

PROPOSED MISSION OUTREACH?

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS A NOBLE MISSION
HOWEVER

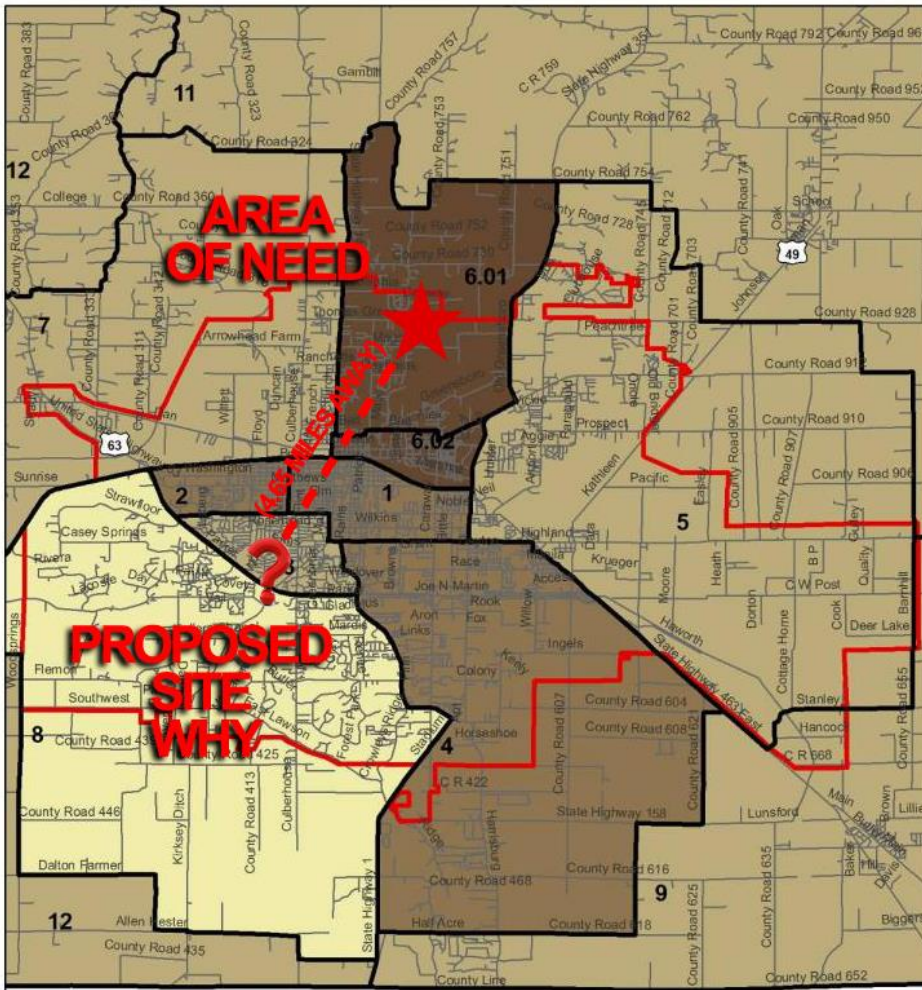
**GOOD
INTENTIONS**



**GOOD
PLANNING**

FOR OUR GREAT CITY!

Map 5: Percent Households with Income Less than \$15,000



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- WHY ARE WE TRYING TO PUT FACILITY WHERE THERE IS NO NEED?
- **4.65 MILES** TO AREA OF STATISTICAL NEED!
- WHY NOT SUPPLEMENT EXISTING FACILITIES THAT ARE TURNING PEOPLE AWAY? AS INDICATED BY RECENT STUDY.

SOURCE of underlying map:
 (Draft) City of Jonesboro, Arkansas
 Comprehensive Housing and Neighborhood Plan
 Study; prepared by J-QUAD Planning Group,
 Addison, TX
 2012



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How does this separation of need and proposed location impact:

- transportation to facility ?
- helping those that are marginally homeless living on north side of town get back on their feet?
- resolve issues of distance from proper medical facilities?
- distance from police station or local authority?

