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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION

RE: SHELTER, INC. - 207-209 EAST VALLEY LANE - PC #21-015
SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SHELTER CARE HOME, PARKING VARIATION

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of
Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting held virtually, in response to the COVID-19
pandemic, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones,
on the 22nd day of September, 2021 at the hour of 8:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUSAN DAWSON, Chairperson
BRUCE GREEN
JOE LORENZINI
JAY CHERWIN
JOHN SIGALOS
TERRY ENNES
GEORGE DROST
LYNN JENSEN

ALSO PRESENT:

SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner
HART PASSMAN, Village Attorney

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, well, are we ready for our next

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agenda item which is the Shelter, Inc. petition? Have all public notices been given?

MR. HUBBARD: They have, yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, and who do we have? Who are we swearing in? Do we have the Petitioners?

MR. HUBBARD: So, if the Petitioner's team could raise their hand, the Shelter, Inc. team, I will bring you in one by one to the panelist side.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Hi, everyone.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening. So, I see only one hand raised and it looks like there are five of you in one account. So, is this the only account to bring in for this evening?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

MR. HUBBARD: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, will all of you be, well, why don't we just swear all of you in since you're in the room together? That way we'll get done.

(Witnesses sworn.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, great. So, have you read the Staff report? I don't know that there's conditions, but just have you read the Staff report?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We have.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Any questions about the Staff report at this time before we proceed?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, let's proceed with your presentation.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Great. Just one moment now. There we go.

Thank you, everyone, and thank you so much for being here tonight. My name is Carina Homann Santa Maria. I'm the executive director of Shelter, Inc., and it's my honor and privilege to talk about Shelter, Inc. here as the executive director but also as a resident of Arlington Heights.

As you know, Shelter, Inc. has been in our community since 1975. We are a licensed child welfare facility who offer many great programs within our community, within the northwest suburbs. We have a foster care program. We offer emergency group homes within our surrounding communities. We do a healthy family's child abuse prevention program, youth experiencing homelessness program, as well as a clinical program, but we're all here tonight to talk about our Transitional Living Program which has been in Arlington Heights since the late 1990's.

Our Transitional Living Program gives many of our young people here in our community something that they've never had, and that's a real chance at a successful and independent life.

MR. HUBBARD: Carina, I'm sorry to interrupt. We're not following your presentation. All we see is the main slide, the cover slide. Are you advancing through your presentation?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I am.

MR. HUBBARD: We have a problem with your sharescreen.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, no. Okay, let me see. Okay, do you see that?

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MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, perfect. So, our Transitional Living Program offers services to youth who are 17.5 to 21 years old who are aging out of the foster care system. So, they are all wards of the state within DCFS custody; however, instead of emancipating from DCFS care, they actually get an opportunity to live with us for two years to learn independent living skills so that they can lead successful lives. So, currently, research and statistics show that kids aging out of foster care, within a year of aging out of foster care, half of them are either homeless, addicted to drugs, or dead. So, Shelter, Inc is literally saving lives of the kids that are within our program.

We have credentials on staff site which enforces accountability and behavioral requirements. So, I myself, I'm an LCSW. Gina Ciulla here, she's our Clinical Director. She's an LCSW who has also been here for 27 years. We have a treatment coordinator who's an LCPC. We have an MSW counselor who also works with them, an MSW candidate case manager, and everyone else in our staff except for our overnight resident has either a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree. All of our licensed and credentialed staff go through a very vigorous screening through DCFS and background training as well. So, all of the youth are interacting with very professional mental health counselors.

We're also strengthening our community by helping our young residents become productive and independent adults. So, Shelter, Inc. and our Transitional Living Program is needed for the young people in and around our community who are facing abuse, neglect, and homelessness. So, a recent study by the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless showed that outside of Chicago Public School systems, the three areas of highest rates of homelessness within the school districts are actually Arlington Heights, Wheeling, and Palatine. We see that with several of our residents who have come to us, and if they weren't living with us they would be homeless.

We were founded by an Arlington Heights Police Chief in 1975 who saw that our youth in our community are also facing many difficulties. So, we are there to be a lifeline for many of the youth that we serve everyday. Then in nearly the 50 years since its founding, we have improved and saved the lives of thousands of children and families, especially in Arlington Heights.

So, how does our Transitional Living Program work? It is a two-year voluntary program for young people, again, 17 to 21, who want to achieve self-sufficiency. So, they identify themselves along with their case manager saying that I'm not ready to emancipate from the system yet because I know I have a lot to learn and I'm willing to learn that. So, they come to us, we have our screening tool that we're able to interview them. Gina and the case manager and the other clinicians interview each individual, and they identify who they believe would be a good candidate for our program.

They learn everything from laundry to financial literacy, cooking and cleaning, and they also attend school. So, they're currently in our area high schools, and also some of them are enrolled in college. They're also already working within our community, so they are working at places that you and I go to everyday, and we have been interacting with these youth for years and we don't even know that. So, they work at places like McDonalds, at Cooper's Hawk, and Jewel and Office Depot, again, places that all of us in our community go to everyday and are interacting with our youth.

So, the Transitional Living Program teaches these youth

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foundational lessons to these young people. With these lessons, they are able to learn independence and be successful independent adults. They join our program, again, voluntarily, they want to be able to live this normal and healthy productive life and they want to be better neighbors, co-workers and friends. So, TLP helps them make that goal a reality.

So, I want to share a story with you and I really hope this works because Christian is a youth currently in our program. Prior to coming to our Transitional Living Program, he actually lived with us for over a year at our boys group home in our facility in Palatine, and his story is very powerful. So, I hope this works, I'm going to try it.

Sam, if it doesn't, can you just shout that you can't see anything?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay.

(Start of video presentation.)

CHRISTIAN'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I like football, wrestling, track. I love sports. I love outside. I love physical work. I also love reading. I was in the orphanage and then obviously I got adopted and we moved over here. I didn't know where I was going to go, I didn't know what I was going to do. I didn't really have much hope after my 18th birthday. There was a safety net of up to 18, but after that I didn't know what were the resources that I could pull for myself. So, I had no idea what I was going to do when I turned 18.

I'm definitely overwhelmed, stressed, stressed, anxious. Also very lonely. With coming to the TLP, obviously all the skills, all the life skills that I would learn, I finally, I kind of felt relaxed when I heard about it, like the stress was kind of relieved with a huge weight off my shoulders, which is the whole point of this program. They don't want you stuck in the same place for months on end. They want to teach you something and then build on after that, learn a skill that you would just build on.

The environment, I love talking about the legal system, about laws, it really clicked with me, like it can become a passion with me. So, that's why I want to do law, and the psychology is kind of just like an aspect of it that I think would benefit being a lawyer in a courtroom. I can have the goals that I want to have now because of TLP. I can think about finishing high school and then go to college. I can think about doing what I like, what career path I want to do or go down, and be comfortable with my situation.

My future looks a lot different because like a year, two years ago, I didn't think I would have a future. I had next to no hope. Everyone here is just trying to move forward in their life. Buying that house and moving to that house would be easier and better for us. We just want to finish high school and move out and get our own life started.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, I'm so glad that that worked because I really think it gives you an opportunity to see who our youth are. During our Conceptual Review process, Christian actually wrote in a letter that is part of public record and I really urge everyone to read it. He talks about how he's a kid that grew up in our backyard, right? He's from Lake Forest. If it wasn't for our program, he wouldn't know where he would be. He also talks about how great the program is and how it changes his life, how he has a case manager and staff who are there everyday to teach him the many skills that he wouldn't necessarily know how to do if it wasn't for them. So, again, it just really emphasizes how amazing our program is and how important it is to the people in our community.

Going back to talking about accountability, it is definitely key for our

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Transitional Living Program, right? We work with young people who have some difficult backgrounds, and so we want them to know that our program does hold them accountable. TLP is effective in part because of the strong accountability measures. So, again, we have qualified and state accredited staff who closely monitor all participants. We're also licensed by DCFS. We're a licensed child welfare facility but we also have a federal accreditation of the Council on Accreditation. We are, you know, we are subject to audits and we have many people who are coming in to our facilities such as the Fire Marshall, DCFS, and other state-funded or federal-funded agencies who come in to make sure that we are following all the requirements that are needed.

We also enforce a midnight curfew. If a young person isn't back at a certain time, we do have to notify DCFS. We'll talk a little bit more about that because that is, I know many people are concerned about the police calls, but that is the overwhelming majority to the police calls. So, really we're not any problem to the community.

So, road to independence, not only are TLP youth, are young people subject to behavioral accountability measures, but they are also required to meet certain financial responsibility milestones on the road to independence. So, this includes they need to have \$500 in their bank account at all times. They have staffing every two weeks with their case manager and clinical team to show their pay stubs, to talk about their goals. The day that they come in, they're already planning for what is my life after this.

So, we have an allowance for them, and then during the two years that they're here, we actually also save money for them so when they do leave, we're able to give them a significant amount of money and help them launch into an independent living situation and help furnish their apartment or wherever the next stop is that they're going. We never have discharged somebody or a young person to a homeless shelter or to a place where they would be homeless. Our youth are always being launched or released into an independent living situation or living by themselves or living with family so they are always successful in moving forward with their plan. They also understand the real life consequences that they face if they don't comply with our standards and are forced to leave if necessary.

So, our Transitional Living Program has been operating in Arlington Heights since 2012. Prior to 2012, we were actually at older adolescent group homes. So, we've been in Arlington Heights since late 1990's, from the late 1990's to 2012, we are a group home, and we decided to change our plan into a Transitional Living Program. That decision was based to ensure that we had more structure and guidance for our young people, and we knew that having more of a Transitional Living Program method was important for our young people.

Now, unfortunately, where we're renting or where we have been renting, the property is for sale and we are not allowed to buy it. So, we need to find a new facility and move our young people. It's also a place where a home has more space and more modern safety features, and then this will allow more of our young people facing extreme difficulty to overcome their challenges and become more successful and productive members of our community.

Speaking of safety, safety is our number one priority at our Transitional Living Program. So, we take no chances with the safety of our young people, our neighbors, and our community. We enforce strict behavioral requirements for our participants, and if our residents don't comply, we then work with DCFS to have them removed from our Transitional Living Program. We also take the health and wellbeing of our young people

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seriously, and we know that many of them are coming from a background of trauma and have a significant abuse or neglect and homelessness. So, we work really well with our clinical team to ensure that their safety needs are met as well.

So, again, roughly 90 percent of our police calls have been for curfew violations, mental health checks, and other non-criminal reasons. Earlier today, I did send to Sam to have uploaded a bigger breakdown of our police calls and what they were. From 2020 to 2021, there is a 96 percent decrease in our police calls and we have not had a single police call since February of 2021. We haven't had a single police call on any of the six residents that currently reside in the Transitional Living Program who would be moving to our new facility.

Since 2016, as Gina Ciulla took over as clinical director, she has implemented a lot of different screening tools and structure again in the program, and our police calls have actually dropped 75 percent. So, we have worked hard to make our program and neighborhood even safer by implementing enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures. We know that from that and then also being able to access now in 2020, we started accessing the child's historical case file, we're able to interview them and understand who would be a better fit for our program and who would really benefit from our Transitional Living Program.

We operate residential facilities in residential neighborhoods, and we have since the early 1980's. This is our expertise. We know how to do this. We have a girls home in Schaumburg that is smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood. You will probably hear letters of support from their neighbors who are very supportive of our Jennings Home and they say that it is a pride in their community and they are there for the holidays to make sure that our girls are happy and they really just have more of, they really understand what we're doing and are happy that we are part of the community.

The same goes for our Palatine home. We are in the middle of a residential facility. We are right in the middle of \$500,000 to \$600,000 homes and we are not fenced. We have not had any neighbor complaints, because we know what it's like to build a relationship with our community and our neighbors, and our neighbors also understand the importance of the work that we do in our community.

The girls home in Schaumburg was actually donated by the Village of Schaumburg, and the Village of Schaumburg is also paying for the renovations currently. The current and former mayors of Schaumburg, Tom Dailly and Al Larson, are both lifelong supporters of Shelter, Inc. We have a lot of great support from the police departments in both neighborhoods as well.

So, Arlington Heights, right, we hear this all the time, we are the Village of Good Neighbors. Our Mayor says it often. So, now it is that time to put our motto into action and show that we really are good neighbors. So, supporting this move and embracing the young people of our Transitional Living Program will help Arlington Heights positively impact our next generation and ensure the future success of our community.

So, I have one more story to share from Devine who is also a resident.

(Start of video presentation.)

DEVINE'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I came from a place where I wasn't really, like no one really wanted to take care of me. I kind of bounced around house to house to house, and I really just didn't have a stable living environment. Once I came here, I felt like I can really

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do anything that I can set my mind to. They made me believe that I'm worthy. There's been times where, I feel like they're like family, like they're really like the family that I've never really had. They made me feel like I can do life.

I volunteered to come here because I see myself doing bigger things than I could ever think about doing. Everyone always tells me that I have this, like this spark to be, to make people smile. I love making people smile, I love making people's day. They always tell me like I see way better things for you, and over time you start to see that, you start to see what they see.

Now I feel like I was a new person. I can go out, do anything, be who I want to be. That's all thanks to the TLP showing me my value. Thank you for showing me that I'm more than I think I am. Thank you for always pushing me in the right direction. Thank you for always being there.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you so much for allowing me to share Devine's story. I think both Christian and Devine have a very powerful story, and I think it also puts in perspective the youth that we serve. I think that there's a large misconception of our young people, and I think that this shows the community that they are people that we interact with everyday and they're not someone that we, people that we should be afraid of but someone that we should really welcome and live with.

So, our next slides are about our special use criteria, and so David Bea, our attorney, will take over there.

MR. BEA: At the risk of repeating ourselves here, we want to make sure to cover these as they're a requirement for the special use. Your first factor is that the said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location. I think much of what Carina has just explained demonstrates why this is necessary for the public convenience at this location.

One, we have these kinds of youths in our community, and we have this need for these kinds of services in our community. It's ideal for them to be in a neighborhood situation and ideal for them to be near employment. It serves all of those goals, those life goals that the two young people shared that they have is consistent across all the people in the program. For those reasons, we think this program contributes to the overall welfare of the local community by helping a vulnerable population transition to responsible adulthood. The subject location is ideal for the special use because it is in a residential area and adjacent to commercial establishments which give the residents job opportunities within a short walking distance.

The second factor, I think there's been much emphasis so far on this one that this case will not under any circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the persons residing or working in the city. You heard Carina explain the attributes of the program and the accountability, the quality of staff, the qualified staff I should say, well trained with appropriate counseling degrees and social worker degrees, licensure by the Department of Children and Family Services, the federal accreditation, inspections by the Fire Department and the DCFS, the midnight curfew, the behavioral accountability, the planning for their lives after the program, the fact that when they leave our program they go into good living situations, they don't go into homelessness or other disastrous situations, the good neighbor relationships that our other homes have in their residential

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communities, and as Carina said, safety being the number one priority. All of that demonstrates that this will not be a danger to the safety, the health, the morals of the general welfare. On the contrary, it will actually enhance that, particularly for the people who are in the program. I think these young people are perhaps getting more help than the typical young person in a neighborhood, yes, in a regular family. So, in that sense, this is very supportive of the health, safety, morals of the community.

The third factor is that the proposed use will comply with the regulations and the conditions specified in the ordinance for such use with stipulations and conditions made part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees. Well, it's Shelter's pledge that they will indeed comply with the regulations and conditions based on whatever authorization the Village Board of Trustees gives. Most importantly, this will just operate as a residential home in a residential neighborhood, just like it is now, and really won't be noticed by the neighbors. That's our perspective on those factors.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Any questions? I'm sure a lot of questions.

COMMISSIONER DROST: What was your counsel's name?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: David Bea.

COMMISSIONER DROST: David Bay, B-a-y?

MR. BEA: No, B-e-a.

COMMISSIONER DROST: B-e-a, okay, David Bea. Thank you.

