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Subject: Items 18, 19 and 20

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I attempted to register on all three items, but there may have been a glitch/user error. Here's a brief summary of my testimony on the three items which I hope you will consider.

18. Mission Camp

Two comments.

1. In 28.151 Mission Camp Definition it says the following:

(b)The Mission Camp use shall be permitted if owned, operated, or funded by the City of Madison. Conditional use approval is required for Mission Camp uses owned, operated, or funded by entities other than the City of Madison.

My question is this. If the property is funded by the City of Madison but owned by a nonprofit, is it a permitted or conditional use? What if it is partially funded by the City of Madison and also funded by "entities other than the City of Madison, is it a permitted or conditional use?

2. You may hear testimony about allowing cooperatives in addition to government, nonprofit and religious institutions. I would support them as being included in all three ordinances.

19. Tiny House Village

One comment - residents of a Tiny House Village should be allowed to have overnight guests. Our residents have partners and children who visit and stay over night from time to time.

In 28.151 Tiny House Village

(h)The maximum occupancy of any portable shelter unit located on the site shall not exceed 2 persons, and that **visitors to the portable shelter community/living space** shall not be permitted to camp on- site **or stay overnight in the portable shelter community.**

20. Portable Shelter Mission

One comment. Most religious institutions we talked to who were interested in hosting our tiny houses were not allowed to do so because the property they owned was not contiguous to the primary use - therefore the portable shelter mission was not "accessory". As long as this condition remains in the ordinance, it is likely the ordinance will continue to be unused.

I'll be brief tonight and hope I'm properly registered on all three items.

Brenda

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Yes, be kind. AND assume good intentions.

Questions are not criticisms, they are simply requests for information in a world where information is in short supply and often incorrect.

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Hello!

I was not sure what was happening with my audio, but I wanted to make sure that I stated what was needed:

Support for Items #18, 19, 20, 23
Oppose Item #66

I want to state my support for Items #18, 19, and 20 that will amend the appropriate ordinances to allow for different types of temporary/emergency housing. I do want to state my concern about additional police patrolling of such communities/zones - I want to make sure that we are building spaces that are autonomous areas for folks that do not force them to choose between housing and state prosecution.

I want to state my support for #23. I hope that alternative/secondary locations are found as the Dairy Drive location cannot serve everyone and it is quite far from the Downtown area. I agree with other speakers that we need to provide better mental health and addiction services, which means that we need to be looking at our budget drains - the police- and cutting their funding. We need to be putting our funding into improving affordable housing and employment services, etc. We also cannot ignore that people are living outside now and will continue to be living outside until those changes are able to happen. They need water, shelter from severe weather, and food. They should not be criminalized, which is why I oppose item #66. What good will it do to evict folks from an area and provide them with no where to go. Alder Halverson interrupted me when I called him out during a previous meeting, but I'll do it here where you are not able to assert your privilege. Alder Halverson is purporting that a ten tiny home village can 1) instantly be built and 2) house everyone that is currently living in tents in our city. It can't. We cannot pretend that people are not houseless, and we cannot continue to shove them further and further from downtown, so this city is "pretty and progressive" for white, wealthy Madisonians.

Thanks,
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