

The Keller Group
NEC Municipal Jail
March 17, 2009

Unincorporated King County Community Meeting March 16, 2009

Following are notes taken from the discussion at a meeting of the Conover Commons Homeowners Association focused on the potential Unincorporated King County site for a regional municipal jail. The meeting was held on March 16, 2009. Fifteen people attended. After a short presentation from Catherine Cornwall, senior policy analyst for the City of Seattle, Ms. Cornwall and Nina Rivkin, chief policy advisor for the City of Redmond, took questions. The following notes are an attempt to capture the main points of the questions and comments that were raised, in the order that they came up.

- Will drug arrests impact the community?
- Will there be courts or will this be a stand-alone jail?
- What are the criteria and process for identifying the sites?
- The criteria are quantitative. Are you looking at qualitative things? What about an economic study?
- What about other uses being impacted, like schools and hospitals?
- Isn't there a new jail in Kent or Renton?
- Are plans for mitigation going to be looked at in the EIS?
- If you don't pick the Annex, is King County going to build onto their jail?
- Didn't it take a while for those other uses to go into Kent's surrounding neighborhoods?
- Seems to make sense to use King County's central system for a new jail
- How much capacity is there downtown?
- How tall is the downtown King County jail?
- Given that downtown is already impacted, there would be no difference in doubling the size of the downtown jail, right?
- So this jail would be for people in the north cities?
- So if the EIS comes back and all the sites are the same, then what?
- So where is the site closest to us?
- What is the impact on the area?
- My instinct is this is bad
- I've been reading something on your website: 50% of people do have previous felony record. How can you say this is for misdemeanors only?
- Why are you proposing to bring these types of people to this community?
- Can't you just find a field in the middle of the valley in Carnation?
- Does the jail have to be in contiguous King County?
- What were the criteria for the initial list of 12 sites? And the 36 sites in Seattle?
- Was the South Seattle site in industrial or residential zoning?
- Did Woodinville, Duvall, and Carnation choose not to participate?

- Kirkland has a huge need and rejected us for being incorporated – then they didn't deliver a site within their own city?
- It's not right that we can't get incorporated into Kirkland but we can become a site for a jail.
- Why doesn't this address have "place" after it?
- How much can we do? How much of a voice do we really have?
- I don't know the other sites, but I know this one and want to comment – there is a park, zoo, yards, two schools (primary and junior high) and a high school close by – and day cares too
- Seattle has the majority of needs so it makes sense for the jail to be in Seattle since that is where the need is
- What will be the policies for release? Policies come and go, but the building remains
- What will you do about hill and runoff and waste from the jail – adjacent to cottages and ravine?
- We would like more stats regarding crime rate and safety
- Who will be responsible for the safety in this area? King County sheriff?
- Could there be a policy that there are more patrols so that more police could come and go through this area?
- Police protection would increase but property values would decrease
- I'm very impressed with the process the county and cities are going through
- Rose Hill is having a meeting – were you invited?
- Will runoff from the site hit our community?
- Want the jail to be sensitive to surroundings
- Please explain about Initiative 100 that Seattle is collecting signatures for