MR. BEA: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If that concludes --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I did have one follow-up -- oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sorry. I was going to say if that concludes your presentation, we can move to the Staff, but if you wanted, did you want to, do you have a question, Jay?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I just wanted to clarify one point. It was said that they are not allowed to buy the current property they're at, but I didn't hear kind of an explanation for that. If they could just clarify what that means, you're not allowed to buy the current property?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, our current property is 2.5 acres and it's for sale for over \$2 million. So, therefore, we're not going to buy it.

MR. BEA: The individual house is not partitioned. It's sold as a single block which includes other buildings.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, so it's more of a, I got you, I just, I heard it aloud, so I didn't know what that meant.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, it's not, right, we meant --

MR. BEA: It's not feasible, it's not feasible.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Right, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you.

Then, Sam, would you please present the Staff presentation?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure, let me bring up my presentation. So, thank you, Chair Dawson.

So, as you've heard, the subject property is located on East Valley Lane, 207-209 East Valley Lane, that is just east of the intersection of Valley Lane and North

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Arlington Heights Road. It's zoned R-6 which is a Multiple Family Residential Dwelling District. In our Comprehensive Plan, it's classified as single-family detached. The proposed use falls under the definition of a "sheltered care" home, and sheltered care homes are not permitted uses in the R-6 District. Therefore, the Petitioner needs to obtain a special use permit which is the reason why they are before the Plan Commission this evening.

They are also requesting two variations relative to parking, and I will outline those later. Relative to the Comprehensive Plan, while the proposed home is not aligning with the vision of single-family homes as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, we would note that both single family home districts, two family home districts, and multiple family home districts all allow sheltered care facilities via special use permit approval. As such, we don't take any issue with the existing Comprehensive Plan designation and proposed use.

The Petitioner had undergone several actions that have gotten them to the point they are at this evening. They appeared twice before the Conceptual Plan Review, once in May and again in June. It was continued to allow discussion and public comment to conclude. There were some concerns expressed by the Conceptual Plan Review Committee during both meetings, especially in relation to compatibility of the facility to adjacent property uses, and the high volume of calls for police service that were generated from the existing TLP location on Golf Road. Ultimately, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee concluded that if the project were to move forward to the Plan Commission, that they would review it under the criteria for special use permit approval as outlined in the Zoning Code.

So, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee also recommended that the Petitioner hold a neighborhood meeting prior to appearing before the Plan Commission, which they did on August 24th. They sent out invitations to all property owners within approximately 750 feet of the property on Valley Lane. They held the meeting at the WynBurg Cafe. There was a summary of the meeting attached in the materials that went out to the Plan Commission.

I would mention that over the last week, we at the Village have received many petitions submitted by several residents that are within the required 250-foot public hearing notification radius surrounding this property. Their petition was in opposition to the Shelter, Inc. facility, and they cited that they were requesting a super majority vote at the Village Board due to their petition. I would note that the provision requiring a super majority vote at the Village Board level is only applicable during rezonings or times when the Village Code is being amended. It's not triggered by a special use permit application. So, the petitions were included in the materials provided to the Plan Commission, but I do want to note that there is no change to the voting procedures or, you know, there is no special procedure required for a super majority based on those petitions.

Here's an aerial of the area. You can see the subject property in the center outlined in yellow. You can see Rand Road and Arlington Heights Road to the left of the screen which is the west, north is to the top, and Valley Lane is across the middle of this aerial. You will notice to the north are single family residential areas. To the east and to the west are two-family dwellings, and to the south is the Northpoint Shopping Plaza. Directly to the south abutting is the drive-through lanes for the Chase ATMs and bank services.

Attached is the site plan. Let's see. In the area right here, you can see this is where the existing garage is located. Shelter, Inc. has proposed converting that garage to additional living space; it would be storage and common space for the residents. That

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leaves two parking spaces and the driveway, which does not conform to code requirements, and again, I'll get into that a little bit later.

Here's the floor plan, again, showing this is the existing garage here converted into a common area and storage, and then the second floor unit. Each unit has three bedrooms. This is the second floor three-bedroom unit, and then the first floor three-bedroom unit, and then the common areas are on the first floor as well.

So, any time a special use permit application is received by the Village, Village Code requires that in order for approval to be granted, it must be demonstrated that the special use conforms to certain criteria necessary for approval. On the screen, the three criteria are summarized, and this was the lens that Staff used to analyze this project. It was not an easy project to analyze. We did struggle with our review here. There are a lot of moving parts to this application, a lot of different things to consider. But ultimately, Staff returned to these three criteria in our analysis as kind of the guiding principles and helped us to finalize our recommendation.

Perhaps the most notable is the second criteria here which I'll revisit later on, but as you've heard, you know, Shelter, Inc. has an existing facility on Golf Road here in Arlington Heights. So, as a means to analyze the impact that the proposed facility would have on the community, we looked at the characteristics of the existing facility. One of the areas we analyzed was the calls for police service.

So, as you've heard, over the last 10 years, there have been a significant number of calls for service, 553 approximately over the last 10 years. That equates to about four to five calls for service per month. Of those calls over the last 10 years, 358 related to runaways or missing persons which, as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has to report a missing person if a resident does not return by the curfew time. This accounts for about 65 percent of the overall call volume over the last 10 years. About 21.5 percent were public service calls, so this relates to wellbeing checks, premise checks, information for police, et cetera. Then there were about 43, I'm sorry, 49 criminal incidents and public complaint calls. That's, you know, domestic disturbances, unwanted subjects, thefts, drug possession, et cetera. So, that kind of breaks down the last 10 years of call volume by the facility.

It should be noted that the proposed location would have 12 individuals. So, that's twice the size of the existing Golf Road facility. Therefore, we think it's a reasonable assumption that the calls for service would also double along with the occupancy of the facility. So, that would equate to approximately eight to 10 calls for service based on the last 10 years.

But as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has been very proactive over the last several years in implementing strategies to reduce the number of calls for service by the police and to enable resolution of conflicts in the house without relying on outside assistance. So, this is evidenced by their CPI training, their think/trauma training, their enhanced screening, the establishment of clinical services for their residents, and all the things that they've been doing over the last five years to decrease their calls for service. Again, as they pointed out, the majority of their calls have been, over the last five years, also have been for curfew violations and mental health checks and not criminal-related reasons. They do acknowledge that there was a resident in 2020 that did have increased mental needs which did result in a higher volume of calls for service, but that resident, it was determined, could not get the appropriate services at Shelter, Inc.'s TLP facility, so they're no longer in the program.

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So, over the last five years, the calls for service have reduced by close to 75 to 80 percent. There have been only 97 calls for service over the last five years compared to 406 calls in the previous five years. However, as you can see from this graph, it is slowly trending upward. You can see that 2018, I'm sorry, 2020 had about 100 percent increase over 2016, about 300 percent increase from 2017. So, while, you know, we do acknowledge that the calls are trending downward for this year, for 2021, I believe there have been only two calls for service, we do still have concerns about the potential for the increase in total calls, especially with the doubling of resident capacity.

The chart on the bottom represents a breakdown of the types of calls. So, the Police Department also looked at the types of calls to help them better understand the level of police services that were needed by Shelter, Inc. Again, many of these calls are for curfew or runaway violations, but there are several other types of police calls for service generated by this facility. Again, public service calls relate to like, you know, wellbeing checks, or maybe a window or door was left open or something like that. Public complaint calls relate more to domestic services, like a suspicious car or an unwanted person on the site. Then, you know, criminal calls are self-explanatory, and then there's of course the curfew violations and missing person calls.

So, the primary concern here, I don't think is the capacity. From a capacity standpoint, you know, the Police Department is not concerned with the volume of calls. They have the capacity to respond to the Shelter, Inc. needs from them. But, you know, I think the concern from the Staff Development Committee is the impact that this number of calls for service would have on those that are living and working in the vicinity. You know, are these police cars showing up with sirens and lights? Are there, you know, is there a perception now that crime is increasing in the neighborhood because of additional police activity observed on the subject property? So, these are the things that the Staff Development Committee thought about in relation to the criteria for approval.

Again, I do want to point out that one of the reasons why the existing facility has been so successful with regards to the impact of police activity on those living and working in the vicinity, is a result of its location. So, on the left here, you can see the Golf Road facility. On the right here, you can see the proposed Valley Lane facility. You can see here the Golf Road facility is not located in close proximity to residential uses on all sides. Here we have a light industrial office use, there's more of an industrial commercial use to the back, and then of course commercial uses to the east. Then there is a single-family home about 315 feet to the north.

In comparison to the proposed facility, you can see two single family homes directly across the street about 120 to 130 feet away. Then on either side about 20 feet away are existing two-family homes, and then there are commercial areas to the south. So, when considering the number of police calls, the location of the subject property is directly abutting residential uses. In consideration also to the doubling of the size of the facility, the Staff Development Committee has concerns that the requested special use will be detrimental to the general welfare of those living and working in the vicinity.

Relative to the variations requested, they are requesting a variation to reduce the required parking from 10 spaces to two spaces, and a variation to waive the requirement for traffic and parking study. The Staff Development Committee does not take issue with either of these variations. I mean, I think, ultimately, we don't support the use in this

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location, so the variations are somewhat irrelevant from that standpoint. But if the Plan Commission does find that the petition meets the necessary criteria for approval, the Staff Development Committee does not take issue to the two parking variations.

The reason that they're required to have 10 parking spaces is because from a use parking standpoint, it's classified as a dormitory. Dormitories would require 10 parking spaces. Obviously, this isn't exactly a dormitory. Residents cannot park cars on the site. So, really, the only cars that are going to be coming and going are going to be the two staff members that would be present, plus any as-needed staff who, you know, can be accommodated on street parking.

We don't anticipate this to create a parking or traffic problem. So, again, the Staff Development Committee is not opposed to the parking variations. However, one of the items we were concerned with was the subject property and location to public transportation. One of the items that the Golf Road facility had going for it was that it was in a good location relative to public transportation. Because the residents of Shelter, Inc., you know, are not allowed to store cars on the subject property, it's important that they have good access to public transportation. Again, the Golf Road facility was close to two Pace bus routes. It was also, or is within the Pace Call and Ride On Demand transportation service.

The proposed facility is not within the Pace Call and Ride transportation service. It is not within walking distance of any Pace bus routes. The only means to get to a job or to school, if you're not relying on a friend or a family member, would be through Uber or Lyft. So, we do not think that the location is ideal relative to public transportation, and the Staff Development Committee does have some concerns there.

So, to conclude, as Staff sees it, there are three potential options on the table. The first option would be to approve the special use permit as requested. Under this scenario, the Plan Commission would find that all the criteria for approval have been met. The Plan Commission would need to evaluate and determine if the high volume of police calls have decreased over the last five years to levels that really aren't detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of the people living and working in the vicinity, and that the majority of the calls relate to curfew violations which don't normally result in a police car being dispatched to the site, and therefore despite the increase in the size of the facility, that calls would not really be detrimental to those living and working in the vicinity. Finally, the Plan Commission would need to find that the lack of public transportation options do not have a substantially negative impact on the facility at this location.

The second option would be denying the special use permit as requested. In this scenario, the Plan Commission would not find that all of the special use approval criteria have been met. Specifically, the Plan Commission would need to determine that the high volume of calls for police service is detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of persons residing in the vicinity. While the existing location is successful due to its relative seclusion from adjacent residential uses, placing this facility directly abutting residential uses on each side would increase the likelihood for detrimental neighborhood interactions and also cause calls for police service at this location to be more impactful on surrounding property owners. I think it's a reasonable assumption that increase in occupancy would cause an increase in the number of police calls, and the Plan Commission would have to agree.

The final option would be to approve the special use permit but with restrictions, finding that limitations on the facility would allow it to conform to the necessary

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approval criteria for a special use permit. Specifically in this instance, Staff would recommend one of the restrictions be that the facility be restricted to one resident per bedroom, that would have a capacity of six residents total as opposed to the 12 proposed. You know, the Plan Commission would need to find that if each resident had their own space and privacy, it would assist in reducing conflicts in the house and thereby reducing calls for service, and then protecting and preserving the safety, morals, and general welfare of people living and working in the vicinity. It would also allow for a facility that's more comparable in size to a typical household in the area relative to occupancy if the facility was limited to six occupants total.

A list of potential additional restrictions Staff has prepared and included as part of the Staff report, but as proposed, the Staff Development Committee cannot support the requested special use permit. Again, if the Plan Commission does find that approval criteria has been met, Staff would recommend that the approval be subject to the eight conditions as outlined here. That being said, I conclude the Staff presentation.

I would note that I do have, when we do get to public comments, I have multiple e-mails from several of the residents that do need to get read into the record, but at this point, I will turn it back over to you, Chair Dawson. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Great. Thank you, Sam.

Do we have a motion to approve the Staff presentation?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'll move.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, roll call? Sam, roll call?

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry, yes.

Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I know we've --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You missed me.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, now do have everybody?

All right, so I know we've quite a few people in the audience.

Commissioners, do we want, does anybody have initial questions before we go to public commentary, or should we go straight to public commentary?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sue, when you go to public commentary,

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should we let Sam read in all the ones that he's received first before you actually go to hearing from folks for public commentary?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, we can.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think that makes sense.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We can. I just want to --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think it makes sense because you might hear a lot of the same things that are going to be said in person.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. I just want to know if there's any questions from the Plan Commissioners before; I know we have a tendency to like to hear from the public first.

So, agreed?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Agree.

COMMISSIONER DROST: As long as there's an orderly --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so we are going to then go to public commentary, but before we do so, because we have such a large number in the audience, we just want to make sure we've clarified for everyone how the public commentary period and section works. Just a couple of general housekeeping recommendations before we go for it.

Commissioner Jensen, I think that's a great idea that we read in the e-mails that Sam needs to read in the record, unless you object, Sam. The reason for that being that we do ask that people coming for public comment do not make the same points over and over. We have heard them, we do listen. You can simply state that you agree with what previously has been stated. I'm not saying that you must do that, it's not a rule, but this is what we request just in the interest of time. State that you agree and kind of maybe a bullet point without reiterating the whole statement.

We do ask that commentary be limited to approximately three minutes. Only one public comment should be made at a time. Once you've made your comment, then we'll ask you to sit down and let the next public commenter come up. We won't be responding or asking questions, et cetera; maybe in a rare situation, but generally we'll listen to everything first, then we'll close public commentary, and then we'll begin with our questions.

Before you speak, we do ask that you state your name and spell your last name for the record. We do ask for your address but that is optional. You are not required to provide that.

Sam, did I miss anything?

MR. HUBBARD: You've covered it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I would suggest that if you, Chairman Dawson, sort of identify any questions that seem to be repetitive, that you can make note of that or at least advise the audience that that's been asked and answered.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Very good point, yes. I do make note, as people are making comments, I make notes to try to make sure that they're all addressed.

COMMISSIONER DROST: And try to get them into the categories of, you know, what might be the concerns or what might be the supportive statements as well.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, yes.

All right, so with that, we will open up public commentary. Again, before we go to calling from the audience, Sam, why don't you go through and read those items

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into the record?

QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

The first e-mail says: It is my intention to inform you of my support for Shelter, Inc. and the mission of their work, the work that is occurring right outside my home. I am a neighbor of Shelter, Inc. Jennings Home for Girls in Schaumburg. Knowing that the Jennings Home is in the heart of my neighborhood has brought nothing but pride in my community. Jennings Home and the services it provides is a blessing to our community and it explicitly and positively impacts the outcomes of individuals it serves. Jennings Home for Girls has had a lasting and grand impact on all community members. The decision to allow for additional levels of services and support within your community should be a very simple one. Please understand that by not moving forward with the TLP's relocation in Arlington Heights would be a great disservice to the Village of Arlington Heights. Thank you. Teresa Grant, neighbor of Jennings Home for Girls.

Second e-mail: Hello, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Was there an address to that comment?

MR. HUBBARD: There was not, no, just via e-mail. Third e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sam, do you have names? Should you be reading the name into the record?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Names are redacted, yes?

MR. HUBBARD: They're not including their names on the e-mails. I mean, I can read out e-mail addresses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Maybe read out the e-mail address so that's in the record.

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

For the second one, that e-mail address was vadimjen@gmail.com. For the third one, it was jenshecterle@gmail.com.

