

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Questions for Cathedral shelter community meeting

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My questions were never answered by any of the members at the meeting.

Picking the questions that are easy to answer and inaccurately paraphrasing longer questions is a waste of time and shows a lack of respect to those in the community who made the effort to join the "conversation".

This meeting was not a discussion but an announcement.

Please answer my questions below:

Why was this meeting on e-meeting via webex and not on zoom as previously done?

Was this meeting recorded?

Questions from the meeting that were ignored:

Landsdale neighborhood was not notified of this meeting on any social media, by flyers or emails. Is there a reason why they were not notified? Landsdale is only a block away from Old Cathedral Boy School.

On June 29 meeting, Grace Mater mentioned multiple times the lack of beds in the women's shelters. WHEN did the city decide to recommend continuing the temporary shelter as a women's shelter?

During the same meeting Edward John and Nrinder Nann promised they have no intention to keep the temporary shelter and it will close by end of December, yet they are now keeping it open even longer. Shifting from a men's to womens does not change the fact that the temporary shelter is now being extended into next year . Do you believe you were being honest and fully transparent to the community?

Invite emails about this meeting were sent December 2 by Nrinder Nann's office. The same day housing division sent an email about recommending the temporary shelter at the former Cathedral Boys School transition into a temporary shelter for women until June 30 on the next emergency committee meeting.

4 days is not sufficient notice. Why are the meetings always called with such short notice?

Is it done to minimize attendance and push back from the community?

This is violation against my rights as a member in the community. I have the right/ to ask valid questions in a community meeting regarding agendas that will affect the safety and well being of my family.

Sincerely,
Michelle Cho