

Sheehan, Maureen

From: Erin Fried <efried@communityrootshousing.org>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Sheehan, Maureen; McCaela Daffern; Michael Seiwerath
Subject: Fwd: Thoughts on Seattle Central's Public Safety Proposal

Categories: Seattle Central College

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Hi Maureen,

McCaela has asked that I submit the below email as public comment. I know it's rather late, but I'm sending it to you just in case.

Warmly,
Erin

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From: Erin Fried <efried@communityrootshousing.org>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Michael Seiwerath; McCaela Daffern
Subject: RE: Thoughts on Seattle Central's Public Safety Proposal

Hi McCaela and Michael,

I'm inspired and grateful that you are approaching these issues with tremendous care. McCaela, I had sent you some thoughts on safety in an email several months ago that I'll reiterate here, hoping that it is supportive:

Safety is a tricky concept in that it is really only available to some. We really ought to reframe it by what contributes to safety as an outcome: a culture of connection and belonging. A corollary here is that people experiencing insecurity, be it housing, food, financial, or otherwise, are inherently unsafe, and that public space cannot on its own generate those forms of stability. In other words, we carry our "safety," or lack thereof, with us.

SCC could be accountable for creating dynamic, responsive, affirming spaces that reflect the identities of students who study there and of the community that surrounds the campus. Increased safety, perhaps more aptly called Decreasing Threats, could be achieved through *more frequently* activated spaces and, as you've said, Jane Jacob's "eyes on the street," **so long as those eyes are able to see the humanity of the other people on the street**. That's the big gamble. Creating more opportunities for interaction could achieve that, though it's important to be transparent and name that safety is still not something that can be guaranteed. Co-creation that centers BIPOC leadership would be the most effective, as BIPOC folks (in this case, students, staff, and community members) are the best judge of solutions, innovations, and improvements that will work for them.

CPTED often leads folks in the direction of hostile architecture because it focuses on place and outcomes rather than people and impact. To me, a powerful contribution that the CAC could make to the MIMP would be some clear criteria on identifying those most impacted and how frontage and façade should support that "theory of change": a culture of connection and belonging lead to increased safety. That might seem squishy, so a few concrete tools are explicit invitations (wayfinding), public art created by and referencing the legacies that Michael mentioned, and spaces that offer opportunity for student and community programming into the evening.

Just my two cents. One of my goals with these MIMP tours is to get some social services providers to share their perspectives. That might take some one-on-one interviews or a small focus group. The same might be true of a BIPOC-centered outreach strategy.

Warmly,
Erin

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From: Steven Knipp <steven@genprideseattle.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Sheehan, Maureen
Subject: Seattle Central College CAC

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Hi Maureen,

I'm Steven Knipp and was given your contact information by Erin Fried at Community Roots Housing. She informed me about the meeting that is coming up on Monday about campus security and asked that I send comments to you.

As you likely know, GenPRIDE has partnered with CRH to build the LGBTQ-Affirming senior housing on Broadway. GenPRIDE will occupy a large space on the ground floor to provide social service and community activities. I have been involved in several of the community engagement meetings over the past year. When the location of the new building was announced, there were concerns about the site being a security risk. We want to be mindful of what SCC plans to do with campus security and would appreciate the CAC providing some guidance/ideas about the best way to ensure safety at our new facility once it opens. There will be 118 apartments, plus GenPRIDE will operate a community center on the ground floor for events and social gatherings. As we drill in on the building details, now would be a good time to be thinking creatively on how we make this area safe for everyone. I would appreciate the CAC keeping our new senior building in mind as they work with SCC.


I look forward to the meeting on Monday.


Thanks you,

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