E-mail number four: I wanted to offer some words in support of the Transitional Living Program's move to a new home here in Arlington Heights. I understand why people who don't know much about the TLP might have questions or concerns about the move. However, the truth is that this program is a positive force for change in young people's lives. The youths in this program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming and inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors. Society didn't give these kids much of a chance when they were younger. We have the opportunity to give them one now. Let's give them that chance and help keep them on track by approving their move. Please

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support the TLP. Regards, Joyce Slavik.

E-mail number five: I oppose the special use permit variance for Shelter, Inc. I am a neighbor and purchased this property because of the neighborhood. Shelter, Inc. claims that this variance will not change the neighborhood, but that is the exact definition of a variance, the fact or quality of being different, divergent or inconsistent. They will have more residents than they have ever had before. They admit to having issues with curfew violations. There isn't anything they can do about it because their residents are adults. Even if there are no issues with Shelter, Inc., I do not like the precedent being set by this variance. There are several duplexes in a row on Valley. If the variance is allowed for this group, the precedent has now been set that these duplexes can become other things. What's next? A homeless shelter? A methadone clinic? I understand communities need places like Shelter, Inc., but communities also need hospitals and grocery stores, but we don't put those in the middle of a neighborhood. It doesn't belong here, plain and simple. This neighborhood is not the right place for this home and is not a good fit for this neighborhood. Darcy Moder.

Next e-mail: Hello, I live nearby on Pinetree Drive and have concerns about this development. In addition to zoning concerns, this neighborhood is a great place for family and children. I am concerned about the additional risks this could cause. I am not in favor of it moving forward. It could be a good idea, but not in this location. Chuck.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm a long-term resident of Arlington Heights. I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program to a new home to allow this program to provide more modern services to its clients. I believe it is important for our community to do what we can to support young people in need. This will create a stronger future for us all. I'm also aware that many of this program's clients are part of the LGBTQ+ community. As an ally of that community, I further support whatever this organization can do to help young people in need. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Francine Noring.

Next e-mail: My name is Michael Froemming. I've lived at 414 East Knob Hill Drive for 24 plus years. I oppose the variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning of the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose because Shelter, Inc. hasn't been straightforward with the neighborhood or Village regarding the property use. They've sugarcoated everything from occupancy and police calls reported at their last residence. They stated it would be for six to 12 people excluding supervisors. Each unit has three bedrooms, so what's the number. Shelter, Inc. says they'll screen the people residing at the property. If that's true, Shelter, Inc. should be held accountable including the individual to any problems that may occur, including criminal charges. This variance should be treated like any other resident asking for a variance. Is this shelter considered a residential home in this residential area? Once a variance like this is accepted, it will have implications on future applicants asking for the same type of variances. If this passes, I'd hope every Board and Village member would open their arms if not offer to a facility like this on their residential block. Michael Froemming.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, as per instructions on the online agenda, I wish to make this e-mail a part of the public record. My husband and I have been residents of the Ivy Hill neighborhood for 30 years. We live on Ivy Lane approximately two blocks from the proposed property on Valley Lane. We attended the meeting held by Shelter, Inc. in August, and after doing so we are confident in Shelter, Inc.'s TLP program and have no concerns with them putting their TLP program in our neighborhood. The young adults in this program have

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applied to be there. They are pre-screened by Shelter, Inc. They have more rules, curfews, and support by professional staff than most young adults in our own neighborhood. They're held accountable by Shelter, Inc. These are young people who are working hard to make a better life for themselves. While they are a part of this program, they attend school, have jobs, and learning life skills. This allows them to continue on a path to advance their education or further their job skills so as to live as independent and successful adults. We wholeheartedly support Shelter, Inc.'s TLP on Valley Lane. Barb and John Lazzara, 310 East Ivy Lane.

Next e-mail: As long-time residents of Arlington Heights, we ask you to support the special use permit for Shelter to operate their Transitional Living Program that has been functioning successfully and safely in Arlington Heights for nearly a decade. The new facility will allow more young people facing extremely difficult circumstances to overcome abuse, neglect, abandonment and homelessness to become productive members of our community. Thank you for your consideration and support. Gus and Mary Jane Bender, 715 South Bristol Lane.

Next e-mail: To whom it may concern, I'm writing as a longstanding resident of Arlington Heights who chose to build our home and send our children to the amazing School District 25. We chose Arlington Heights because of its sense of community and its family friendly culture. It's because of these two qualities that I wrote to you to declare my support of Shelter's Transitional Living Program. While some of the community may be scared of the unknown of TLP, I will share with you what I do know. I know that the children in these homes voluntarily are making an effort to do better in their community for themselves. They are given the support, resources and opportunity to make healthy choices. This community and, therefore, this home will be able to give them that safe environment for them to thrive. I hope we choose to raise not only ourselves but those around us. I believe in Arlington Heights and the power of this community for the children in Shelter's TLP home. Thank you. Kristine Regan.

To whom it may concern, I, Judith Froemming, live near the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning. I've lived in this neighborhood for 24 years. It's a great, safe, single-family home community. I have a variety of concerns about this variance. Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of calls Shelter, Inc. generates in a year's time, and the behavior of the population living at the residence. If the number of residents doubles to 12, the number of police calls will most likely increase also. This is not the type of increased activity we want in the neighborhood. The variance code states that if the variance is issued, it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of residents who live and work there. Both the character and the safety of the neighborhood will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed. I'm also concerned for the welfare of the children that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school and those who take buses to area schools. These are just a few of my concerns. Sincerely, Judith Froemming, 414 East Knob Hill Drive.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program to a new location in Arlington Heights. It's easy to dismiss young people who have struggled in life as a bad element. The truth is that the youths in the TLP are just the opposite. They are young people who want to succeed in life, youths who want to overcome challenges rather than succumb to them. These are kids who had the humility and the desire to better themselves which led them to the TLP in the first place. Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational

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goal of being good neighbors and accept these youths into our community, or we can succumb to our prejudices and biases and dismiss these young people based on misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path, and I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors and seeing the great strides they'll make as valued members of our community. Janet McDonnell.

Next e-mail: I'm writing to affirm Shelter, Inc.'s desire and commitment to meeting the housing needs in the northwest suburbs. They are already serving the Arlington Heights community, and this project would help them serve the growing needs for housing. I have spent most of my career providing professional services to non-profits, especially those specializing in kinds of housing: SOFs, TIFs, affordable housing, Chicago low income housing programs, et cetera, and the law's experience of these entities have been excellent in general due to the policies, procedures and commitment of staff to the safety of all residents and community. The youths of the program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. The addition of a new beautiful building will add substantially to the curb appeal and tax base, too. Please give them your approval to proceed. Thank you. Linda D. Palm.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, we want to voice our objection to the proposed shelter for transitional youths. A residential family neighborhood is not the appropriate venue for this type of shelter. The downside risks overwhelmingly exceed any upside. We ask that the Village of Arlington Heights deny any variance for a permit for the Shelter. Regards, Michael and Rosa DiMarco, 1210 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. I live in the Ivy Hills Subdivision of Arlington Heights with my two children who attend Ivy Hill School. The transitional housing plan for Valley Lane would be less than half a mile from the elementary school and Camelot Park. The residents of the transitional housing are being offered a second chance opportunity for developmental growth by living with life coaches as these residents lack basic life skills. We are not opposed to social programs to help those young adults who would live in transitional housing, but we strongly believe this type of business development does not belong in close proximity to both an elementary school, the Futabakai Elementary and Middle School, and a community park. In addition, this shelter is a business and consequently should be housed in a business or commercial zoned area and not housed in any Arlington Heights residential community. Please vote no on this permit. Thank you. Angela Sisi, 1214 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I am writing this e-mail to you in strong support of the Crescent Place affordable housing project on Rand Road and Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program for young people. Both of these projects merit inclusion in our community. They will provide the supports needed to maintain independent, self-sufficient residents of our great village as well as open the doors to more needed diversity. I've lived in Arlington Heights for the past six years and attended the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights. We love boldly and work tirelessly to support fair share equality. Now is the time to step up and vote your

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conscience. To quote Shirley Chisholm, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Thank you in advance for your consideration in advancement of these important housing projects. Diane Lubarski, 1361 Village Drive, Arlington Heights.

Next e-mail: Dear Arlington Heights Plan Commissioners, as both a resident and a landlord on East Valley Lane, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed zoning change and the current plans to open a shelter for abused young adult men at 207 East Valley Lane. Our neighborhood currently supports a diverse community made up of single-family homes, duplexes, and an apartment complex. Adding the additional burden of 12 young adult males and their caregivers into one duplex will further add to the density of this area and create huge negative consequences for our neighbors, our children, and our property values. This is uncharted territory for the Shelter as they have never had more than eight young adults living in one residence, and I believe they have six living at their current location. To experiment with a 33 percent increase from their previous largest total of young adult males living in one place and to insert it into a residential area with a school down the block cannot be construed as highest and best use for this property. I'm not against the Shelter's mission and appreciate what they're trying to do for these young adults, but they already have a home. The risks and uncertainties far outweigh any possible benefits in this scenario. Respectfully submitted, Alan Gould.

Next e-mail: I object to 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request. Thank you, Nikki Wolverton.

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Next e-mail: Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. Thank you for listening to us. Nadya Frid.

Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use permit variation request. Sincerely, Ilya Fishman.

Let's see. Next e-mail: I'm writing this to inform you of my strong support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights. I have been an educator in District 214 for 30 years and have taught many of Shelter, Inc.'s adolescents throughout my tenure. The positive life-enacting influences that Shelter provides to these TLP teens is imperative to the development and growth, imperative to succeed in society. This program affords these boys an opportunity to thrive as productive young adults, enabling them to contribute to the community in the future. I have witnessed first-hand numerous amazing

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success stories as a result of the support, care, guidance and counseling of TLP. The involvement of the adolescents into positive role models and citizens is cultivated from the moment they enter TLP and sustains into their future adult maturation. I staunchly support Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in every aspect of community development and firmly believe this is an extremely positive venture for Arlington Heights. Sincerely, Carol V. Treslo.

Next e-mail: We object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. This property within the boundary of Ivy Hill School is of concern to neighbors and parents of Ivy Hill schoolchildren because of its proximity to the school which is a few blocks away down Valley. Children that live on that block walk to school, and although it may seem unfair, it makes parents uneasy to have the Shelter, Inc. program in that location. Shelter, Inc.'s goal with the location is to serve more participants. We feel that the needs of the young people that are served in this program would do best in a situation with around six people, and it would be less daunting for a neighborhood to absorb such a program. Please vote no to this variance. Gail and Sheldon Galster, 25 West Brookwood Drive, 38-year residents.

Next e-mail: Please share my bullet points below. I have concern on the 50 plus calls for assistance, police, fire, et cetera, from the previous location. Can detail be provided as to the reasons, time of day, et cetera? This location is down the street from the elementary school where last year there was an assault of a student on their way to school. This may add some context to the cautiousness of the neighborhood along with neighbors arguing about this proposal versus supporting this home. Regarding parking spots, these zoning rules are put in place for various reasons: safety, traffic, overcrowding, et cetera. While I do understand it was indicated many do not have cars and a variance is not needed, however, I assume these transitional homes help provide an individual to get on their feet and that may mean getting a car, so this may be counterintuitive. This area of Valley and Arlington Heights Road at times is also very congestive and difficult to make a left-hand turn. I do think there should be high visibility to the comments by residents who live in viewing distance of these locations and should have significant weight to their concerns for someone who lives three miles away. Sincerely, Donny Obarra, Jr.

I think that is the last e-mail.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, how do you want to proceed with the public commentary? Should we, Sam, do we show hands? How do we do this virtually?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, so anyone on the public side who wants to make a comment, please click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I'll bring you in. Once you're brought into the panelist side of Zoom, it will ask you to unmute yourself and you can activate your camera. Once you've successfully unmuted yourself, you can give your public comment, and then you'll be placed back into the attendee side of Zoom. Then we will go on to the next commenter.

If you've called in by phone, you can dial *9 and it will raise your hand in Zoom so I can add you to the speaking queue. Otherwise, if you've joined via the Internet, you can just click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I will identify you and bring you over to the panelist side.

Let's start with the first individual with their hand raised. I'm seeing Keith Moens. Mr. Moens, I'm going to bring you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself and provide your comment, and then I will bring you back into the attendee side.

Mr. Moens, you're unmute. If you would like to give your public

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comment?

MR. MOENS: Thank you, Sam. Am I on?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MOENS: Thank you. Thank you, Chairwoman Dawson, for allowing me to speak tonight. I appreciate that.

I am in total support of this project. I think it's going to be great. My name is Keith Moens, M-o-e-n-s. I live in Arlington Heights. I again support this project very much. I'm proud to have it here to give these kids some support. I think this concern over the police calls is understandable, but it looks like these folks have gotten that under control, they're trending downward on that and they know how to work with that. So, I'm in support of this project, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Moens. I'm going to bring in the next individual with their hand raised. I'm going to bring in Sandy Bourseau. Sorry, I'm sure I'm butchering your last name there, but Zoom should now be asking you to join the panelist side and unmute yourself. Once you do so, you can provide your name and address if you'd like for the public record, and then provide your public comment.

MS. BOURSEAU: It's Bourseau, but you were pretty close, B-o-u-r-s-e-a-u. My address is 151 West Wing Street here in Arlington Heights.

I sent an e-mail which didn't get read, but there are so many good things in those e-mail, the supportive ones. I think it's a wonderful program.

The only thing I'm going to add quickly is I bet given a chance, the residents, these young people working in the program there at the house, they would quickly dispel a lot of this fear that I'm hearing expressed in these e-mails. So, I wish and I hope that they'll get a chance to do that. So, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, next, I see an Ann Gillespie and I bring you in to the panelist side of Zoom. You can unmute yourself and provide your name and spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and then you can provide your public comment.

MS. GILLESPIE: Hi, I am Ann Gillespie, G-i-l-l-e-s-p-i-e. I live in the Heritage Park neighborhood which is the area that was commented as being just to the north of the current Shelter, Inc. facility.

The current Shelter facility is, as I said, near my home, it's near Heritage Park and Juliette Low Elementary School. We have not in our neighborhood had any issues with the Shelter, Inc. program. In fact, I think most of my neighbors do not even realize that it's there. It looks to be the home associated with the owners of the former Animal Feeds & Needs, and I think that's what most people thought it was all this time.

I have had the opportunity to visit one of their shelters that was mentioned in another community. It is just in the same proximity to other single-family homes as the current proposed location. Again, you've heard some e-mails and letters from folks that live around that area that have not experienced any issues with it.

The requirements that the residents live under in this program are more structured than many of the young people that live in my neighborhood today. They have responsibilities that I think bode well for their development. They have, the staff has demonstrated their adaptability and quick response to issues as evidenced by the changes in the police calls and all the criteria that have been there. The transition that we're trying to help

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these kids move through is to launch them into a successful adult life. If they never have the opportunity to be integrated into community living, then how are they going to be successful at doing that?

I really think this is a good program. My understanding is that it was founded or at least an early proponent of it was a former Arlington Heights Police Chief, and I think he was on the right track here and I'd like to see the community continue to support it. Thank you for the time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I am going to bring in a participant with the name Wells. Wells, you're being added to the queue to speak. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Once you're in, if you can state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your address if you'd like, and then you can proceed with your public comment.

Wells, I see that you're in. I see that you're muted though. Wells, you're in. Okay, now I see you're unmuted. Can you speak?

MR. NOVACK: Yes, my name is Joe Novack. I'm an attorney, I live directly across the street from the subject property. I'm here with my associate Mr. Wells. I wanted to reiterate that the Staff Development Committee, after substantial review, has concluded that they cannot support the proposed special use. I think that's should be determinative of this issue; however, there's numerous other issues that should be pointed out.

The Plan Commission itself on 9/22/21 in the cover sheet on the website said they could not support this. Again, on September 17th on the website, they reiterated that they cannot support this proposal. There's numerous e-mails. I'll defer to my associate here, Cathy, to delineate the number of e-mails just for emphasis here. Cathy, can you do that?

MS. VAUGHN: I can do it, if I can use the screen?

MR. NOVACK: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Hi, Cathy. Could you state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter?

