



## Dec. 11, 2008 – NEC Municipal Jail Public Forum Comments Recorded on Flip Charts

*Note: Flip charts were used at each table; comments are grouped by the table on which they appeared.*

### Table #1

- Location is next to operating special needs elementary school
- ½ mile from Lake Forest Park Elementary
- Time of day for release
- Traffic/parking/attorneys, police, family parking
- Property is zoned R-6 – residential
- Shoreline School District taxpayers already subsidizing Fircrest school, the S.S.D. cannot afford to teach 18-21 year old population at the jail site; Washington state does not fully reimburse S.S.D. for educating these students
- Current metro buses are not easily accessed
- Declining property values
- Change character of residential neighborhood
- Current uses of site: track, baseball, softball, football, soccer, cricket, community gathering place
- Are operating costs at each site considered in siting the jail?
- Who pays for increased police presence?
- Norm Maleng Jail – what was pre-existing in neighborhood? Residential neighborhood across the street? Community center? How have property values been affected?
- Light pollution for neighbors

### Table #2

- Site is in heart of residential area – no way
- “Rural” / city side
- So where?
- Some small town?
- Small town with less than 400 people

### Table #3

- Should be able to vote on siting – because of magnitude of the proposal
- How many jobs could be created?
- How much traffic/parking/noise?
- Ballinger is already a mess – single lane road in both directions
- Was human impact considered? “Children” too
- Shoreline only residential area and school next door

- What is next?
- Noise already exists – what is the impact?
- Process needs to be improved to allow more public input
- Kids play in that field – place is “park” – baseball, soccer, track
- Few open spaces left in Shoreline
- Apartments in Kent – single-family dwellings in Shoreline
- Concern of property values
- KC Annex is obvious site
- Uninc. King Co. has more open space
- Low impact offenders do not need police escorts
- Growth of prison population – will there be additional growth in this site?
- Shoreline as “prison” community? Vision, sense of what Shoreline is...e.g. Monroe
- Not industrial area – no area for industrial growth
- Other sites in Shoreline with less community impact
- This us the worst site for the local communities involved
- Coordination with school schedules

**Table #5**

- Min acreage, zoning changes?
  - All Shoreline is residential
- Is property for sale?
  - City vs. school district property
- Properties value
  - Residential vs. Industrial
- Which Shoreline officials voted for this?
- Low level to felony facility
- Traffic – management – parking?
- Park/bog
- If picked can city say no?
- What other than EIS will be considered?
- Proximity to schools, church, park, community center, creek and bog

**Table #6**

- Why Aldercrest is a poor choice:
  - Residential
  - Neighborhood compatibility is key
  - Recreational site
  - The criteria should be weighted
  - Proximity to schools
  - Is the neighborhood walkable?
  - Aldercrest Annex serves disabled students
  - Walking distance to schools
  - Lack of support services near by
  - Site should be accessible
  - 95% of the area around the facility is residential in a ¼ mile radius
  - Would take out ball fields in the area – in full use

### Table #7

- Prefer local facility in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park since majority of inmates come from Seattle
- Aldercrest Annex is only site of the six that is zoned residential – should be last choice of the six
- Aldercrest Annex is farthest away from judicial courts
- Proposed location is close to SDF, MFD, two churches within one block, park and playground, fields are used for soccer, hockey and baseball
- The studies on property values not diminishing in proximity to jail are based on industrial/light industrial neighborhoods – not residential – we demand residential property values be considered in any study
- Federal statistics show an increase in petty theft, burglary and crime generally associated with these facilities
- In addition to an EIS there needs to be a people impact/residential property value impact
- Ask for a show of hands of Shoreline community leaders who recommended a residential neighborhood to house this facility
- How many of them would like to have the facility next to their homes and families
- How long before violent criminals are moved to this facility
- The Shoreline and north King County property values have weathered the current property devastation better than any other community in King County other than the eastside; by building this facility you are damaging the property values of the residents of this community and we will hold you accountable

### Table #8

- Lots of children in area
- Costs of educating misdemeanants – GED, etc
- The people who are visiting the misdemeanants and how they impact the residents in the neighborhood
  - Increased drug sales, etc
  - Subculture around jails – unsavory, not family oriented
- Safety concerns related to children, school across the street
- Construction impact
- Property values going down
- Lack of communication between school district and neighborhood
- Loss of gathering place that is already established
- Property not currently for sale by Shoreline School District
- Not central – too far north
- Only 5% of beds project to be used by Shoreline residents
- Density of children in area and bus (school) stops on 25<sup>th</sup>
- Opportunity costs of different uses of land for more community building venue
- Reject that property values won't be affected
- Construction impacts on neighborhood
- When property values go down so does the type of families moving into the neighborhood; if we start to lose our reputation of "Washington's best"

