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Please add this to written testimony for 5b, item 20-40.

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Hi Kristen, this is my formal report below:

Hello Mayor and City council,

As a response to this evening's council agenda, I thought it prudent to outline the recent efforts of MWVCAA and city staff to locate an alternate location for expanded emergency sheltering services. Since December, several attempts have been made to stand-up a low barrier duration model, one that would ideally serve the unsheltered population centralized in the downtown. Many of these efforts have not materialized due to property owner resistance, refusal for a short term lease without a purchase

clause, as well as building design issues that would compromise the needs of the population (i.e ADA accessibility, line of site safety concerns, and cleanliness).

Below is a review of more notable facilities that were considered, and ultimately the reason we did not pursue:

- 676 Church Street NE - This property was toured twice. The owners were open to a 1 year lease with a guarantee the property would be purchased. Would be a good location if purchase was an option.
- 280 Church Street NE, Statesman Journal Building - Toured this building. Very large and but could not find a space to block off with enough ADA bathrooms and would need significant tenant improvements.
- 1185 22nd Street – This building is for sale or lease and was toured. Owners want a one year lease with a guarantee to purchase within one year.
- 1450 Front Street, Encore glass building – Had Ken Easton with the City drive by, it would work but needed another egress from basement. Owner will do a one year lease with guarantee to purchase.
- 630 Center (Chase Building) – Was not toured due to two floors but may be a possibility although it is to purchase.
- Marion County Juvenile Detention Center – Toured once. An active campus with minors living and working onsite. This is a liability for MWVCAA and their currently youth services/contracts. Poor line of site internally, posing a risk for volunteer & client safety.
- Hope Crest – Not toured. Significant transportation concerns for downtown clients to the bus stop. Then requires guests to walk uphill with their belongings for entry. Limited ADA accessibility. High utility costs and significant upgrades needed.

Lastly, MWVCAA utilized 10 brokers in the building search. Working in concert to locate a suitable alternate location. Not listed were 10 additional building sites that were reviewed, toured, and/or contacted. All of which resulted in similar barriers to implementation as stated above.

Recommendation moving forward is long-term investment into a dedicated low-barrier shelter and navigation center for the city. One which is built to operate at a high capacity with limited neighborhood impact. As well as finishing out the remainder of the current duration warming season (64 days) by supporting the duration model established at Church at the Park, as well as Safe Sleep. Totaling 49 slots (CatP – 14 beds, 16 seating & Safe Sleep – 19 beds). In addition to the temperature activated 4 church network when overnight lows reach 32 degrees or below (240 beds/seating).

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