MS. VAUGHN: Yes, Catherine Vaughn, C-a-t-h-e-r-i-n-e, last name Vaughn, V-a-u-g-h-n. I currently live on East Knob Hill Drive within 500 feet of the proposed facility property.

So, I just want to make a comment because we were a bit confused as to how you chose which e-mails you'd put into the record. The Village posted two different documents. One was a pre-Conceptual Plan Review Committee meeting document that contained 53 e-mails covering 69 pages. The second document was called post-Conceptual Review Plan Committee meeting and it had 80 e-mails in it for a 122 pages. So, there were a total of 133 e-mails. There were 43 opposition e-mails. There were 58 e-mails that were in support that provided an address, but of those 58, the average distance from the proposed property was more than 3.2 miles from our neighborhood. There were 28 support e-mails that were submitted with no address for reference, and then there were four e-mails in support from residents living in Ivy Hill.

So, I wanted to ask how you chose which e-mails you reported into the record.

MR. HUBBARD: So, is that your public comment? It's not intended to be a question and answer between Staff and the Petitioner or the public and Staff and the Petitioner.

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So, you can make your comment. The Plan Commissioners are taking notes as far as what items they'd like to follow up with Staff or the Petitioner on, but you can make your comment and then we'll go to the next person. Your comment seems to be a question about how the e-mails were categorized.

MS. VAUGHN: Okay, well, I'll rephrase because everything I just said went on to the record. The call is recorded, no need to repeat it. You read about 20 e-mails and there were 133 submitted. So, now I'll turn it back over to Mr. Novack.

MR. NOVACK: Again, I just want to reiterate that your own Staff Development Committee on numerous occasions has stated that they cannot support this proposed use. I respectfully request that you defer to your own committee and follow suit in light of all the opposition that's come to your attention and that of the Village Clerk, the numerous e-mails in opposition as well as 339 signatures in opposition that was filed with the Village Clerk.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your public comment. I will bring in the next individual. I'm bringing in a Melissa Cayer. Melissa Cayer, you should be added to the panelist side and you should be able to unmute yourself and make your public comment.

MS. CAYER: Hello, Melissa Cayer, C-a-y-e-r, Arlington Heights. Is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: Is that your comment?

MS. CAYER: I was wondering, is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: No, I don't believe it is. No.

MS. CAYER: How far is it from the tax increment finance district?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait. Just again to clarify, this isn't a question and answer period. You could ask, you could list the questions you'd like to be answered as far as your public commentary. We'll make a note of them and address them, but it's not intended to be a direct questioning of Staff at this time. So, go ahead and read through your questions, we'll make a note.

MS. CAYER: Okay, I think it is at least very near to the tax increment finance district which is right across the street from Jewel Osco, which, you know, it's hundreds of feet away. Yet the property is going for \$2 million? What is going on here?

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mrs. Cayer, for your comment. Okay, I have a Wendy Dunnington I'm going to bring into the panelist side. Wendy, once you arrive on the site, would you please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and give your address if you'd like.

MS. DUNNINGTON: Hi, my name is Wendy Dunnington. It's spelled D as in David, u-n-n-i-n-g-t-o-n. My address is 530 South Chestnut Avenue in Arlington Heights.

I'm calling in support of the new development for Shelter, Inc. I think it sounds like a great addition to our community. The only thing I wanted to add that's different than what other people have said is that the Staff is concerned that there isn't a lot of public transportation options in that area. I just want to highlight that it's a very walkable area in regards to the amount of employment opportunities and restaurants, banking, and lots of services that would be in the area that those residents could easily get to without public transportation. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in a Jolanta Szymanska. Okay, no, they un-raised their hand. I'm going to bring in a, I'm sorry, no, their

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hands -- wait. No, their hand keeps going up and down. All right, I'm going to bring in a Dennis. Dennis, you're being promoted to the panelist side. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like, and then your public comment. Dennis, you're in.

MR. PETROSFER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. PETROSFER: Hi, my name is Dennis Petrosfer. I live on Ivy Hill, or Ivy Lane, sorry. I'm in opposition of the project. You know, it's okay to have it, you know, in non-residential areas, I'm okay with that, but to put it in an area with kids and schools and houses, you know, 20 feet nearby, it's just not something I can be in support of.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

MR. PETROSFER: Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, I have a Carrie Estrada, I'm going to bring you in. Carrie, Zoom should be bringing you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and if you'd like you can provide your address.

MS. ESTRADA: Hi, my name is Carrie Estrada and I work in Arlington Heights. I've been a licensed clinical social worker for 20 plus years, and a majority of which I spent working with kids living through childhood trauma. I've worked residential care. I've worked for DCFS. I've been a think child and family therapist, and in the past eight years I was the clinical director at the Children's Advocacy Center supporting kids who have been exposed to violence.

I'm currently the executive director at Northwest Casa, an agency in Arlington Heights who supports survivors of sexual violence. I've worked with young people like the ones that we saw in the video who will be residing at this TLP, hundreds and hundreds of kids like this. They are awesome and they're the most resilient humans that you all will ever meet. They may have problems, who wouldn't without a stable childhood, but it is unconscionable to block these young people from what they need to thrive and build a fruitful life for themselves.

Furthermore, they'll be doing this under the skilled guidance of Shelter, Inc. who has decades of success with such vulnerable young people. These young people will be required to work a program and live by the established house rules. There will be trained staff people available 24/7 literally getting paid for the success of these kids.

It is without hesitation I support this TLP. Arlington Heights has an opportunity to end intergenerational trauma for a select group of young people. I'll be following closely to see the value Arlington Heights places on survivors of childhood trauma. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Okay, I am going to bring in a phone number here. I'm going to bring in a phone number with the last four digits of 0597. So, phone number 0597, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself via the phone. I see you're unmuted, if you'd like to give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and your address if you'd like, and then provide your public comment.

MS. MOSQUEDA: Hi, this is Cheryl Mosqueda, M-o-s-q-u-e-d-a. I live at 2360 East Bradshire Court in Arlington Heights. I've been a resident of Arlington Heights over 30 years, and I love our community.

Shelter's TLP program for 17 to 21-year-olds are for young people

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who want to live healthy and productive lives. They want to learn the skills needed to do so through this voluntary program. So, if we have the ability to help these young people by approving the relocation, I wholeheartedly support the Commissioners and the Village Board in approving it. This program exists for all the right reasons, and I hope that we continue to show our support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Miel Johnson. All right, I do see that you're in.

MS. JOHNSON: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: Okay, so my name is Miel Johnson. My first name is Miel, M as in Mary, i-e-l. My last name is Johnson. I'm the board director for political action for the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, and Buffalo Grove area. Since our inception in 1920, the League of Women Voters has advocated for policies to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Shelter, Incorporated does just that, teaching at-risk youth the skills many of us take for granted. These young people enter this program voluntarily because they want to become independent and productive members of our community. Shelter, Incorporated has been a good neighbor for more than a decade to Arlington Heights. Now that they want to move to a larger space so they can continue to support at-risk youth, we need to be good neighbors and approve this zoning variance. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Philip Geier. Once you're in, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, your address if you'd like, and then proceed with your public comment.

MR. GEIER: Yes, my name is Philip Geier. I live in Arlington Heights for 28 years. I have experience as a counselor in both mental health and other fields, and I am aware of the backgrounds that these kids have come from, what they've experienced, most of it that would knock all of us down. I think people can change and people need a second chance.

I'm very much impressed with the staff that is running this program. These are good kids that you would be happy to have in your neighborhood. So, I support this and I hope the Board does, too. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I am going to bring over a John Palicki.

MR. PALICKI: Good evening, guys. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is John Palicki, P-a-l-i-c-k-i. I'm an Arlington Heights resident who lives about one-plus mile from the possible new TLP. I've also been an educator for about 15 years, and I'm getting my Master's degree in Social Work while interning at Shelter, Inc.

I'm here tonight both as a resident and someone that gets to work with the youth, and I mean, gets to, not has to. I understand where many of you are coming from that may have reservations. I can speak first-hand to how amazing these youth are. These youth are well-spoken, respectful, kind, and looking to build their lives just as we were at that age. They're the most creative, intelligent, and strong young people you could ever meet. They have experienced circumstances that have been out of their control and are looking to gain the opportunities for a successful life as we all have been given in our lives.

The Village of Arlington Heights is a special place that my family has

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known since my family was at Hersey High School in the 70's. It has an abundance of families that are amazing role models for the youth. But these youth also can be amazing role models for the families as young people that have overcome obstacles to still be successful.

As a resident of Arlington Heights, as someone that work with these youth today, I can attest to this being a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved. As young people, everybody in this room need someone to believe in us, and this can be our way to show the youth that we believe in them and provide them with a quality and safe home. So, please send them home. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Sheldon Galster.

MR. GALSTER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: We can.

MR. GALSTER: Oh, good, thank you. So, I'm Sheldon Galster, G-a-l-s-t-e-r. I'd just like to concur with the Staff's recommendation to not approve this variance. Just one comment, why does our area continue to get controversial topics brought to us? That's it.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I'm going to bring in an individual by the name of Alison. Alison, you should be brought in. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can provide your name.

MS. SAIKI: Good evening, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. SAIKI: Hi, I'm Alison Saiki, S-a-i-k-i, and I live at 2401 North Evergreen Avenue. I am not in favor of this proposal, and I am in favor of the project though. I think it's a wonderful project. I've learned so much about it just hearing everything being reported tonight. But this is not the right location.

I think they really need to be near transportation. Golf Road would be stellar. I understand why it was probably there originally, because not only doing retail but they can actually get nice jobs in office buildings which out here it's just, I mean, it's just not accessible. So, I am in favor of the project but not at this location.

I think also with the Crescent Place also, I think transportation for both projects is really necessary. So, I think for both, I would like to put it on comment that transportation I think is a factor. Then square footage-wise, it looks like the Golf Road location looks larger, and yet this one on Valley looks smaller, and yet they're going to double in size. I think living on top of each other like that could cause problems as well.

So, that's my public comment for tonight. I am not in favor of this project on Valley. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I'm now going to bring in an individual by the name of Melody Woodsum.

MS. WOODSUM: Hi, I'm Melody Woodsum, W-o-o-d-s-u-m as in Mary. I'm in the 2000 block of North Brighton Place.

I am not in favor of this project at this location. It may be a project viable at a different location. But with the parking issue and it being a main artery into our subdivision, all of the services people are going to come with a car. There's nothing prohibiting a resident at some point getting a car. There is not enough width on the road to get the cars in and out of our subdivision on a primary entrance with the current environment. It's difficult, and if you add more parked cars on the street because it's one away from Arlington Heights Road, the cars come in and off. It's going to be a traffic nightmare for residents getting in, or services to

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get into the neighborhood if an ambulance or a fire truck has to come in and there's just not enough parking. So, that variance that they're asking for should not be granted at this location in this environment.

I also don't feel that the retail in the area is sufficient for them to have entertainment if it's supposed to be close to a location. All of the restaurants in our area close by 9:00 o'clock. There is not a movie theater. There is not a bowling alley. There is not a way for them to access any location for them to have entertainment when they are not working. So, again, it is not in a location that gives them access to transportation to get to some place where they're going to be able to constructively use their entertainment hours, and there is not enough location for the parking on that street for cars to still enter and exit our subdivision in a safe manner. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring in an individual by the name of Will Stephens.

MR. STEPHENS: Thank you for the time. My name is Will Stephens, S-t-e-p-h-e-n-s. I live at 737 South Vail in Arlington Heights.

I wanted to voice my strong support for this program. I think it's been clear through the comments today that there is a fear of introducing danger to this community. But I think what needs to be pointed out again, as the Shelter team did point out is that these kids are our neighbors today. These are folks that we rely on and interact with every single day in our community already, and we are being asked as a village to support a program that helps and lifts up our neighbors. I believe that's a program that should be a source of pride for all residents of Arlington Heights, so I would again, voice my strong support for this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in an attendee by the name of Cristina. Cristina, you should be added to the panelist side and you can unmute yourself. Provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. CRISTINA: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Hi.

MS. CRISTINA: Hi, thank you. I have questions that I would like, I know you cannot answer them, that's okay. But if they can be added to the record and perhaps somebody can provide answers at a later date?

In regards to your TLP interview questions, page four and five, there are listed questions and I'm wondering which one of those would make somebody who is requesting to live at that site disqualified from living in that shelter? Questions being have there been any issues of aggression; have there been any incidents of police involvement/legal history; have you been on probation or parole; have there been any incidents of sexually problematic behaviors, current or historic; have you ever had to register as a sex offender; have there been any issues regarding domestic violence; is there a gang involvement, current or historical; and are there any incidents of fire starting or arson. Are there any questions on any of the pages that if anyone indicates yes that would disqualify the individual from living there?

This is now a comment, no longer a question. I'm always for giving individuals a second chance and helping to improve people's lives. That's not the concern here. The concern here is the location. Not only is this a residential location, but within blocks of this site there is an elementary school. Whenever children are in the vicinity, extra precautions and

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considerations must be made. Although I commend wanting to help individuals, we need to make sure that the location is appropriate for that, and I do not believe that this is an appropriate location.

I think that those were all my notes and I appreciate your time.

Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring over a panelist with the name Becky. Becky, you're being added to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your public comment.

MS. McCLANEY: Hi, good afternoon, or good evening. I guess it's evening now, 10:00 o'clock at night. Thank you all for the time and the opportunity to join you all tonight.

My name is I guess formally Rebecca, or Becky, McClaney, M-c-C-l-a-n-e-y. I live at 2259 East Ashbury Court in Arlington Heights. Not only do I live in Arlington Heights, I work in Arlington Heights.

I just wanted to come and share, I echo a lot of what a lot of people have said before. I am an educator. I work with at-risk youth that present with mental health needs. It's really our opportunity to show our children in our community how we speak and lead and what we want them to be as they grow into our community. This isn't about giving the kids of Shelter, Inc. a second chance but a chance to make something different than the cards that were dealt to them and really giving them an opportunity to learn and grow and be surrounded by an amazing community that we all have the opportunity to live and grow in and give them this chance to live and grow with us.

Really, they already do so much for our community by, you know, providing opportunities, and what a great way to encourage them and allow our youth to see that we lead with our hearts and with our love. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in an attendee by the name of a10884. You should be added to the panelist side. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

SPEAKER: And here is the video. Okay. All right, there you go. Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

SPEAKER: Go ahead.

MR. BRUCE ACKERMAN: Good evening. My name is Bruce Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. We are residents on East Knob Hill, approximately a block-and-a-half from the subject property.

I've listened with great dismay this evening because the preponderance of the comments that were positive were not, I repeat, not located in the Ivy Hill Subdivision which numbers approximately 500 single family primarily homes. The location of the proposed project variance is inaccessible most of the time during busy hours, weekdays or weekends, egress or access out onto Arlington Heights Road from that immediate location. This would create complete chaos and bedlam.

Number two, as has been stated, Ivy Hill School, which educated both of our sons, is located three short blocks away. The Thomas Junior High School has a bus stop corner. The Camelot Park and Pool and exercise area, which I happen to go to myself personally, is five blocks. The children that walk by this area are young, many, impressionable, innocent young people.

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The proposed use, therefore, of this subject property would negatively affect the essential character of our immediate contiguous properties. We are all taxpayers, and of course many of us do vote. Forgetting the effect negatively on the assessed valuations, the market values of the properties, a transitional program such as this involving 10 to 12 males will tie up not only parking spaces whilst congesting as mentioned, but upset the quiet intergenerational cluster of the fabric of the neighborhood.

I noticed in the proposed change, there was a mention of plight, the plight of the owner's circumstances of the existing property at 207. To my knowledge, the Village nor homeowners do not include a guarantee of collective responsibility as a neighborhood resident to provide for the "unique circumstance" of the subject's homeowner who is selling. The persons in this area have worked long and hard as many in Arlington Heights have to provide a simple, secure, and a safe family lifestyle that is an earned right of its property owners as well as their children, grandparents, other taxpaying people in the area.

We totally, vigorously oppose this proposal, and of course feel that this is not also, I want to make it clear, a racial issue. I can make it crystal clear because personally I can attest to that fact myself. I don't want to talk in riddles, but I'm talking about whatever here, personal factors. Our neighboring residents here are both diverse, highly educated, and oppose this grant of special use program. I thank you.