- neighborhood” and great school district we will stop attracting families and children...declining funding but increased fiduciary responsibility toward those in the 18-21 population of that jail
- Concerns of already growing gang problems increasing in and around facilities that have petty thieves, domestic violence offenders and DWI offenders

**Table #9**

- Residential neighborhood
- Only site zoned residential
- Don't believe property values will not be affected
- Demographics for a school site are not the same as a jail
- What studies looked at jails in the middle of a residential neighborhood
- Close proximity
- Safety of children
- Changes in the neighborhood – future home sales
- Increased traffic
- Increased noise
- Ancillary businesses that might come into neighborhood – bail bonds, etc
- How many misdemeanor inmates are felons who have plea bargained
- Potential of jail being used for felons in the future
- Far from downtown – least centrally located in county
- Also concern about this location as a transfer point for felons
- Didn't believe that there wouldn't be “hangers on”
- No services, facilities, public transportation for inmates or families
- If the jail is at capacity – how many releases per day?
- Will there be an economic as well as EIS
- Concern about rezoning
- Negative change to atmosphere in Shoreline neighborhood
- Great impact on Lake Forest Park
- Seattle makes sense – central
- If Seattle needs 445 beds but all of NEC only needs 195 beds, it seems Seattle is the only logical and fair site
- Schools issues

**Table #10**

- Site pattern – residential (house vs. industrial)
- School may be closed but community still uses property
- Neighborhood latchkey children on own after school
- Prevents alternative uses as city park – soccer fields
- Proximity to existing park
- Proximity to current private school
- Wet soils concern
- Increased traffic
  - Police
  - Aid
  - Visitors
- 5-way stop at 195/25/Ballinger back flow to 35<sup>th</sup>

- 2026 need 640 beds – future increase to what?
- Fed study – nature of those neighborhoods and their value
- Transfer of felons for booking?
- The fact that there was a facility at Fircrest doesn't mean it was a good idea at that time
- Of 640 (how many with expansion?) identified users, it appears only 28 would be our neighbors
- Housing...in four years...many choices

**Table #13**

- Close neighbors
- Two schools in Aldercrest Annex
  - Living Wisdom School – private school growing with 4 year lease
  - Discovery program – Snohomish County special needs children
- Quiet residential neighborhood
  - 25 MPH speed limits
  - No sidewalks, street lights
- Safety for residents, school children
- Not compatible with surrounding environment, stream, park
- The neighborhood uses Kellogg site for recreation – park
- Belongs in the center of Shoreline if Shoreline is the site
- Property values
- Prisoners are not from Shoreline
- Suggestions
  - Armory Way and Marginal Way – much less residential disruption
- Is money the #1 factor?

**Table #14**

- Nat. study on property value – did they address areas specifically zoned residential?
- Did you consider how close schools and other community service centers are located? Ballinger Homes
- How come Shoreline didn't get same opportunity as Seattle to select the best option?
- Are they going to have work release?
- What about released inmates who are homeless?
- Are they going to change policies in future, such as inmate population from misdemeanants to felons?
- Do not want build out to commercial and retail in the only residential neighborhood
- Community formerly housed King County NRF at Fircrest, why was it eliminated in a budget cutback?
- Why were the cities of Lake Forest Park and Montlake Terrace not included in this meeting? Reg. under SEPA
- Impact of inmate visitors and traffic
- Who is responsible for the funding and management of the facility?

- Not part of the Shoreline comprehensive dev. Plan
- Compromise neighborhood and facility – not enough buffer zone for example
- School district may not be willing to sell, are they going to condemn the site?

**Table #15**

- Top five factors
  - Choose industrial/commercial option as top criteria
  - Out of scale/character with residential neighborhood – this is the most residential site on the list
  - Consider impact and change on the neighborhood
    - Change of bus mix
    - Light pollution
    - Traffic
    - Neighborhood character
    - Res. prop values
    - Releases
  - Proximity to existing KC court and corrections infrastructure, i.e. downtown and Seattle north and south sites
  - Consider loss of other public infrastructure – loss of school for potential future use – this should balance corrections' need
  - Biggest concern – this is the only site that is residential = BAD FIT
  - We don't believe your statement about property values – while this maybe true for commercial/industrial areas, not for residential – whatever money you save we will collectively lose in our property values
  - Impact and disruption due to construction
- Top 3
  - More evaluation based on broader values besides EIS
  - Site at compatible location – commercial/industrial weight criteria
  - Put it downtown