Hi Karen,

Early on in this process, we reached out to a list of contacts we had collected as part of the Mary, Queen of Peace permitting process to host Tent City 4 in late 2013. Our goal was to meet with as many of them as possible prior to our first meeting with, introducing the topic to the Planning Commission. From the local faith community, we had contacted the following:

- Debbie Boyce, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- Sharon Anderson, Pine Lake Covenant Church
- Suzi Robertson, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
- David Shull, Spirit of Peace UCC
- Elizabeth Maupin, Interfaith Coalition
- Kevin Duggan, Mary, Queen of Peace
- Rich Shively, Mary, Queen of Peace
- Kathi Rowley, Mary, Queen of Peace
- John Brewer, Faith United Methodist Church

I hope this is helpful to you.

Thank you,

Carl

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http://sammamish.us/departments/communitydevelopment/ComprehensivePlan.aspx#
Hi Carl,

Thank you for your responsiveness. Two issues:

Regarding item 1, the 3 ring binders:

I have been unable to access the data. I very much appreciate the work that Sammamish staff did to allow me access the files, it has not worked. I was able to set up an account with Hightail, downloaded and installed the software and rebooted as instructed.

However when I attempted to download the files on Friday night, Saturday and today, I receive the following error message, "There is a technical problem right now. Don't worry. We're working on it." IF I am provided access tomorrow, it is unlikely and unreasonable that I can review the files in one day and discuss with the affected congregations.

Regarding Item 5:

Glad to hear Sammamish has been in direct contact with about 1/2 of the affected 11 congregations. Because the comment period closes tomorrow, I need to ask you for some detail on the city's outreach to religious communities.

Please provide the names and contact information of the congregations and individuals that Sammamish has already directly contacted, so that I can reach to the same folks and provide that contact to the cleric leadership within each of the congregation.

I am also copying Elizabeth Maupin on this email since you said that you are relying on the Issaquah-Sammamish Interfaith Coalition to contact other congregations; I have the same request of her -- provide the names and contact information.

Thank you,
Karen

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On 3/24/2014 3:27 PM, Carl de Simas wrote:

Hi Karen,

I believe I have most of the information compiled for you. Please see my responses below and let me know if I missed anything.
1. Hightailed on 3/21 and posted 3/24

2. See email with links sent from Carl de Simas on 3/21

3. Posted 3/24 to the Planning Commission meeting page:

4. We have a request to Police Chief Elledge for this information. I may not be able to attain this information prior to the comment deadline, but I’ll get it to you as soon as possible.

5. There are 11 sites with potential for hosting the encampments. The qualifier being that they are property owned by a religious institution. We have had direct contact with five of them and indirect contact with the majority of the them through the Issaquah-Sammamish Interfaith Coalition.

6. I have attached the direction from the City Council to the Planning Commission regarding this process. The direction came in the form of a memo from the Director of DCD, Kamuron Gurol, to the City Manager, Ben Yacizi. This document was shared with the City Council at their retreat in January/February and supported saving one change. The change is reflected in the Planning Commission’s cover memo from staff for the March 6th meeting – also attached.

   Answer to the first part of #6:
   Ordinance O2014-365:
   http://www.sammamish.us/regulations/Ordinances.aspx?ID=384 This site also includes the special meeting/study session documents.

Thank you,

Carl

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Hello Carl,

It was a pleasure to meet you at last night's commission meeting. I am following up our conversation with this email, as you requested. However, I am not sure that I remember all that you asked me to request, so please supplement this list with your memory of our conversation.

I would like to get the following public information from you:

1. a set of the information on encampments from other cities and Sammamish that you have compiled in 3 ring binders for the Planning Commission for review and to share with the congregations in the area;
2. the information provided at the previous Planning Commission meeting, including powerpoints, handouts, minutes, questions by commissioners (all I could locate on-line was the March 6 meeting agenda);
3. the powerpoint presentation at last night's Planning Commission meeting;
4. crime data from the Sammamish police department for the city, broken into categories, enabling a comparison to the crime data in TC4 provided last night by the police chief (this was also requested by commissioners);
5. Thank you for providing me a copy of the map used last night. If I am reading the map correctly, only 10 religious communities are located within Sammamish's boundaries. Is this correct? Which of these congregations have you or others from the city contacted to inform them about this proposed ordinance which directly affects religious institutions whose mission includes serving the poor?; and
6. Understanding that my knowledge of the moratorium is limited to reading the Seattle Times and hearing from congregations about their concerns, any and all public information from (1) the City Council meetings where the January 2014 moratorium was discussed and decided upon, and (2) the direction the city council gave to the planning commission, which scoped the proposed ordinance.
7. any thing else you think that would be relevant and/or that you suggested I be aware of after last night's meeting.

I understand that the written public comment period remains open until Tuesday, March 25th at 5 PM. I will do my best to supplement my oral testimony and submit comments in writing, provide information for the record, provide rationale and respond to the questions asked of me by commission members last
night before that time on Tuesday. As I said to you, however, it will be tight, because I am working as a pro bono volunteer to support and facilitate between the congregations and the encampments, and need to check-in with the congregations.

It would be most helpful if you could provide to me the above information requested by the afternoon of Monday, March 24th, particularly the 3 ring binders, so that I know what information is already in the hands of the commissioners and staff and better understand the direction given by the city council before Tuesday's comment deadline, so that my comments and responses to commissioner questions can be as succinct, relevant and helpful as possible.

Thank you for your public service. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 612-386-1021.

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The world we have created is a product of our thinking. We cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. --Albert Einstein

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