MS. MULLEN: Hi, my name is Lisa Mullen. Can you hear me? Because I can't hear you.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, we can hear you.

MS. MULLEN: Okay, sorry. My name is Lisa Mullen, M-u-l-l-e-n. I just want to say that I fully support this program. I keep hearing about these kids and they're all worried about them. These kids did not ask to not have support at home. They did not ask for the situation that they grew up in. It is our job as a community to help these kids and get them on the right track. They volunteered to do this, we didn't, you know, grab them kicking and screaming. They volunteered to want to learn how to get a job and to live in the society. So, I just want to voice that I fully support this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, you're on mute.

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry. I'm bringing in a Lisa Paczosa, I'm sorry, an Elizabeth Paczosa. I see you're in, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. PACZOSA: Hi, yes. My name is Elizabeth Paczosa, P-a-c-z-o-s-a. I live at 707 East Valley Lane, very close to this proposed program.

I'm in strong opposition of this program being positioned at 207-209 East Valley Lane. My husband and I moved here three years ago on this block specifically for our three children who attend Ivy Hill School today. Safety is very important to us, and I believe having this duplex housing multiple adult men who are unable to sustain stability on their own would hinder our block in the matter of safety. Many children walk to Ivy Hill with and without their parents or an adult present, and we have already had an incident of an adult male assaulting a minor on her way to school. This happened directly outside my home, and it's had us increase our security to our home with camera activity to protect ourselves and our neighbors if anything else were to happen.

This project is too close to the elementary school, parks, and homes

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with small children. I believe that if this project is implemented in a residential area with young families, it will deter young families from buying on our block in the future. There have been multiple for sale homes in the past six months on our block, which I believe poses an issue. Our neighborhood needs to be in favor of more young families with children and less adult males who have difficulty living a stable life.

Please reconsider this location and place, possibly downtown closer to public transit and amenities for them. I appreciate your time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Vaibhav Agrawal. You should now be added to Zoom. Please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MR. AGRAWAL: Hi, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. AGRAWAL: Thank you. Hi, my name is Vaibhav Agrawal, last name is spelled as A-g-r-a-w-a-l. I live within 500 feet from the proposed Shelter site. Thank you for letting me speak and thank you for all the hard work you guys are doing here tonight and allowing us to express our opinion.

I'm personally strongly opposed to this relocation on the basis of what the Staff Committee has already determined earlier, irrespective of the number of residents which are going to stay there. I had sent an e-mail earlier, but it was not read. I'll not repeat all the content of my e-mail because it is already with you to read.

One thing I'd like to be very clear about is we are not opposed to what Shelter program is doing for the community. They are doing a great job and they should do it. A lot of supporters tonight have alluded, too, that there is an opposition to what the program is doing which is not true. It is about the location that the proposed site is. It's a real impact to neighboring houses which cannot be overlooked.

Also, please note, many supporters as stated earlier are not getting impacted directly as they don't live in the vicinity. So, while I respect their inputs, I respectfully don't agree with them.

I also want to comment on uprooting all six individuals from the existing location. You have chosen this location because it can provide jobs to those six individuals or 12 individuals because it's closer to business, but you are uprooting six individuals from the existing location. How will they go back to those jobs if there is no facility available here to drive to that location which is quite far from this particular location? There are better locations which has a lot of businesses which has transportation closer to downtown. It would be easier for these persons to reach there than coming over to this particular location.

Finally, we all don't need to be up so late voicing opinions on a workday if Plan Committee's advice, which was not in favor, would have been considered. This is not a good use of our and your time. Thank you for letting me speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, I'm going to bring in a Tim McRaith. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and when you've unmuted yourself provide your comment.

MR. McRAITH: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. McRAITH: Okay, my name is Tim McRaith. I live at 208 East Knob Hill Drive, which is within 250 feet of the proposed home.

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I oppose, strongly oppose this variance. I support what the program does but we just, I do not approve of the location. Most of, I just wanted to make a comment, most of the supporters that have voiced their opinion here do not live on Knob Hill or Valley, in the immediate area. So, that's a different perspective. But I want to say I support what this program is doing, what they're doing for these young adults, but not at this location. It will disrupt the whole fabric of this community in this neighborhood. Thank you very much.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Theresa Wells.

MS. WELLS: Hello, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. WELLS: Good evening, and thank you for taking my comments. As a home-owning resident with a family who lives on the block of the proposed Shelter, I live on 402 East Valley Lane, I wish to express my objection to this plan. Single-family homes dominate this section of our neighborhood. My family currently enjoys a comfortable, quiet environment to live in where my 13-year-old daughter can continue to flourish and grow without having to fear for her safety. She and her friends frequently ride their bikes past the proposed property, and I'm concerned with the added stress of wondering if they will come in contact with, any untoward contact with any of the residents. The proposed residents will mostly be male and between the ages of 17 and 21. I do not want my 13-year-old daughter to be in contact with this demographic.

Another issue of concern is precedent. If we allow the youth of the proposed residence as in shelter care home, what would prevent the other neighboring homes with the same blueprint from becoming one as well due to zoning? The allowance of the first home will set the precedent for another, not only in our neighborhood but other locations within Arlington Heights. Shelter, Inc. stated in a recent community meeting that they have no plans to expand, yet this will be their second property in Arlington Heights.

Those in support of this home, as stated earlier, do not necessarily live on Valley Lane or the neighboring streets. They live on the opposite end of Arlington Heights with no impact to their children's safety or immediate property. As noted in public record, many of the proposed residents are undergoing treatment for mental health issues, and have violated curfew. It is known that the Department of Children and Family Services is having problems finding space and housing for the proposed population. In order to secure state funds, social service agencies such as Shelter, Inc., make agreements with suburban areas to address the issue of runaways and easier tracking due to limited public transportation versus locations in their city.

It was stated that the decision should be made based on facts and not feelings. However, while searching for our home, a major deciding factor for moving to Arlington Heights was based on how we would feel as a family living in this neighborhood, how we interact with our neighbors and establish stable relationships within the community. Our line of thinking and feeling should not be discounted. Many of the neighbors spent years saving enough money to buy homes in this area. Many are of retirement age who wish to not leave their stability for their safety or loss of property value. As these residents will be transitional, there will be cycling of residents in and out of the home with an average stay being less than two years.

I also want to say that for further transparency, I submit and hope

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that Ivy Hill Elementary School as well as Thomas Middle School has been made aware of this proposed shelter. I'd be interested to know the school board's perspective on this proposal. Both schools educate students on being alert for stranger danger situations and how to report it. As another neighbor mentioned, we had a situation not too long ago with an assault on a student.

Another point of fact is that we are taxpaying voters. This allowance of the proposed rezoning and use of this residence will become an important issue for us to consider during the next election. While I support the purpose of Shelter, Inc. and I support helping our fellow citizens, I do not support using our neighborhood as a test case. So, I'd strongly urge you to deny this application and leave the zoning as is. Thank you for hearing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Brad. Brad, please provide your name and address, sorry, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like.

MR. WELLS: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. WELLS: My name is Brad Wells, and that's W-e-l-l-s.

MR. HUBBARD: Brad, we're getting a lot of feedback.

MR. WELLS: Okay, and I just wanted to state that we're not against, you know, a lot of people think that we're against the program. I just wanted to let you know that I grew up on the south side of Chicago, so I know about at-risk youth. I grew up with at-risk youth, and I've seen some of my friends grow up to be productive citizens. So, I know about second chances and I'm a true believer. So, it's not about the program that we're against, but what we're against is the location. It seems as if you're trying to put a square peg into a circle and it doesn't fit.

I just want to let you know that most of the people that are in support of this program, which we are in support of the program but we're just not in support of the location, they do not live within the vicinity of where the location is being proposed. I want you to please take that in consideration when you think about this.

I have a 13-year-old daughter. She has friends that come over and she travels back and forth, her friends back and forth from houses, to their house, to our house, and we want this to be a safe area where they can do that without having to worry. We'd just like, as said previously, we do not want to break the fabric of this neighborhood. Thank you for taking my comments. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Max Ackerman.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hi, my name is Max Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. I live at 419 East Knob Hill Drive, roughly a half a block away from the proposed site. Similar sentiment, to echo previously stated participants, is that I completely support the program. I understand the vast importance, especially during these times, of a need for a program for people to have second chances. But I think it is important to note that I disagree with the location of the site and I think it should be in a different location.

I think the views of the people here stated previously are valid

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regarding safety, regarding potential decrease on home prices, and regarding a change in the neighborhood environment. I think ultimately, whatever, you know, the opinions of either side is, I think it comes down to the fact that the homeowners in the surrounding area are taxpayers who pay a fair share to live in the location and should have a, basically a majority vote of how they think their neighborhood should be. I think that shouldn't be inconsequential.

I think an easy way to kind of get around all this is to send everyone within maybe a three to five-block radius a paper ballot where they could fill it out and decide whether they want the location. I think it's fairly simple. Whether, you know, whether we have all these opinions or not, I think it should come down to a majority vote. It seems fairly simple to pull the addresses of all the people from the city hall and send everyone a ballot. I think this would be the most fair route, and if the majority of people want it, then fine, it comes. But if the majority of people don't want it, which it seems like they don't, then it should be denied. I think that's very fair for people who pay money to live in a certain location.

That's my time. Thank you all.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Chris. Okay, Chris, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter. If you'd like to give your address, you may, and you can unmute yourself and provide your public comment.

MR. SZEWCZYK: Hello, my name is Chris Szewczyk, last name S-z-e-w-c-y-k. I live in the Knob Hill Street at 303. That's about 250 feet from the proposed Shelter, Inc. location.

So, I wanted to voice my strong opposition to this proposal. I also think that the e-mails and the comments of individuals who don't live in the Ivy Hill Subdivision should not carry the same weight as the residents of Ivy Hill Subdivision. I feel that folks who live, you know, miles away would not be in favor of this proposal if they were about to be next to a shelter where police shows up frequently.

What really concerned me is the statistic that you presented. For example, the 10 criminal calls in 2020 with just six teens living there really concerns me about the ability of Shelter staff to manage these troubled teens. So, it will make our neighborhood less safe, it will drop the property values, it will probably make people want to move out of here. Many of us have small kids. I have also a 14-year-old daughter who I would be more concerned about if this, you know, goes forward.

So, again, I voice my strong opposition, and thank you for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Nadya Frid. Nadya, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. FRID: Hi, I'm Nadya Frid, F-r-i-d. While I believe the Shelter is a wonderful idea and I'm thankful for its organizers, I think this is not the right location from the viewpoint of transportation and parking. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, do we need to extend the meeting by chance?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, in the next six minutes we should.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: This is Jay. I'll move to extend for another

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30 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I should say terminating at 11:00 o'clock, 30 minutes after 10:30.

MR. HUBBARD: May I suggest once we're done with public comment, if we want to recess for five minutes to stretch and for a bathroom break if anyone needs to? I see two more hands, three more hands raised for public comment. Let me take a roll call vote on the motion to extend.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, so we're extended through at least 11:00.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But we're going to wrap up public commentary. We have three more, three minutes each, then we go on break.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, I have an Igor Malamud. Igor, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and give your public comment.

MR. MALAMUD: Yes, hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MALAMUD: Well, first of all, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. I live in East Valley Lane, 310 East Valley Lane, just one block away from 207, for 16 years. My son who is currently serving in the US Marine Corps grew up in this street. He attended both Ivy Hill as well as Thomas School. We actually moved here because of the safety of this neighborhood, and we were very happy to live here.

Just a few months ago, there was a case on our street when police knocked on our door asking if we saw the child abused, a child that was walking down the street towards Ivy Hill. That was kind of like very unusual for our area. I believe one of the neighbors mentioned that during just the 2020 year, the current location for the Shelter, Incorporated, there were 10 calls because of criminal activity. I believe in our area, just one is too much.

So, I strongly oppose the proposition to place the Shelter, Incorporated in our neighborhood. Thank you again for the opportunity..

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MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Katherine Scortino. All right, if you would please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. SCORTINO: My name is Katherine Scortino, S as in Sam, c-o-r-t-i-n-o. I just wanted to comment, I'm going to keep my comment short because I think Ann Gillespie and Carrie Estrada and several other people have stated so much of, so many of my thoughts and beliefs on this project.

I am in full support of it, and I am an Ivy Hill resident. I have lived here for 42 years. My kids all went to Ivy Hill and Thomas and Buffalo Grove High School. It's a fabulous neighborhood. It's for that reason that I want these young men to also have the opportunity to be able to be in an environment like this. Others are talking about safety issues, they want to be safe, too. They want to be in a home, and this is a perfect opportunity for all of us to show that we are neighbors, that we are friends.

Just on Sunday, Mayor Hayes was saying when he was at the opening of the Maker Place that in our community we provide something for everybody. Well, now is our chance to provide something really important, a home for these young men. So, I'm in full support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Jolanta, and I do see one more hand was raised, so one more after Jolanta gives their public comment. If you could state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, give your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. SZYMANSKA: Good evening, thanks for having me. My name is Jolanta, my last name is S-z-y-m-a-n-s-k-a. I live at 303 East Knob Hill Drive, and I strongly oppose moving Shelter to Valley Lane.

I am a registered nurse. I work in the field, and my main concern about Shelter being so close to such a busy intersection is not only the safety of our kids, but I am also concerned about the safety of the Shelter residents. The reason for that is when you deal with trauma, mental disease, sometimes, you know, the symptoms of those diseases can be not controlled. Then if you are so close to such a busy intersection, that is a safety issue for the residents of the Shelter.

So, as a mom with three kids, as a person who deals with mental disease on a personal level because we have family members who have mental disease and physical trauma, and also as a nurse who deals with, that I do not feel this is a good location for Shelter. At the same time, I would like to thank all the employees of the Shelter who provide a second chance for those kids because definitely, I see as a nurse a huge crisis in mental health in the United States. Thank you so much for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I see two hands left. Let me promote Follett to the panelist side. Follett, once you're in, you can unmute yourself and state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, provide your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. FOLLETT: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MS. FOLLETT: Good evening. I won't repeat what everyone has said other than I live at, the name is Mary Alice Follett, F like in Frank, o-l-l-e-t-t. I live at 209 Knob Hill, two doors away from the proposed site.

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We strongly oppose, and I won't repeat what everyone else has said, but living so close, we know exactly what is going to happen to our neighborhood should this be approved. You've all received many notarized statements from all of the neighbors that are in close proximity, and so you know how we feel. You know the reasons why we don't want this in our area. We all support the Shelter, okay, but we don't support the location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, last hand raised, I'm bringing in somebody by the name of Resident. Resident, you should be added to the attendee side, I'm sorry, the panelist side. You should be able to unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MS. FALCAO: Hi there. My name is Kathleen Falcao, F like Frank, a-l-c-a-o. I also live on Vargo Lane in the Ivy Hill neighborhood.

I'd like to just add to all of the comments in opposition for the vote for this property. I do also have children that attend District 25 and District 214. I am also a healthcare professional, and I just do have the same concerns. I won't repeat all of what has been said from a safety standpoint.

I also don't think that it's comparison of apples to apples from the earlier presentation on the current location of the property on Golf Road. If I understood correctly, I think I heard it was something like two acres. For the amount of proposed residents in such a small space, it's really not an equivalent property by any stretch, as well as the location is not ideal being less than five blocks away from an elementary school. So, thank you for allowing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Chair Dawson, I do not see any more hands raised, so I think it is appropriate at this point if you would like to close public comment and then recess for a short break.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, I agree. So, we will go ahead and close public commentary. It is, according to my computer, 10:35, so we'll do a five-minute break and reconvene at 10:40, correct? Okay. All right, see everyone back at 10:40.

(Off the record.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It looks like we're just waiting for a couple of people to come back.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'm back, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, George. We are still waiting for Commissioner Lorenzini. Commissioner Cherwin, I don't see your camera, so I don't know if you're back or not.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'm back, I'm sorry. Here I am.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, good.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'm here. I'm present.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, looks like everyone is back. So, I'm sure we have lots of questions. There were a number of questions I made note of from the public.

Who would like to start? Commissioners, I wish I could like look right or left and tell you who's starting, but I can't do that.

