



Adams Tower Fifth Floor Direction

September 18, 2023

Questions for Tonight

- Does Council desire to issue a new Request for Proposals to gauge interest from non-profits?
- Is Council willing to pause construction until responses are received?
 - Pausing construction will give us time to understand what spacing and configuration needs non-profits have



How Does Community Well Being Fit?

- CWB Mission: To educate the community to empower vulnerable populations to break the cycles of poverty and build a stronger, more supportive community.
- CWB Vision: To promote well-being for all by creating a community that dismantles structures of oppression and builds more equitable systems.



How Does Community Well Being Fit?

- CWB Core Functions:
 1. Resource navigation: The practice of working with new or continuing clients to locate, apply for, and receive necessary resources to minimize the disruption of experiencing homelessness or being at risk of homelessness
 2. Advocacy: Working on behalf of clients to advocate for that client's inclusion in certain resources, and working with clients to promote self-advocacy over their needs
 3. Case management: Creating, managing, and closing client cases to ensure resource alignment with the client's needs
 4. Community outreach: Proactively working with members of the community to educate about resources and provide direction to support, all to build community resilience



Possible Enhanced Community Well Being Functions.

- Establish a Co Response Program working with the program AdCo is developing.
- Mobile Mental Health: Develop a stronger partnership with HEART Counseling Center and AdCo on the mobile mental health clinic they are finalizing. May need to provide some funding to prioritize Commerce City.
- Housing Navigator and Case Management: There is a need to provide greater support to the CWB team to house residents. Finding housing and placing residents is a formidable task.
- Bridge Housing(Motel): There is a need for funds for bridge housing for residents qualified for permanent housing while they are waiting for a unit.
- Utility Assistance Dollars: Critical to prevent homelessness due to failure to pay. Also for protection from the elements.



Tenant Mix

- Workspace for non-profits that would directly support Community Well-Being
- Workspace for drop-in support
- Three non-profits that would compliment both navigator's positions and CWB:
 - Yahweh Health Clinic: Provides medical care to uninsured folks, serves all ages, and already partnered with Street Medicine on outreach
 - Servicios De La Raza: Domestic violence, re-entry, and mental health services
 - Colorado Legal Services: Legal aid for all ages, civil cases, obtaining legal documents needed for housing, and senior services



Tenant Mix Continued

- Redo the Request for Information into a true Request for Proposals
- Send to non-profits identified by current tenants
- Send to non-profits that fit with CWB mission
- Advertise for any non-profits to apply



Current Building Occupants

- Urban Land Institute
- Commerce City (fifth floor)
- Kids First healthcare/Kids In Need of Dentistry/Colorado Orthodontic Foundation/United for a New Economy (fourth floor)
- Front Range Clinic/Creative Treatment Options (third floor)
- Adams County Health (second floor)
- Adams County DMV (first floor)
- Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County EPAC (basement)



How Does CWB Align with Current Tenants?

- Senior and Families Navigator currently partnering with:
 - EPAC: Refers families to their resource center in the basement (clothing bank, baby supplies, and food bank), send families to attend their parenting classes and workshops they host, and they send CWB referrals
 - Kids First: Ask for CWB to send referrals with families in need of Medicaid enrolment and kids who need healthcare
 - WIC: CWB sends eligible families to access WIC benefits
- CWB streamlines referrals and enables warm handoffs between the other service providers
- CWB provides case management and ongoing support while healthcare needs are being met from the onsite providers
- CWB fills service gaps by assisting adults, leading community engagement efforts, and coordinates with the school district



Moving Forward

- Redo the RFI into an RFP
 - Clarify that space is not temporary
- Target specific non-profits but also advertise
 - Work with current tenants on best fit
 - Pause construction if needed to target design to selected tenants





Discussion

