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Subject: Re: Thank You for your time. Today's City Council Panel discussion with River Ridge Property Owners

Thank YOU for your time yesterday, and thanks for your thoughtful input. I wanted to share Ashley Lung's contact info with you - she's the shelter coordinator for Sunrise so is onsite at the Ramada and supervises the Sunrise team there. Because they're staffed 24/7, they can be a great resource for you and can help field situations like the one you shared yesterday about talking to the person who was near your business. From what you described, it sounds like that person wasn't staying at the hotel but did need some outreach and support, and Ashley's team is great at that and should generally be able to break away from the Ramada to come support you all when those situations occur. I've copied her here and her cell is 828.475.9952. She and I would also be glad to schedule some time with you if that'd be helpful.

Thanks again!

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On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 5:11 PM Kim Hreha <hrehafitness@bellsouth.net> wrote:
Asheville City Homeless Panel,

Thank you for taking the time today to really listen to the existing community before you move forward with your current RFP of a Low Barrier Homeless Shelter at River Ridge and pushing back the original deadline of August 24th to a later date. This helps our community feel that you are looking for: a better plan than the original trial, a good operating contractor offering solid services for both the homeless and the existing community, a proven model with good facts to support a successful shelter - all while taking your time to do this effectively and safely no matter where the shelter resides. This is key to us!

I personally appreciate the opportunity to share with you my personal side of how this has been affecting our wonderful unique community of women, children, and seniors, over the past few months that I have worked to build over the last 20 years. I am glad you can now put together a face to a name in this community. As you can see from my emotions, River Ridge Business Center is more than just a property I own. I genuinely care about this special population.

My hope is that soon we can come up with a more unified RFP model with a positive outcome. Together.

Lastly, if you do all the research and can prove this is the most ideal location, I ask that you please add us to the City's Emergency Funds spending. Offer the existing community (us) a safety package including more lighting, cameras, a Resource Officer for the whole campus for easy security, and a sightly fence. Please modify the model options to implement some screening in reference to violent history or sexual offenders due to the 400+ kids on our campus within walking distance of the existing proposed shelter. Please hire someone from the city with accountability to keep the campus clean, sanitary, free of needles, and to keep the hotel's exterior in a sightly appearance.

Again, thank you for gathering facts, hearing concerns, and re-thinking all the details based on what is happening with the trial. Thank you for asking "how do we move forward safely and successfully for all parties involved"?

Hopefully, the end result will keep your population safe and with services, and our population safe and with services.

Thank you again for your time,

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