Okay, Commissioner Ennes, you're up.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, you're on mute.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm sorry. Carina, I have a couple of

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questions for you, and possibly for your staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You mentioned, just out of general curiosity, a couple of times you mentioned that Shelter was started by a police officer. Do you know who that was?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, it was Paul Buckles.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, a very well-known Police Commissioner in town.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: He started a number of things. In regard to your Golf Road property where there are all these reports, many police reports, many of which are required by the regulation that you work under, being the curfew problems. How quickly do you have to report a curfew problem?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we have a curfew of midnight to 1:00 a.m. If they aren't home and we were not able to get in touch with them, then that's when we report. Again, it is a report, the police are not coming up to us, so it's not a disturbance to the community. We just call in the report.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, it's an hour?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: If they're an hour late, okay. Gee, good thing I never called on my kids, my teenagers, but at the Golf Road facility, do you have 24-hour supervision there?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We do.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Did you in the past, when the higher numbers were?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did have 24-hour supervision when, but the one thing that changed was our screening tool, both on the questionnaire that we ask as well as now we have access to their full history, which helped as well.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: What do you call the residents at your property? Are they clients? Are they, what are they?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we call them clients.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Clients, okay. What do you attribute to the reduced number of police calls over the last few years? Is that programming? What do you think that the reason for that reduction in police calls is?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, I think it's a mix of things. I think it is our programming. As you saw from our list that I had turned in, we have high-level staff and clinicians who are there and are accessible to our youth at all times. We started our clinical program, so prior to 2021 our youth are unmedicated and trying to find mental health services in the northwest suburbs is very difficult. So, we moved to that barrier by creating our own clinical program where they would have access to a licensed clinical professional at all times of the day.

In addition to that, we then did our screening tools then with having access, in 2020 it started, we had access to -- which is the historical file of the youth. So, when we interviewed them and if we saw discrepancies from their interview and from their case file, we were able to then go more into depth and ask them more questions and kind of weed out the youth who we do not think were appropriate for our program.

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COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm active in the Rotary Club in town, and it seems like a number of years ago, this is like seven-eight years ago, that our club helped, and I believe it was a Shelter location, possibly a TLP location in town.

Do you have another facility in town?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, this is our only Arlington Heights facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Was the Golf Road facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, were you part of the search committee for this location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I was.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How many locations do you think you looked at before deciding on this current location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I would have to look back at all of the listings that our realtor had given to us, but over 20, 25, maybe 30 locations.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You worked with a broker?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, most of those locations, what do you think it is that ruled them out? Were they all in Arlington Heights or all over the suburbs?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did a couple, we looked at Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Palatine. Arlington Heights was definitely, knowing that we have roots here and that we were created in Arlington Heights, I think definitely stuck with us. We're an important part of this community and we wanted to, you know, to stay here. But we did open it up.

What ruled out some of the other locations were, this is the only duplex or it gave us more space. So, currently, our ranch home at Golf Road is very small, it's less than 1,500 square feet. This opened us up to additional space. It doubles that space for us. It is also the number one thing for us was it's in walking distance to all of the employment opportunities.

So, many comments about parking or traffic or not having access to public transportation, it's actually not a problem for us because our youth already work at employers who, they would just be able to transfer to the sites that are close to this location. So, we have a youth at McDonalds, we have one at Office Depot, we have one at Jewel. They can just then transfer to the Jewel or the Office Depot that is right behind our facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: The Golf Road facility, the youth that are there, the youth, the young men that are there that would be transferring, there are six of them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. So, they could then, so if we were to move to this location on Valley, they could just transfer stores and stay employed.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, so if I'm hearing you correctly, you're saying the new residence is bigger. Some people had mentioned this, the Golf Road facility was on 2.5 acres, but that residence was much smaller?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct. So, the 2.5 acres is the whole commercial property that's for sale. So, that person who owned Animal Needs & Feeds and also owns the two acres rented out the 1,500 square-foot facility to us. He also, if you look at public record, has written a letter about what great tenants we have been, how respectful the

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young people have been of his property at all times, and he's also a great supporter.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Were there, do each of your clients have their own room at that location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: They do not. They all share a bedroom.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, you had three bedrooms with two kids in each one?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Which could create more conflict, I mean, with, you know, it's easier to have a hard time with somebody sharing the same room than having your own bedroom.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Your own place for your own staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. It also the model, the living situation that most of them go into. So, it is something that they learn from living is to how to communicate and conflict resolution skills if there is an issue.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I've been a big supporter of Shelter for decades. You do a lot of great things in the community. From what I heard, you answered one of my next questions I believe, and that's in regard to what is it about this location that made you choose it. I think what I heard you say is that there's walking distance to all those jobs.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: But these young men, they're 17 to 21, and they're also going to school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Whether it's junior college, college, some of them are finishing high school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How, you know, it's nice that they can walk to Northpoint Shopping Center or some of the other retail spots in the area, but how are they going to get to those other things?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, through the McKinney-Vento Liaison Act, our school transportation is actually provided for and paid for. We also give them a stipend of \$110 a month for transportation needs. At times, depending on who needs to go and if let's say five youth are at work or at school and one youth needs a ride, our staff may be able to drive them or another therapist would be able to drive to their therapy appointments or doctor's appointments if needed. So, we, or they're then able to use Uber, Lyft, or the Pace Phone-a-Ride is also utilized, especially if they're going to Harper.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, that really answers most of my questions. There were some of the, I should point out I'm an Ivy Hill resident. So, I live in the neighborhood, although I'm not as close as the people that are on the immediate streets, but I really have to emphasize my support for this type of program. If we don't help these young people who, we can't blame them for the situation that they were born into, the abuse, the neglect, and anything we can do to help them when they want to do and get better off in their life; I support going after that.

I was a little concerned about the transportation because we don't have any transportation on, you know, public transportation on Arlington Heights or Rand, but it

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sounds like for their education, they're going to have that, it's going to be made available to them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: That was one of my biggest concerns. I also want to say that if we don't support young men who want to do better with their lives after the hand that was dealt to them, we're going to need to build more low income and affordable housing in our community. I'd much rather see that we spend money on projects like this. That's all I have.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

MR. BEA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thank you, Commissioner Ennes.

Who would like to go next? Don't all just jump at once. Okay, I'm going to call on people.

Commissioner Jensen --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I can --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: There we go. Okay, sorry.

Commissioner Jensen and then Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll keep this somewhat short. Sam, you used the data through 2020 for the police calls and we saw that rising trend after it bottomed out at, you know, at seven calls. We have been provided with the eight or so months into 2021 when we dropped from 28 down to two. So, I have a question, or maybe it's a suggestion for you to maybe include that when it goes to the Board in your report.

I would ask the Petitioner though, do we think that you've done things that are going to allow that fall to persist? That we're going to stay at that lower level rather than see it revert to an increase to the 28 calls previously? What have you done that's caused that drop and is it going to be a persistent drop?

MR. STOMPER: Hi, this is John Stomper. I am the board, I'm sorry, I am the volunteer board president. Last name Stomper, S-t-o, m as in Mary, p as in Peter, e-r. I'll address that one just to give Carina a little bit of a break here.

The 28 calls in 2020, if you look at them, 24 of those 28 calls were related to one youth. That youth was removed from the program in early 2021, in fact one of the two calls in '21 related to that youth moving him out.

Shelter has implemented an enhanced screening process as Carina had mentioned. In 2020, this youth was in here before the screening process was put in place. We now have access to their records, so we can do a more in-depth analysis and more in-depth questionnaire of these youth.

So, I think, you know, one of the things that has happened, and we think that the trend will continue this way, because if you look at and you take out the anomaly of 2020, the knots or the serious calls go from seven in 2016 to two in 2017 to three in 2018 to one in 2019 to zero in 2020 and zero in 2021.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Good, okay. That's it, that answers that question. The other thing, and I don't know whether you need to do it as the Petitioner when this goes to the Board or whether Staff needs to do it, I didn't think it was a great comparison to do the Golf Road facility and compare it with what this proposal is. I would like to see some information comparing the Palatine and the Schaumburg facilities that are in actual residential

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areas. Have you had complaints that went to the local police departments there? What do the residents think about it, and so forth.

So, I think a more apt comparison by either Staff or the Petitioner would be this facility that's proposed with the other two that are in a very similar setting. Because the setting on Golf Road is really not similar, and I don't know that it's very instructive. So, that's just a comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen, I can address that if you would like.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sure.

MR. HUBBARD: The facilities in Schaumburg and in Palatine, we did look at those. They weren't apples to apples comparisons. One of the facilities is for boys up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter, and the other is for girls up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter. So, it wasn't, we did consider it but they weren't an apples to apples comparison.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Great. Well, thank you, thank you for verifying that. I would ask the Petitioner, what about either recidivism or maybe looked at a different way, do you do any follow-up with your "graduates"? What happens to them after they leave the program? Do they continue upward and onward? Or do they get into trouble? Or do you have any capability of following what happens after they leave your facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, we do. We are able, so we will say that we know that none of our clients have again, discharged our program into homelessness or not a stable living environment. They are all in a stable living environment. We do have contact with them. At times, they call us back, they give us updates. Some of them, some graduates will most likely come to the Village Board hearing when we get to that point to tell everyone about their experiences as a graduate of Shelter, Inc. We also invite them and have had and do have graduates of all of our programs currently employed at Shelter, and it is something that we're very proud of.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, that's very good. I know you don't give, I'm not asking you to violate any HIPAA regulations, but you mentioned there are mental health issues that you would expect given the environment in which these young men emerge from. But are these garden variety mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, neuroses or whatever? Or do we have anything more serious in terms of psychotic breaks or the kinds of things that might lead to more violent behavior?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. Anxiety and depression and then post traumatic stress disorder are the pretty most common diagnoses.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, and really there is not much of that that has led to violence per se, the mental health issue which has kind of been alluded to as some of the residents as being, you know, suggesting that there might be some violence that would emerge out of that, that's not been an issue, is that what you're telling me?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think the only couple of things that I would say, if you read through a lot of those comments that came in, and I guess they were comments that were attached to the other reports, Sam, there were a bunch of things that were mentioned in those that weren't actually mentioned in the public comments about this will decrease the property value and so forth. If you do an Internet search, you'll find out you can find studies that

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say it actually increases the value of the properties in the neighborhoods, or you find some that say it decreases it and so forth. I would hope that Staff or the Petitioner could put some of this into perspective, so you don't just have this barrage of repetitive stuff in the written comments that says it's going to have a particular effect on property values because it is ambiguous at best. I think that needs to be put into some perspective if this does go to the Board.

The other things that I would say is basically we have a lot of people, I didn't think the example of one person accosting a young person in this neighborhood and trying to indirectly link it to the behavior of these residents was very compelling in my point of view. It sounds like it could have been somebody, it wasn't necessarily somebody who's a resident of a shelter, so I'm not sure what to make of that. But the obvious view of the people who oppose this is that these are somehow unsavory people, they're bad people, they're not people from our particular area, they may be more of a criminal element and they are a threat to our children. I don't really think there's much that would suggest that to be the case, so I wasn't too compelled by that.

So, I understand why the neighbors do not want this in their backyard. That's a very common reaction. I'm not particularly moved by that unless there were some really good solid reasons not to have it in your backyard. The police issues did give me some concern. I think I've had most of my concerns alleviated, so like Commissioner Ennes, I'm generally in support of this project.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, Commissioner Jensen. Before we move on, just one comment. If you, I know you're concerned about comparing, and you're right, this isn't plunked right in the middle of a residential area, but it is directly across the street from Surrey Ridge which is a very populated residential area. Also, it is, if you look at Google Maps or whatever, it's about the same distance between the current Shelter home and Juliette Low Elementary School, and also Heritage Pool and Heritage Park and all those fields as it is between the proposed location and Ivy Hill.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Right. It may be a better, I see the point.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I just want to make sure that there are --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, it's a better comparison than I, I thought the others would be better, but I agree they're not.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: No, but there are comparisons. It might be plunked right in the middle of it but it is equidistant. The current location is the same distance to an elementary school as the proposed location, and yet there have been no incidences that I'm aware of, and maybe Shelter can correct me or the Village can correct me, about that having, the location having any impact on the elementary school.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Thanks. I think that --

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'd like to make a motion to extend this another --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, goodness, it's 11:00 o'clock. Thank you, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, time goes by so fast.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, motion to extend by Drost, second by Cherwin. Can we get a roll call vote?

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Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Did we extend for 30? Was that, did we just vote for 30?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, 30 minutes, because we're going to try to get it packaged, you know.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm quite done, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Commissioner Cherwin, you're up next?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, yes, thanks for your time. I appreciate all the public comments. I guess I have a few questions, I heard this in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee and I think at the time my position was that the Petitioner did not meet the standards for a special use. So, we're looking at a special use, right, because of the exception. We have general zoning requirement, the lay of the land, and then we have to look at these in a very particular basis, is it appropriate in this particular setting.

I think a lot of the petitioners, it seems like people who are in support are setting up this false dichotomy whereas if you don't approve it here, then you must not support the mission, you must not support the program, Arlington in general is not good even though it's been here for over 15 years in Arlington, and Arlington has been I think a good home for these folks. I guess the overall goodness of Arlington is in question if it doesn't go in this particular location, which I think is totally inappropriate.

But, you know, I think there has been a lot of support for the program in general. I think it's a great mission. I think, you know, I live down by the current one. Kind of what you guys said before, I totally disagree. I think the giant road called Golf Road that runs between the neighborhood that exists in Surrey Ridge and the current site which is also bound on the easterly, southerly and westerly borders by commercial properties and then Golf Road to the northerly border, I think that's a far different situation than having it dropped into this neighborhood with houses on either side and then residential street. So, I do think it's apples to oranges.

I think it's great where it is right now. It's a great location. I guess even though I don't support it being dropped into this neighborhood because, you know, we look

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at the people who are in the immediate vicinity and I think overall we can, as we evaluate these, you know, we're looking of course at the prongs of what's appropriate for special use. As it seems to me the overwhelming people in the immediate vicinity who would be immediately impacted are not in favor of it, I think it's unfair to state it's due to some outlandish concern of theirs. I don't think it's outlandish at all. I mean, the police numbers are what they are. They've gotten better which is great, but eight months doesn't make a trend. We got a dip, there was a dip several years ago, and then it bounced back up three times to what it was.

So, I think it seems to me like they're doing a pretty good job of trying to get this, you know, continue to improve their program. They've got these new restrictions in place, but you know, it's not totally proven out yet and we'll see. I mean, it sounds like they're making progress and I would imagine that some of the ups and downs is dependent on who they have in the house as well, and they can't totally control that. If we can get the screening under control, maybe it is a long-term trend and then maybe it changes the analysis, but for me, it looks like it's still considerable.

Even though these may not be, a lot of these calls aren't being necessarily problematic, you know, kids on the street, because they live houses away, they see police cars rolling up, you know, once a week or, you know, twice a week or whatever it may be depending on the number of people there, that's very disruptive to them. It's very, it's just not conducive to a peaceful neighborhood and I think it's very stressful on the kids. I don't think it has, like Lynn said, it doesn't have anything to do with kind of what happened in the past. It's a different criminal conduct that's not connected to this home, I don't think that enters the analysis, I agree. But I do agree that if you have kids in the neighborhood and you have now a cop car showing up quite a bit, I think that's very unsettling to the neighborhood feel of it, and I think the neighbors who are in the immediate vicinity expressed that very clearly.

I mean, I do think that, you know, I would love to help Shelter, Inc. find their place in Arlington Heights or in, you know, in one of even nearby communities, wherever it makes sense for them to find their house. I think the current site would be great if maybe they could re-look at that and look at a potential developer for a part of it. I know I would support a subdivision of that property to make it happen because I do think it's a good location. It's obviously worked really well for them there.

We have a lot of people on the line who have been supporting this project. Maybe we need to look in or around their houses as well. It looks like Vail, Bristol, Ashley Court, some of those folks, maybe we can find properties in or about those addresses where, you know, maybe there's more support. But I think right now we have to look at kind of the neighbors who are in this neighborhood and who have invested in this neighborhood and, you know, take very seriously their concerns.