Ward 3 - Demographic Fact Sheet



Population			
2000	9,967	2010	11,896
Percent Change:	19.4%		

Race and Ethnicity 2010	
White	6,884 54.5%
African-American	4,017 33.8%
American Indian and Eskimo	69 0.6%
Asian and Pacific Islander	422 3.5%
Other	904 7.6%
Hispanic	973 8.2%

Households		
Married Couple with Children	1,244	34.9%
Male Householder with Children	539	15.1%
Female Householder with Children	63	1.8%
Non-Family	497	14.0%
Total Households	1,056	29.7%

Income	
Median Household Income (2005-2009):	\$47,414

Employment	
Unemployed (2005-2009):	814 9.5%

Poverty	
Population below poverty level (2005-2009):	3,225 40.9%

Education	
Population with less than high school education (2005-2009):	1,111 21.9%

Housing			
2000:	4,052	2010:	4,140
Percent Change:	2.2%		

Housing Types (2005-2009)	
Single-Family	2,258 54.5%
2-4 units	722 17.4%
Multifamily	924 22.3%
Other	236 5.7%

Tenure (2005-2009)	
Owner-Occupied	1,276 30.8%
Renter-occupied	2,024 48.9%
Vacant	840 20.3%



Median Housing Value			
2000:	\$41,900	2005-2009:	\$136,700
Percent Change:	120.8%		

Median Contract Rent			
2000:	\$350	2005-2009:	\$770
Percent Change:	120.3%		

Households in Cost Burden		
Owner-Occupied Households in Cost Burden (2005-2009):	288	22.6%
Renter-Occupied Households in Cost Burden (2005-2009):	1,111	54.9%

Housing Problems		
Housing more than 50 years old (Pre-1960):	908	21.9%
Housing with Lead-based Paint (Pre-1970):	1,434	34.6%
Overcrowding (2005-2009):	118	21.9%

Sources: US Bureau of Census Bureau and J-QUAD Planning Group

WARD 3

**40.9%
BELOW
POVERTY
LEVEL**

Ward 4 - Demographic Fact Sheet



Population			
2000	26,899	2010	31,177
Percent Change:	15.9%		

Race and Ethnicity 2010	
White	25,573 82.0%
African-American	3,945 12.7%
American Indian and Eskimo	110 0.4%
Asian and Pacific Islander	399 1.3%
Other	1,150 3.7%
Hispanic	1,198 3.8%

Households		
Married Couple with Children	5,882	52.5%
Male Householder with Children	2,473	22.1%
Female Householder with Children	150	1.3%
Non-Family	607	5.4%
Total Households	3,100	27.7%

Income	
Median Household Income (2005-2009):	\$170,887

Employment	
Unemployed (2005-2009):	1,608 7.5%

Poverty	
Population below poverty level (2005-2009):	3,366 15.3%

Education	
Population with less than high school education (2005-2009):	2,024 48.9%

Housing			
2000:	12,025	2010:	12,949
Percent Change:	7.7%		

Housing Types (2005-2009)	
Single-Family	9,721 75.1%
2-4 units	1,400 10.8%
Multifamily	1,310 11.9%
Other	318 2.5%

Tenure (2005-2009)	
Owner-Occupied	7,394 57.1%
Renter-occupied	4,582 34.8%
Vacant	1,053 8.1%



Median Housing Value			
2000:	\$92,100	2005-2009:	\$125,575
Percent Change:	36.3%		

Median Contract Rent			
2000:	\$394	2005-2009:	\$527
Percent Change:	33.7%		

Households in Cost Burden		
Owner-Occupied Households in Cost Burden (2005-2009):	1,438	19.4%
Renter-Occupied Households in Cost Burden (2005-2009):	2,026	45.0%

Housing Problems		
Housing more than 50 years old (Pre-1960):	2824	21.8%
Housing with Lead-based Paint (Pre-1970):	4563	35.2%
Overcrowding (2005-2009):	270	21.8%

Sources: US Bureau of Census Bureau and J-QUAD Planning Group

WARD 4

**15.3%
BELOW
POVERTY
LEVEL
(LOWEST IN CITY)**

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- **WARD 3** – Highest population below poverty rate at **40.9%**, highest unemployment rate at **9.5%**
- **WARD 4** – Lowest population below poverty rate at 15.3%, second lowest unemployment rate at 7.5%.

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FEASIBILITY OF PROPER CONSTRUCTION/UPKEEP

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FEASIBILITY

- **Currently a \$500,000 ESTIMATED BUDGET ??**
- **Americans with Disabilities Act** ; are upgrades proposed to meet these requirements? Entry ramps, showers, ADA kitchen and restrooms? Most of the current egress doors do not meet ADA.
- **Site** ; are provisions being made for exterior site lighting for safety?
- **Operating costs** for proper staff to oversee residence and security issues??
- **Utilities** for a 44,820 s.f. building?
- **Remodel** for a 44,820 s.f. building?

