquah Hot Meal Program, Change the World Day, Habitat for Humanity Benefit Garage Sale (1/3 of the volunteers who work on this project are from outside the church), and many other mission opportunities. If Faith Church members vote to host Tent City 4, you can check our website www.faithchurch.org for details of how to volunteer and donate to support this mission. Come Walk (and work) with us!

The Klahanie Board has notified our Klahanie Neighborhood Patrol (off duty King County Police Officers) of the encampment and has allocated extra funding for more officers if needed. The KNP will be vigilant with patrols in that area for the time that the encampment is present.