So, I think those are my main points. I don't support the project in this current location but would support it potentially in another location that's more appropriate for it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you. Who would like to go next?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I would like to just continue from what Jay was just saying. Again, I've been a very long-time supporter of Shelter, I think they do a tremendous service. We've gone to, my wife and I have gone to a number of their fund-raising events, contributed to their mission and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights.

I really question this location. The other thing I question is this

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disparity between the Staff report which states in the last 10 years they've had 553 calls which amounts to 55 per year. The letter that I saw today from Shelter during the same period of time says they've had 97 calls. Well, I question how come we have such a disparity there? Can somebody clarify that to me?

MR. HUBBARD: The 97 calls were over the last five years, and I think both Shelter and the Village agree that that's the number of calls over the last five years. Over the last 10 years, it was the 553 calls, so I think that's the distinction there.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I understand this. So, if you take the 553 over 10 years, that's 55 calls per year. If you take the Shelter statistics of 97 calls over five years, that's 20 calls per year. So, there's still a big disparity. I mean, I just, are we being told what we want to hear? I'm not certain about that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Just clarification. Did you hear, Sam said the Village agrees with that number of calls --

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: That's fine; I feel that --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: -- because I think that comes from the Police Department, like there's police records.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It's not, they're not, you know.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I'm just looking at the average call per year, whether it be averaged over 10 years or averaged over five years, that's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. Sure, sure. I'm just trying to make sure you understand they're not making the numbers up and the Village agrees with the numbers.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right. But again, I am very supportive of what Shelter does. I don't think this is the proper location. They stated they've looked at a number of different locations in Arlington Heights. I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I can't believe they can't find a more suitable location much like they have there on Golf Road that isn't immediately adjacent to neighboring properties.

I drove past the site a couple of times on Valley Lane and I see kids riding bikes everyday. I just question that location. But again, I want to go ahead and say that I do fully support Shelter, the mission that they have, the need that they have, and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights, but I'd like to see them find a different location. That's all I have, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who would like to go next? Bruce?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll go next. Yes, I just would like to build on that a little bit. Just a question for Shelter. How often, let me just back up a little bit. You have 553 calls in a 10-year period, and that's relating to six people. Okay, there's a maximum of six people there in the house at one time. My question is how often do the individuals change? How often does somebody leave and a new guy shows up to fill his place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, every resident is there for two years, but leaving and coming is kind of staggered. So, we could have the same six people for a year, a little bit over a year, and then whenever the person is ready to leave, which for us works better because if you were to take all six out and all new six in, that's more difficult. When someone comes in and the house is stable, that's a good support for the youth that's coming in.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I understand the procedure. I'm just trying to understand the individuals who might be causing the problems. So, if you have an individual,

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you say that was there and had 27 calls in whatever the time period was, he was asked to leave.

So, the next person comes in and he could be there for three months, and then somebody else leaves and then the numbers go up. In other words, to say that your numbers are somehow trending down, I don't see them going down. But if you say that in a short time, the individuals who might be causing those numbers to go down would be replaced by somebody who might cause those numbers to go up.

So, I don't see this as a long-term stability thing in any stretch of the imagination. It just can't be. So, you might be in a trend now that looks good for what you're trying to do, but a year from now or six months from now or one month from now, it may be totally different. I think, Lynn, that was what I was picking up from your conversation about your questions.

But anyway, with that being said, there seems to be a dismissal about it is for curfew and it's no big deal. If these residents do not have a car and they're not back in their bed at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, where are they and how do they move around in the suburbs? How do they do it?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, they're most likely at a friend's house. Again, one of the comments was from a community member, you know, I want to know if 214 knows about this. Our kids are part of 214, they go to school there and they're also part of 211. Again, they're kids that may live, you know, would interact with your kid already and --

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, let me stop you because I'm getting these answers that, well, they're probably here and they're probably there. Do any of the residents show up at 2:00 o'clock in the morning after hanging out?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: And come home at 2:00? Sure.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes. So, how do they get home? I assume they walk?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, they probably take Uber considering we provide a \$110 transportation stipend every month.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, that's a nice answer, but I just, I'm sorry, I can't just believe those answers that always they're so good and that's always how it happens. I'm sorry, I can't, because I can't see young people, you know, wasting their money when they could maybe walk home. But whatever.

So, I have a real concern with this police stuff. I think this is, it doesn't speak well for the neighborhood where you're trying to put this house. I think these individuals need this training, they do need it. But I don't think it should be at the risk of these established neighborhoods, and I agree with these people. You can have this somewhere else and it would be wonderful. Where you have it now, divided by a six-lane highway, it has a way of isolating yet, you know, keeping it functioning but not mixing it directly with 20 feet separation from an established neighborhood.

So, I agree with the people in the neighborhood that this is a good project, just not here. That's all I have to say, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, George, I think you're the only one left? Oh, Joe. Joe and George are left, yes.

George, you want to go?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Age before beauty.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'll go first. We'll save the best for last,

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George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait, that would be me. I get to go last.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Okay, you're the best. So, on the positive side, wonderful program. I think it's a great program, what you're doing. As Mrs. Gillespie said, I also live in the Heritage Park as does Jay, and I actually knew the family, my kids went to school with their kid who owns that property. I've been in their store and I never even realized what the home was used for. So, as far as trouble goes, we never knew anything about it, at least I didn't.

But Jay is right, Golf Road separating that from the neighborhood was a big dividing point. Every time affordable housing comes up or residents home for handicaps, adults who need assistance, sometimes these people are villainized and they're really not as bad as maybe some people think. But I perfectly understand if you've got kids, you're going to be as careful as possible.

As the residents have said, many of the supporters and most of the supporters don't live in the area, and we're actually asking the residents of the area to, it's a wonderful program but we're asking the residents in the area to take the burden of having this home in their area and I can understand the concerns. Those are my comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, my comments, I just have two questions. One is if we've got, do we have events there, I'm going to ask that of Carina, where people would be visiting some of the residents? Are there any such type of programs or events within the program?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. No, we don't allow our residents to have visitors.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Okay, so it's pretty well, they're all pretty well sequestered. Then what about in sort of your backyard, the Chase bank, if there's a need for automobile parking, if there's snow and stuff, are there some arrangements or feelers that have been made to the neighbor, the commercial neighbor?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Not at this time just because it's such once in a blue moon that our youth would even have a car, but it is something that we can ask if it were to come up.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, well, and sort of my closing comment is this, is that this is a tough call, you know. There's a lot of forces that are kind of pulling at yes-no, yes-no, and it's not one of those, oh, this is a 100 percent program. But I'm going to go based on my experience, and I've had a couple of decades of experience with a family and social services agency called UCAN, and one of the ways that we transitioned our residents is to have these homes and living arrangements in neighborhoods to help make better citizens. Again, you know, from a programmatic point of view, these are so helpful in learning like skills.

From my personal perspective, I live in a neighborhood in the downtown area where we've got homes, subsidized homes for people that have had troubled existences, mental health issues, disabilities, and they have integrated fairly well into the downtown area. As we all are frightened by change, sometimes we have to embrace it because we're part of a civil society, and one of the things that we want to do is really uplift the people that might not have opportunities or chances. So, from that standpoint, both from a professional standpoint of having had exposure to these types of circumstances, in-living associations and

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having residents, not necessarily youthful but adult residents that need to be supported by the community, I would be in favor of the program.

Also, I think, you know, from a statistical or demographic sense, we've had in-living arrangements, I believe Clearbrook and some of our other agencies, have done well, and there's probably data there that can tell us whether or not property values impact. One of the chief concerns, I would be concerned, I don't want to lose value in my home. So, I think there's more data that might be assembled or collected.

Then just looking at management, and I think really the key here is who is running the show. So, you look at your history as opposed to a newbie, that there is experience here. I'm sure that you're developing technologies that will make it even better for filtering and screening those people that are deserving to come into a community and basically get the benefits that they've been denied.

So, that's the comment.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so before I get into my questions, my specific questions, I want to make sure we've addressed the public questions that did not get addressed yet. One of the questions was, and this is for you, Sam, how did we choose which e-mails are read into the record?

MR. HUBBARD: Great question. So, all of the e-mails that I received prior to this project going online on our website on the agenda for the Plan Commission were printed out and were attached and put online as part of that record for the Plan Commission. So, if you had e-mailed me prior to Friday afternoon of last week, your comment was transmitted to the Plan Commission online, just not read aloud at this meeting. Once the agenda went live, there was a section that said if you e-mail the Village by this date with these many words, your e-mail will be shared at the meeting. So, all e-mails received after Friday afternoon of last week, between then and I think it was like 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, those were read into the record this evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so just to jump on that a little bit, just to clarify for anyone who is in the audience, we receive, the Commissioners receive the whole packet. We received all those. They didn't need to be read into the record because they already were in the record. These needed to be added into the record which is why they needed to be read. So, anything that was in our packet we've read and we've received.

Okay, now there was a question, this one is for Shelter, that was what would make someone disqualified from living in the home? The resident listed a bunch of questions that I believe came from one of your forms?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, could you answer that?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, that's a great question. So, any of the things that she had listed, so a registered sex offender, someone who had a severe criminal history, physical aggression, those are all things that would filter out the youth and they would not be suitable for our program. The youth who are coming, again, are voluntarily coming, do not have a criminal history, do not have any sexual offenses, do not have extensive histories with physical aggression or fire setting or any of that. They're also kids from our neighborhood we have, you know, from Lake Forest and Palatine, and we look at wanting to make sure that they're in a community that they're either from or that represents, is very similar to where they

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came from.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thanks. Just maybe the other Commissioners heard this, but I just want to make sure it's clear that you implemented new screening tools in 2020, right? So, when people say, well, it could go back up, yes, yes, I'm not saying it couldn't, but it was 2020 when these new screening tools went into place and it seems as if there have been zero calls related to any residents that came in after the new screening tools were in place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct, and all six residents have never had any contact with the police.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I do think that, in my mind, that's a huge difference. You have a new screening tool and it explains to you that new information, and ever since that went into place which has been over a year now I would assume, no calls, no violations, okay.

There was another comment made about, oh, these cop cars were going to show up constantly. But to clarify, a number of the calls that you were making did not result in police officers showing up, is that correct? Can you clarify when a police officer might show up at the home?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, correct. So, no matter what the call is for, if it's for a missed curfew or if it's for, you know, assistance that we might need, an ambulance ride or whatever, no matter what we'd have to call 9-1-1. So, when that call gets routed, if it's a curfew violation, we then talk to the Police Department on the phone, provide them the information, they provide us the information that we need on our end, and no, they do not come out.

There have been times in the past where they may come out on their own without us even calling at all just to say like, hey, we're here, is everything okay, do you need anything from us. That's also documented as parts of the calls. Or if we had, you know, we had a youth previously who needed more assistance with getting treatment and they would then assist with an ambulance ride. So, that would be a reason as to why they would come out.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay. All right, thanks, that helps clarify that. Before I get started in more of my comments, can we please extend? Because there's no way that we're going to be done.

Can I have a motion to extend?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll make that motion.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, how long is the motion for? How long are we going for?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Until midnight.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Can we have a roll call vote?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

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MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost. George? Commissioner Drost?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: You're muted.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who's shocked that I'm going to get on my soapbox right now? Anyone? No?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No. I've heard you speak, Sue, and I agree with it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, it's late, we've got to make a little levity. So, okay, so there's a couple of things that I want to say in advance before my big old soapbox, which is I completely disagree, I do not think an 18-year-old kid cares about Golf Road. I think maybe people are remembering what it was like to be 18. I have a 17-year-old in my house and a 15-year-old in my house, these highways mean nothing to them. If you want to go mess with somebody, running across Golf Road is not a problem, okay. To me, the most important thing in my mind was the distance to a school.

Many people said, well, there's children and there's a school. I just wanted, so that was my point. Same distance to Juliette Low which, I know you guys want to talk about Surrey Ridge, I went to Juliette Low Elementary School, okay. So, I know that area and my brother worked at Animal Feeds & Needs for like, I don't even know, 10 years or something like that. So, I know this house, I know Juliette Low, I know this area, and I've crossed Golf Road, it's not, people do it, kids do it, okay.

So, to me, it is different, yes, it's not plunked in the middle of a residential neighborhood. But I have a different perspective in that any time I've driven past the house, which I did know was a shelter house, I've actually been inside the house while there were residents there because I worked with a charity organization that I started with some other community members, we supported Shelter one year, we went into the house, we cleaned the house. Some of the residents were there, they were perfectly nice kids. There was no problems, we went in, we helped them. We put in flower beds, we put in their, I don't know if it's still there but a basketball net, and cleaning the house.

The one thing that always hit me any time I went by that house was those four kids must feel like they're not part of this community because they're stuck in the middle of nowhere, like we would just plunk them out as far away from the Arlington Heights residents because they don't belong here. That has always, before this evening came up, has always been my feeling about that location. I've always thought to myself, those kids should be in a residential community so they're embraced by this community and they get that opportunity to be in that community.

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No, I do not live in Ivy Hill. But believe me, if this was going next door to my house, I would be the first person in line to greet them when they walked in the door and I'd bring my kids over there, and I would love for my kids to have this exposure. In fact my daughter, one of her good friends in her class this past year was a foster kid and she had a twin sister. They were in foster care, and this is my daughter's friend. You know, I thought that was great. I was so glad that my daughter was learning about this different experience and that she befriended this girl even though they had such amazingly different backgrounds, and they stayed in touch. I just thought that that was beautiful and wonderful.

So, if you guys moved in next door to me, believe me, I would not have a problem with it at all. I don't understand where this concern is that kids coming home at 2:00 a.m. and walking by are suddenly going to be a criminal element. These are 17 to 21-year-olds. I guarantee you that once I was over 18, I did not come home at midnight, and I wouldn't walk home. So, because I grew up with two parents, the fact that I would walk home from my friend's house at 2:00 in the morning or ride my bike or do whatever is different? Before you guys say yes, it is, I believe that I wouldn't qualify for most of you because you guys also know that I'm a big supporter of mental health, and I speak out whenever residents come in and they talk about people with mental health.

We have people diagnosed in my family with mental health, and I was diagnosed with a mental health disability at age 12, and I've been in treatment my entire life. So, yes, mental health person here, walking home at 2:00 a.m., by a lot of neighbors where there's kids around, I was not breaking into people's homes and committing problems. These kids deserve a chance, not a second chance. I've heard second chance so many times. These kids never even got a chance in the first place. They deserve a chance; they deserve to be treated like human beings. They deserve for people don't just assume that they're criminals and garbage and should be isolated and kept away from the elite people of Arlington Heights, which is a lot of what I hear.

So, I'm really as always very troubled when I hear people talk this way. It makes me very frustrated and upset by my fellow residents that we can't give these kids the opportunities. I mean, the kids that spoke in the video, they seemed lovely. They seemed to be great kids, they just want a chance, and you're going to skip them in the middle of Timbuktu out of nowhere and make them feel further isolated and further removed and further like they're less than the rest of us. But if you put them in a residential community that could embrace them, I think that would make a world of difference to them.

So, I don't agree that residents should be able to vote on who does or does not come into their community. I mean, do we now suddenly, if someone wants to buy a house, do I put it out to a vote if they get to come in? Do they have to fill out a background check whether or not they can come in? Because I could buy a house right now and move 12 foster kids into it with no supervision, I could do that, and nothing would stop me. But this program actually puts so much in place for these kids, and I'm always a big proponent of reminding residents what can happen in your neighborhood without permission. So, I could easily move 12 kids into my house right now, foster kids. Can I do it? No, I don't have the time to raise 12 foster kids in the middle of raising my current three and run my business and all of the other things. But could I? Sure, I could. In fact, you don't even realize, but that was something I want to bring up.

Has anybody done a research of your neighborhood of how many

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sex offenders live in your neighborhood right now? Registered sex offenders? Because there's 33 within a three-mile radius, and 16 within a one-mile radius. So, I don't know why we're so worried about these kids, because I'm guessing nobody checked the number of registered sex offenders in the neighborhood before they bought their house, because people just forget to do that. But these 18-year-old kid who just wants a chance, who hasn't done anything wrong, who by the way has already been vetted and doesn't have this in their background, they can't come in? No, but the sex offender who already lives on the block isn't a problem for you.