SAMPLE COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

- Exterior light pole and base - **\$2,100 EA.**
- Fire Suppression System - \$3.00 s.f.
(ex: \$3.00 x 9,400 s.f. = **\$28,000.00**)
(For entire building = **\$134,460.00**)
- Asbestos Survey and possible Abatement - **\$25,000 +** depending on severity
- Replacing asbestos-containing materials?
- AC Mechanical units - \$3,000 per ton
(ex: \$3,000 x 10 tons) = **\$30,000.00**)
- **Life Cycle Costs – Mechanical units, Roof Repair, Aging plumbing, etc.** - **\$\$\$\$**

SOURCE of information:

Current pricing provided by local contractors, design professionals, and RSMMeans/Reed Construction Data



MISSION OUTREACH IN PARAGOULD
SATURDAY 03.01.14
(2) SHERRIFS VEHICLES, (2) POLICE VEHICLES
IN PARKING LOT

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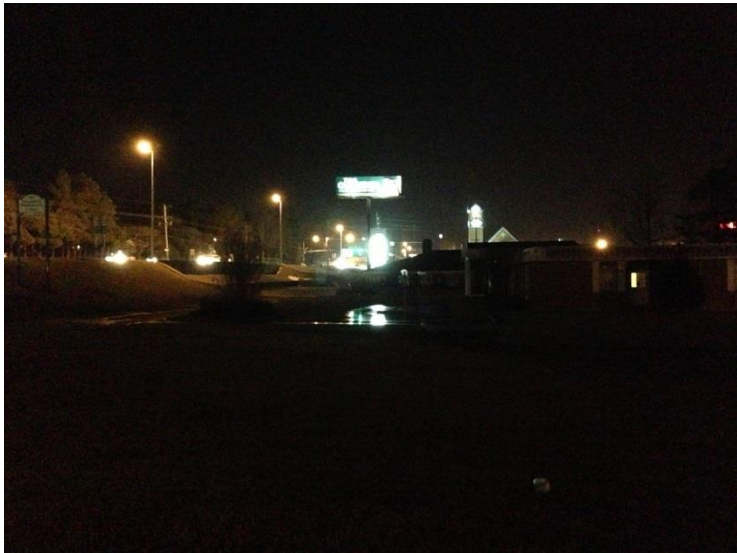


SAFETY CONCERNS

- HOW IS THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTED?
- PARAGOULD POLICE CURRENTLY MAKING MULTIPLE TRIPS TO CURRENT FACILITY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. WHO PAYS FOR THE ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT? CITIZENS?
- ULTIMATELY THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD PAYS FOR THIS!



800 SOUTHWEST DRIVE CURRENTLY!!
SUNDAY 03.09.14
LITTLE TO NO LIGHT ON SITE AND
SURROUNDING PROPERTY



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SAFETY CONCERNS

- SITE IS CURRENTLY 12'-0" BELOW LEVEL OF SIDEWALK **AND** PUBLIC VIEW. THIS CREATES A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN.
- Current condition is a breeding ground for crime against patrons, as well as, community neighbors.
- Facility patrons (including children) crossing a 5 lane road with NO crosswalks and vehicles traveling in excess of 50 mph.
- BUILDING AND SITE SECURITY?

Convicted sex offenders registering as homeless

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More than three dozen states allow convicted sex offenders to register with police as homeless or transient, or list shelters or imprecise addresses. This list provides a partial picture based on each state's sex offender registry or interviews with state officials in October and November.

Some offenders are listed as "absconders" or "non-compliant" because they gave police fake addresses or did not register. Where statewide registry figures are unobtainable, city numbers are given.

Alabama: 59 unknown addresses

Alaska: 23 homeless, 130 unknown addresses

***Arizona:** 152 homeless; in Phoenix, 23 homeless/transient, 209 unknown addresses and 255 absconders

***Arkansas:** 170 unknown addresses

***California:** 2,622 transient

Colorado: 31 homeless/transient, 17 unknown addresses, 807 failed to register

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SAFETY CONCERNS

- More than three dozen states allow convicted sex offenders to register with police as homeless or transient!!

- Address Unknown (Absconder); The address unknown Notice is sent out when a sex offender's address is unknown for any reason. This generally occurs when the offender moves without notifying local law enforcement or ACIC.
- Act allows requested assistance of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

SOURCE of information:

USA Today, News Article (updated 11.18.2007);
http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-11-18-sex-offenders-list_N.htm#.Ux4DMY7K-UU.email
Adam Walsh Act of 2006

Safety Concerns regarding transient sex offenders

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SAFETY CONCERNS



- Jessica's Law!
- Named after a 9 year old girl – Jessica Lunsford who was raped and murdered; the accused offender lived across the street from Jessica and had a history of crimes against children. He was living with his sister “**temporarily**” and failed to update his registration.
- Arkansas has adopted this policy

- **Mission Statement:**

The Jessica Marie Lunsford Foundation has been established to help children in crisis. Our children are our last hope in this world. There is an evil that preys on the innocence of these precious souls and the Jessica Marie Lunsford Foundation is a result of one man's struggle with this evil which has claimed his daughter's life. We cannot get rid of this evil...but we can contain it, so that our children can be free.

