

VFW Public Comment

4pm - 6pm

10/10/2022

Name	Comment
Anonymous	This is a good plan, but we still need a car camp
Anonymous	Consider a Covid room
Anonymous	For RATI, VFW is great! Still need zero barrier entry place for those who cant go to RATI. I hear it is Wilkes this year, but only Sunday - Thursday. Need Friday - Saturday night warming center.
Anonymous	My main concerns are the downtown population that doesn't make it to the shelter before night. I think Wabash should be open for the few that need the shelter downtown. Nights will be cold and people will still be downtown. Wabash is a city owned building well suited with bathrooms and water when people are allowed to use them.
Lary Molean Exec Dir. Mobility Worldwide MO. Columbia RATI Board Member	Yes, to purchase VFW. RATI was hopeful in 2020 that VFW would rent then. Picnic shelter is a plus for day use. Open space inside will allow many bodies. As transportation coordination for RATI, the location will reduce bus costs. Bring out Turning Point as well. Location is better than Wabash/Wilkes as far as neighborhood goes.
Anonymous	This is a shame that our city of Columbia is taking our veterans home away from our veterans. If you think you will have a good facility, you will need to put a lot of work in the VFW building. That is a bad idea for this city.

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Cinnie Carpenter	I think this is a great facility for the city to buy for many reasons. For now this would be great for Room at the Inn. The churches have been hosting RATI for years but it is a hardship to run a homeless shelter and a church simultaneously. The VFW Hall would have adequate room and facilities and an outdoor facility to run a wonderful homeless shelter. We have waited for years for more beds for the homeless. It is time for the city to step up.
	On the board for Room at the Inn. This is important to help the underprepared and for them to have a shelter
Anonymous	Thank you for showing tonight the new proposed building. This is a HUGE step to making a difference for people who are homeless.
Kristin Kartson Own 1400 Lakeview 1204 Lakeview	Problems with the homeless in the neighborhood living + camping had on property hooking into outlets. Would like to see some buffer to Lakeview Ave.
Anonymous	Excellent site!



VFW Post 280 Acquisition and Use Emails to City Manager's Office

From: **Jeanne Mihail** <ferretmihail@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 8, 2022 at 11:09 AM

Subject: [CMO] VFW Facility Public Input

To: <CMO@como.gov>

Hello

I am writing in strong support of the proposed purchase of the VFW facility. The plan to use the facility as a temporary location for Room at the Inn is a wonderful idea. As the Opportunity Campus approaches completion, there are many uses for the VFW facility which will serve the needs of the community. Among these are:

- Location for providing routine public health information and services. (e.g., vaccinations, referrals etc.)
- Location for community gatherings to solicit input regarding needed services. The City Council should consider holding period meetings in this location which will be more proximate to community members least likely to participate in local governance.
- Location for voting irrespective of precinct. By allocating funding (shuttles) on election days for those parts of the city with the least access to public transportation, citizen participation in government could be increased.
- Overflow space for temporary shelter during periods of extreme weather and/or severe storm activity.

Purchase of this property is a great step in the right direction for Columbia.

Thank you.

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Date: Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 11:27 AM

Subject: [CMO] VFW Post

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Should be used for either temporary or permanent housing for the city's homeless population. We will never get a better spot. Accessible but not in a residential neighborhood and you do not have to cross I-70 to get there from downtown.

Lynn L Kleopfer