

## Notes from Queen Anne Planning Council Meeting June 16, 2008

Following are notes taken from the discussion at the Queen Anne Planning Council meeting held in the Queen Anne Community Center on June 16, 2008. Nine people attended the meeting. Mary Pearson from the City and Wiley Brooks from The Keller Group attended for the City; Ms. Pearson gave a 15-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 Queen Anne Planning Council meeting:

- What kind of zoning does the jail require? Where can you build it?
- It will take an ordinance of some type, I would think, to build it anywhere.
- When the King County prosecutor prosecutes someone on a state misdemeanor charge is the City responsible for providing the jail for that person? Is everyone charged with a misdemeanor in Seattle jailed in Seattle?
- In terms of the locations of the sites, what are their relationships to those who will be in the jail? Are you going to put it near where the most people who are jailed live?
- Have you looked at the impacts of the facility on nearby traffic, access, parking, staffing, releases and that type of thing?
- Do you have any idea on how much traffic will be generated?
- The last time the City's Fleets & Facilities Department came to our community it was regarding Fire Station 20. How can this site (Interbay) pass the geo-technical issues if it weren't acceptable for a fire station? It's a pretty weak argument (difficulty getting fire trucks out should streets and bridges become badly damaged in an earthquake) and we're going to continue to feel it is weak until you can prove it differently.
- I was very impressed with the photo of the Regional Justice Center in Kent, but the photo angle looked down on it. The unique thing about the Interbay site is that a lot of people will be looking down on it from their homes. Are there any design considerations regarding what it will look like from above?
- How long is the jail supposed to last? (Question focused on size and ability to accommodate inmates vs. how long building would physically last.)
- The Regional Justice Center in Kent has both jail beds and a courthouse. Is there anything like that planned for this jail? If you put a courthouse there the jurors would increase the traffic impacts.
- When we look at the Interbay area, we see it as having significant potential for businesses and even residences – although the City doesn't want residences there. What are the benefits to our community for taking that potential and placing a jail there instead?
- I hope that wherever a jail goes that there will be some improvements in transit.
- We have been talking a lot about the potential for residential and commercial in Interbay and have been fought tooth and nail by the City. Also, the City has said that we should save every bit of industrial land for industrial use, but now they want to use industrial land for a jail. It doesn't make sense.
- What are the technical aspects that a site must meet?
- If someone gets sick at the downtown jail, they go to Harborview. Where do they go in Kent? And, where would they go if the jail was in Interbay?
- Will the jail have just surface parking or will there be structure parking?
- What's next? How can we be sure we know of things coming up?