SOURCE of information:

The Jessica Marie Lunsford Foundation; Helping Children in Crisis. www.keddiemedia.com



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SAFETY CONCERNS

- NON-REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS?
- CHURCH DAYCARE CURRENTLY LOCATED 215 YARDS FROM PROPERTY

- Pursuant to Act 330 of 2003, It is unlawful for a sex offender who is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12- 12-901 et seq. and who has been assessed as a Level 3 or Level 4 *offender to reside within two thousand (2,000) feet of the property on which any public, private, secondary school or daycare facility is located. (First Presbyterian)*

SOURCE of information:

Act 330 of 2003, House Bill 1011; Arkansas General Assembly.

- **The McKinney-Vento homeless Education Assistance Act** requires school districts to designate a liaison, provide staff development, cover child's extra curricular activities and provide transportation to the child's school of origin, which may include up to 1 ½ hours of transportation. The school districts or tax payers must pay for this. Has this been explained?
- **Local schools must include funding for this in their own budget;** have the local schools been notified by Mission Outreach to begin finding this funding?
- **Local schools must also disseminate public notice of educational rights;** ensure that enrollment disputes are mediated; inform families and youth about transportation services and assist them in accessing transportation. Has Mission Outreach expressed this information and impact with local schools?

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COMMUNITY/EDUCATION

- Who with the local public schools has been contacted?

SOURCE of information:

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431-11435)

Arkansas Fair Housing Commission

The Arkansas Fair Housing Commission works to enforce federal and state fair housing and fair lending laws.

With Act 1785 of 2001, the Arkansas Legislature declared that, "[t]he opportunity to obtain housing and other real estate without discrimination based on **race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status... is recognized and declared to be a civil right.**" The Arkansas General Assembly further recognized that, "the right to seek housing underlies the general public's ability to secure health, safety and welfare.

- **Concerns about public safety, code violations, patrons safety, poor staffing, poor site lighting, non-registered sex offenders, and “turned away” substance abuse addicts roaming our neighborhoods does not constitute in any way an act of discrimination.**

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FAIR HOUSING ACT?

- **The Fair Housing Act has been applied too broadly to facilities that are not dwellings within the statute of the law!**
- **The Fair Housing Act was designed to eliminate the discrimination that prevented the integration of American Society and to afford all Americans the equal opportunity to establish a HOME. Put simply the FHA was NOT designed to apply to institutions for which permanent residence is not the primary concern.**

SOURCE of information:

Portions of website information

<http://www.fairhousing.arkansas.gov/>

“Narrowing the Definitions of “Dwelling” Under the Fair Housing Act” by Karen Wong.



Fair Housing Act

- In the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. No. 10-35519

Intermountain Fair Housing Council, et al.,

VS.

Boise Rescue Mission, et al.,

March 1, 2011

The decision upheld a lower court's ruling that found the rescue mission wasn't subject to the federal Fair Housing Act.

The district court ruled on the ground that defendants' homeless shelters do not qualify as "dwellings" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 3602(b)

Sec. 802. [42 U.S.C. 3602] Definitions

As used in this subchapter--

(b) "Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a **residence** by one or more families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such building, structure, or portion thereof.

SOURCE of information:

United States Department of Justice
Associated Press, Wire Report 9.20.11

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QUESTIONS

- What is the real SCOPE of the proposed facility?
- Will \$500,000 be enough to renovate a 44,000 s.f. facility properly? Where is the funding source long term for the facility to work?
- Why locate this facility in an area of little need compared to other areas of city?
- Will the building meet code?
- How many staff are required to oversee 120 + patrons? Where do those that get turned away go, to our neighborhood?
- Why are the tax payers suffering for poor planning?
- Who pays for additional police activity as indicated by existing Paragould facility?
- Who assures protection /safety of nearby citizens, children, and pre-school?
- Health, Safety, and Welfare should be a Civil Right to ALL, including our neighborhood. Who can guarantee to us that this will not change?

**THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE FOR
ANSWERING OUR
QUESTIONS**