So, yes, I am very disappointed. I do not believe that this is about traffic and parking and whether or not there is transportation at all. This is a "not in my backyard." It absolutely is, and that I can't agree with.

So, I'm absolutely in favor of this. I think it meets all the criteria. I disagree with Staff on that. I think we meet special use criteria here, and I hope that this gets passed. If it doesn't, I hope that they find a location to stay in Arlington Heights because it's important. It's something I have always been very proud of in our community.

So, that's where I'm at. Do we want to, we've all discussed, we've all given our opinions. Do we want to vote? Do we want a motion or do we want to talk more?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I can make the motion and then comments can come, but I think the motion that's been said --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sounds good.

COMMISSIONER DROST: So, I'll make a motion.

A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees approval of PC #21-015, a Special Use permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, and the following variations:

- 1. Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.**
- 2. Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to two spaces.**

This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Capacity of the two units shall be a maximum of one individual per bedroom (maximum of six residents on the subject property with one in each bedroom) plus staff/counselors.**
- 2. No less than one staff per six residents shall be present at the facility at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, so adequate supervision can be provided between the two units.**
- 3. All staff must be trained in CPI and think/trauma training (or substantially similar training) to be able to de-escalate conflict and provide appropriate care for residents.**
- 4. The Petitioner shall establish and follow screening procedures which will allow them to identify and accept the most appropriate candidates for the program.**
- 5. Operation of the facility shall occur in substantial compliance to the "Transitional Living Program Handbook," which shall be updated for review by staff prior to appearing at the Village Board.**
- 6. The Petitioner shall work with the Police Department to establish appropriate on-**

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site security, as applicable, and shall establish regular reporting of statistics and resident contact information if warranted.

7. Residents living on the subject property shall not be allowed to park cars on the subject property.
8. The Petitioner shall comply with all federal, state, and Village codes, regulations, and policies.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, put it to a roll call vote.

MR. HUBBARD: Was there any discussion or are we going to --

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, there can.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I mean, yes, I think we can just go to a vote if no one has any discussion.

MR. HUBBARD: Sure. All right, we have first Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: No, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: No.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: No, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: So, that's a four-to-four vote, so the motion does not pass. So, someone could make an alternative motion, or this could proceed forward to the Village Board without any recommendation from the Plan Commission if no alternative motion is made and passed.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I don't know what everybody else thinks, but I don't see how there is an alternative motion that would have a different result.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: No, they tend to go to the other way. So, that's it, there's no recommendation.

MR. HUBBARD: So, yes, this project would move forward to the Village Board with no recommendation from the Plan Commission as it stands now.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Shelter --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: We've got comments. Comments?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, comments. Who had comments? I'm sorry. Jay had a comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, I just had one. I mean, again, this dichotomy comes up again where, you know, it's all about the, you know, not supporting

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mental health, not supporting, you know, I mean, I'm looking at this really like 12 people in one structure in a single-family neighborhood. I mean, I'd probably have the same, come to the same conclusion if it were, you know, a six-flat dropped into the middle of a bunch of houses, and it has nothing to do with Shelter. It's just, I mean, it just changes the nature of the neighborhood. It's not just, you know, maybe people struggling that there's 12 individuals living here in very tight quarters.

I do still think that it's very different. I know there was some talk about, you know, that they're currently kind of set out aside. But it doesn't seem like the current house is a big problem for them; otherwise, they wouldn't stay there. I think, you know, my point about Golf Road is like if this thing were going up on the other side of Arlington Heights Road, I wouldn't have a problem with it. I do think there's the physical features, that's why we have different zoning, you know, areas and different, you know, that are broken up by various physical features, and I think a roadway is one of them. So, I just want to be clear about that.

So, that's all. I just wanted to clarify that because I think I might not have clearly gotten that through.

MR. HUBBARD: Was there other folks that had public comments? I believe Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I had one, I have a few comments. So, I think this is a good project, just not where it's at. Susan, if you look for it in your neighborhood, that would be great. But if the people in this neighborhood were for it, I'd say yes, no doubt about it. But I don't think it's fair to ask the people in this neighborhood to take on this burden and these worries by changing the code for this one project.

I've voted for just about every affordable project, mental health facilities, for disabled adults that needed help, a hundred percent I always voted for that, but we never put that, we never change zoning and put it in the middle of a neighborhood. I go back to Mr. D's Restaurant over on Northwest Highway and Milwaukee, they were going to buy a residential property to expand their parking lot. The guy who designed it who did the landscaping for it was a friend of mine, but I voted against it because I didn't think it was fair for the person living next door, who was going to be living next to a parking lot. I just didn't think it was fair, but I think this is a wonderful program and I hope they succeed.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I had comments, too. I think it's probably appropriate that this is a tie vote and the measure failed with that kind of division. Obviously, if we had the full Commission, we would have had a little more clarity one way or the other. That would have been good for the Board.

But I think this is an issue that really is appropriate for the Board to make the decision, because I think it's a tough call. In thinking about this over the last several days, I have kind of oscillated back and forth on this position. But basically, I think that if you allow all neighborhoods to speak to any of this kind of projects, you would find "not in my backyard" looms very large, and I'm not supportive of that sentiment in general. But I think this is appropriate for the Board to make the call and they should take things into, you know, take everything into account that's been brought forward.

I would suggest a couple of things to the Petitioner. You may want to deal with one of the issues that you had had with some of your papers. You may talk about scaling this thing. So, you said you wouldn't have any problems starting with six

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residents. It may be a very long time if ever that you would scale it up to 12, and you may want to consider bringing that before the Board.

The other is just a technical issue. I loved your presentation, but unfortunately you did it in edit mode rather than in slide show mode, so it was very disconcerting to have all that stuff over on the left-hand for some of us who have trouble with focus to begin with. So, you may want to move it to slide show mode when you do it to the Board.

But I think we came out probably in the right place, that this is a call that the Board should make. I think you've got an opportunity as the Petitioner to fashion a little bit different thing that you bring forward to the Board. Probably if you bring this forward to the Board, it probably is not going to do any better than here with the Plan Commission. So, you may want to think what re-fashioning you want to do of your petition.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Were there any other comments?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes. My comment was again, I want to emphasize, I'm very supportive of the mission of Shelter. I just don't think this is the right location. Again, I'm concerned with all the previous history of the police calls and so forth, and again, listening to all the public comments. Almost universally, everybody that was in favor of this lived in a farther neighborhood; they weren't anywhere near this particular Valley Lane location. The people that were against it of course were in this residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to this property. So, we've got to kind of give that some consideration, I mean, if that's not worthy.

But again, I voted no because I didn't feel this is the right location. I would like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I believe in their mission, very supportive of them. But they've got to find a better location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson, our Village Attorney has his hand raised. I don't know if you'd like to call on him for comment?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, yes. Do you have a comment?

MR. PASSMAN: Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. Thank you, I've listened to this very good discussion by the board and the public.

I wanted to point out, in light of the four-to-four vote, what our Zoning Code says about your role here for a special use variation. As Mr. Hubbard indicated, the four-to-four vote means that the motion didn't pass. The code states that after a hearing on a special use permit variation, the Plan Commission has 30 days after this hearing to make a recommendation to the Village Board. It's correct that if you do nothing else on this matter, then it will ultimately travel to the Village Board with no recommendation because you will not have a vote that passes; however, I say that to point out you actually have a couple of options here.

Someone else noted that you don't have all nine of you here. We do have a member missing. One option you have is to continue the public hearing. I'm not suggesting that you have another night as long as this one, but it is a legal option that will both allow for the reception of more evidence if that might be helpful. I don't know whether that will be useful to the one missing member.

You don't have to continue the hearing. If you do not continue the hearing tonight, your 30-day clock will start from now. In fact, in the absence of doing

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anything else, you can vote at a subsequent meeting in that 30 days to make a recommendation. Whether that's a new vote of this group, whether that's a new vote of this group and your ninth member, that all remains contemplated by the code. The catch with that option of course is that if you don't continue the hearing, you can only vote on what's been presented to you, you can't accept new evidence either from the Applicant or from the public.

The vote option, really those are the same two options. The third option is married to the second which is you don't do anything tonight and you don't take further action on this. Then in 30 days, the failure to make a recommendation will be transmitted to the Board.

So, I wanted to lay that out there to explain what your legal paths are at this point given the vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, that's very helpful. So, if we do nothing, then it can't go to Village Board for 30 days?

MR. PASSMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But can they even schedule it? I mean, do we have to wait 30 days and then they get put on an agenda? Because I just don't know how much time Shelter has.

MR. PASSMAN: I'm sure, you know, we'll work with the Community Development Department on scheduling it. The reason I, I don't mean to, you know, put a stumbling block in front of anybody, but you retain the right under the code to vote within the 30-day period. So, any time between now and October 22nd, you can convene, there's all sorts of things you could do to issue a vote or try again. So, it would be premature to bring this to the Village Board before you either have a motion that passed, whether it's in favor or against the proposal, or the 30 days lapses.

But, yes, we could schedule this for, I guess it would probably be for a November meeting in anticipation of a lack of a vote if that's where you end up going.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, let me, can I ask Shelter? What's your timeframe here? It appears that if we do nothing at this time, we're looking at not getting you on to a Village Board agenda until November. You're on mute.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You're muted, Shelter.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sorry, we're just --

MR. STOMPER: Sorry, we're just discussing. I don't know if we have a preference. I think, you know, whatever the Plan Commission thinks is best. Honestly, I don't know if there'd be any new evidence that would, you know, I think everyone has had their say. So, I don't know if when the ninth member comes back, if you reconvene and do a vote then, because I wasn't sure if I understood that. Can they just, at the next meeting, call a vote again on this? That's the one thing I couldn't understand was how that worked.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like we could.

MR. STOMPER: Could the ninth member like review this, listen to this recording and then, you know, I don't know. I don't know what's the easiest way for you guys to do this.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my question is are you in a rush? I mean, do you need this --

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COMMISSIONER ENNES: When do you have to be out of the existing building?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we don't know. That's all up in the air.

MR. STOMPER: Once they find a buyer.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, likely you do have some time, because if you needed this to go, we can re-vote, I'll vote no for you just so we can get you on the agenda. Do you know what I mean?

MR. STOMPER: Yes. No, I think we can wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We're just advising you.

MR. STOMPER: I understand. Susan, thank you, I understand. I think we can wait and, you know, it would be great to get the ninth person's, you know, view.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You know, I don't know that that, I mean, when's our next meeting? The 13th, and I don't know what that would look like. We have to put it on the agenda, we have to do notice, do we have to, I don't know what that looks like.

MR. PASSMAN: I guess, and I imagine Sam's input also, if you do not continue the hearing, and you don't have to continue the hearing, there is no special notice that would be required to place it on the agenda. It would follow the normal rules, 48 hours to post it on the agenda under the Open Meetings Act. Any notice beyond that would be beyond what's required by law.

So, I mean, I don't want anyone to accuse, I'm not suggesting you have to do any of these, but I just, I wanted you to know your options to go forward.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. No, I think that's great. I mean, yes, Lynn, you have a --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No, I wouldn't be in favor of re-opening the public hearing. I think we've heard everything that could be said on all sides of this thing. But I would have no problem with bringing it up for a vote when we have the full Commission, because I think there's some value on that. It would certainly give some clarity, we would either have five noes or we would have five yeses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would also just caution, we'd all have to be there. I wouldn't want us to call it for a vote because Commissioner Warskow is there but two of the yes votes aren't there, or two of the no votes aren't there, and now we get a recommendation. Does that make sense? Is that what you're saying, Lynn?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If we're all there.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm saying we need to do it when we would have the full Commission. I wouldn't open up the public discussion again, because I don't think there's real value in that. But you're right, we would want to have the full Commission there, and I don't know if we're at a point where we can say that would be the case. I mean, Sam could certainly do some canvassing or whatever, however you want to do it. But I think it would be good to get rid of some of the ambiguity and give the Board a yea or a nay from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. Here's sort of my take on it. I think it's really positioned perfectly, as long as there is not a time crunch on the part of Shelter,

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because it's four to four without a recommendation. If you got a four to five yes or no, I don't know if it's going to change the votes of the Trustees. So, basically, it's teed up, we've pushed it, you know, to the Trustees. Then the residents and the supporters, the people that have concerns will be able to articulate better their positions and it will just be right for a vote by the Trustees.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I agree with George. An eight to one yes or no would give them some direction from us, but a five to four either way I don't think is going to matter much to them what we say.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. Okay, so it sounds like we're in agreement, we're going to close the public portion. Thank you, that was very helpful though. That really is a very helpful clarification. I did not know those options, so that's appreciated.

MR. PASSMAN: Glad to help.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, to Shelter, Inc., we are just a recommending body, and to any of the neighbors that are still on the, the residents that are still on the call, whether it had passed or it had failed, we just are simply a recommending body. The Village may agree with us, they may not. Our purview, what we look at is very, very small compared to what the Village Board looks at. They look at different things, they have different criteria, so it's a different analysis. So, you know, it will go to them.

My only question or comment, Shelter, you mentioned you're going to have some of these kids at the Village Board meeting. You know, you know better than I do, but I'm just really worried based on some of these comments about these kids hearing some of those comments.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we would only bring past residents who have graduated to show the success of it. That's the reason why we did the videos, because we did not think it was appropriate for the young people to hear some of these comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would not want them to be subjected to that, and I think that that would just reinforce a lot of the things that they've gone through already.

So, okay, so with that, I think we don't have any other agenda items, is that correct?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Now, for clarification, would this go then, are we ready for this to be closed up to the point where it would go to the Board as early as possible? Or would it still go to the November Board?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It can't go for 30 days, unless we vote next time.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: So, there's no action we can take that would, I mean, it doesn't sound like there's a need to. So, it will be the 30 days and it will be the November Board --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like, and I think the attorney can clarify this for us, but it sounds like if all nine of us are at the next meeting and we want to vote on it, we can?

MR. PASSMAN: Precisely.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, we don't have to make that decision today. If we're not all nine at the next meeting, I would not be in favor of us voting again because I don't know that that would be fair to the person who wasn't there to make it look

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like the board voted in favor or against, you know, without the full board present.

So, we'll see how it goes. But, yes, thanks for that clarification.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Would our missing Commissioner have access to the whole documentary?

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, was that a question?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Will the transcript be available to Mary Jo before the next meeting is what I think you're asking, right, Terry?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, that's what I thought I asked. But thanks, Lynn, it's late, right?

MR. PASSMAN: I imagine certainly the video will be available if not the transcript.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, the minutes should definitely be done by our next Plan Commission regular meeting on the 13th of October.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'm just wondering why Mary Jo would want them. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I second it.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: How about a roll call vote here?

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, Trustee. Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. Yes, without comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes. I'm glad to see we're all still smiling.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: And Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, and I was going to make a comment as a joke, but Terry's already done it.

So, Terry, what's your comment?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I just want Shelter to know that we're all in favor of what you do in your project. I think you got that from all of our comments. It will depend on whether Mary Jo wants to listen to four-and-a-half hours, I believe it's 11:50, but four-and-a-half hours of recording.

MR. STOMPER: No, we thank you.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you all very much.

MR. STOMPER: Yes, we thank you for your time and the comments and everything.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

MR. STOMPER: So, we really do appreciate the detail that you guys have

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gone through here.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Well, good luck.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my comment was going to be until you're eight months pregnant and at one of these meetings at Village Hall until 1:00 in the morning, none of you get to complain.

MR. STOMPER: Take care.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, bye everybody, good night.

MR. HUBBARD: Thanks all. Good evening.

(Whereupon, at 11:56 p.m., the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned.)

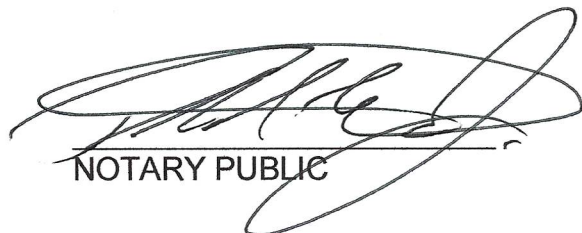
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