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Hi Derek,

I am writing to share my thoughts on the Occupy proposal for our district. The tiny homes on East Johnson are nearby to where I teach at East High School. I toured the facility a few years ago with our Rotary Interact club members who were doing a supply drive. It was well maintained, quiet and several of the members shared with us their appreciation for the site. The community room gave the opportunity for a hot shower and a way to do laundry for clean clothes. The residents indicated that they spent most of the day in the community room where they worked on products that they sold (some Xmas ornaments, and small wood crafts), tended raised beds to grow a few fresh vegetables, and spent time working on building more tiny homes in the workshop. There were a lot of positives to the site:

1. Kept people off the streets in winter. Tiny homes provided shelter, heat, and even a space to power a small microwave to heat a meal. Far better than camping at Reindahl, off of 51 or over by the mall.
2. Gave residents a stable address so they could receive mail, apply for work, open a bank account and eventually for some save enough money for a security deposit to get an apartment.
3. An extra pair of eyes through the volunteers who staffed the sight, and could provide support to residents.

I know (bc I inquired this Spring for a homeless student and her mom) that the shelters are full. The need is great, and this new site is close to Woodmans, Amazon and the bus line so residents who were able/ready/willing to work could do so, and is near to a busline. While Tiny Homes do not represent permanent solutions or endgame to homelessness in the city, they do provide a much needed viable option to keep people from freezing to death or sleeping in a field.

Please feel free to share my comments when discussing this proposal as it goes through the approval process.

Warm regards,
Barbara Davis, President North Star Neighbourhood Assoc.