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Notes from Interbay Neighborhood Association Meeting July 8, 2008

Following are notes taken from the discussion at the Interbay Neighborhood Association meeting held in the Quest Church (15th Avenue West in Interbay) on July 8, 2008. Eight people attended the meeting. Catherine Cornwall from the City and Wiley Brooks from The Keller Group attended for the City; Ms. Cornwall gave a 20-minute overview then opened the floor for questions and comments. This report presents those questions and comments in the order they were raised.

Questions and points raised by meeting participants at the Interbay Neighborhood Association meeting:

- A certain portion of the jail function is a mental health function, especially with repeat offenders. Washington State doesn't fund mental health issues adequately. Is the City considering other steps it can take to deal with the mental health function of the jail?
- I wonder how nearby landowners feel about the prospects of a jail going in. Have you had conversations with Whole Foods?
- How many people would work at the jail? I'm wondering if you've looked at where those employees and the bad guys would be coming from. Interbay is not easy to get to if you're coming from the South end. If you're taking transit, you'd have to change in downtown. The whole thing could take two hours.
- I know you have a website, but can you give feedback to the City online?
- The format of the forums is focused on small group discussions. How exactly does that work?
- The sales tax recently increased from 8.9% to 9.0% to increase mental health services. Did that increase go to the County or the City?
- It's my guess that 30% or more of the inmates at the jail are there because of mental health issues, not because they are criminals. Have the programs in place been effective at treating them instead of jailing them?