
Homeless Community Center: Project Proposal

1685 Union Street, Eureka; APN 004-073-008

Zoning: CN (Neighborhood Commercial)

Neighborhood Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017

1) Summary

The applicant is proposing a six month pilot project, anticipated to launch in October 2017, to operate a community day center for disadvantaged and homeless people in the community. In addition, the center will serve as an entryway that allows individuals to access a wide range of services and support.

2) The Need

The Homeless Community Center will reduce the negative impacts associated with homelessness by creating an indoor, central location where people can gather off the streets. At the location, individuals can rest and access services, while reducing pedestrian traffic, disruption, and litter effecting local neighborhoods and businesses. Additionally, this centralized location will promote outreach and facilitate resource provision from local social service organizations, which will help participants address the underlying causes of their homelessness.

3) Facility

Building

The Homeless Community Center will be established at the meeting hall located at 1685 Union Street, on the northeast corner of Wabash and Union Streets, in Eureka. The Center is anticipated to serve approximately 30 guests per day; facility maximum capacity is 200). An outdoor smoking area will be provided.

Parking

Community Center parking policies include no overnight parking and no non-operational vehicles.

4) Operations Plan

Operator

The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. The mission of the Foundation is to honor all of humanity by providing direct responses to immediate needs and helping the destitute achieve the dignity needed to return to society as contributing members.

Hours

The Center will be open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Staff

The Center will employ one full-time staff person and one part-time staff person. Volunteers will augment paid staff. The staff and volunteers of the Community Center will be responsible for daily clean-up of the facility and surrounding area.

Services

Guests will be offered support, case management and referrals from the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation and other service providers. Service engagement is not required for guests to be at the Center.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided to guests at the Community Center Monday through Friday at 12:30 pm.

3) Supplemental Services and Accommodations

Secure Storage

The basement of the meeting hall will be used for the storage of guests' personal belongings while they are guests at the Center.

Admission of Dogs

Dogs will be allowed inside the premises when leashed and accompanied by their owner. No animals will be left outside or kept in outside kennels.

4) Center Policies

The Center's policies will emphasize a flexible and low barrier approach; however, in order to maintain a safe and functional environment, participants will be required to adhere to the following rules:

- Safety Policy:
 - No violence towards oneself or others
 - No verbal or physical threats
 - No theft
 - No weapons of any kind are allowed on the premises
 - No persistently disruptive behavior
 - No behavior that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment
 - No altering or damaging the facility in any way
- Substance Use Policy:
 - No alcohol or other drug use is permitted on the premises
 - No alcohol, other drugs, or drug paraphernalia is permitted on the premises
 - Smoking tobacco products is only allowed in the designated Smoking Area
- Good Neighbor Policy:
 - No loitering, littering, or trespassing on private property in the neighborhood
 - No engagement in illegal activity in the facility or community
 - Noise must be kept at a respectful volume
 - No camping or sleeping in the neighborhood
- Dog Policy:
 - Dogs on a leash that can calmly socialize with other participants and dogs will be allowed to remain with their owners.
 - Kennels will be provided inside the facility for dogs that cannot calmly socialize with participants and other dogs. Owners will be allowed to move the kennel within the facility so their dogs can remain close to them.
 - Dogs must be taken outside of the facility to relieve themselves, and their waste must be immediately picked up and properly disposed of.
 - Dog owners must prevent their dogs from engaging in any persistently disruptive or threatening behavior, such as barking or growling.
 - Aggressive dogs will not be allowed on the premises.
 - Dog owners that repeatedly do not have control over their dogs or fail to clean up after them, will no longer be allowed to bring their dogs to the Center.

For more information, please contact

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