

## **Week 6 Summary: Community Perspective**

**Summary:** The Shelter Better Task Force has 19 members, 3 of whom formally represent neighborhoods close to the proposed State Street IFS site as Neighborhood Association Presidents, and two who are “at large” members from those neighborhoods. The objective for today’s meeting was to give these neighborhood representatives a chance to present on their involvement with the Task Force, the siting process, opportunities for shelter, and—in particular—concerns neighbors have about the proposed site.

### **Opening Business**

*Task Force Communication.* Task Force Chair Courtney Washburn again strongly encouraged members of the public to contact her via email with their feedback, rather than emailing all Task Force members, whose email addresses were not intended to be public. This way feedback can be properly entered into the record and collated for Task Force members in a meaningful, digestible way.

### **Presentations**

Task Force members heard from five neighborhood representatives: Katy Decker (Veterans Park NA Pres.), Jennifer Godoi (at large), Tom Helmer (Sunset NA Pres.), Hillary Takahashi (Collister NA Pres.), and Annie McCutcheon (at large).

Presentations focused on the following:

- How the neighborhood representatives collaborated to develop their presentations
- Positive aspects of the Task Force process, and the siting process, or the opportunities it presents
- Concerns about the Task Force process and about how siting has proceeded so far
- Specific concerns pertaining to the State Street proposal, in particular focusing on concerns articulated by Veterans Park and Collister neighborhoods
- Lack of concerns articulated by Sunset Park residents, an articulation of opportunities for embracing shelter, and issues with the process so far

Task Force questions for presenters were collected on index cards or entered in the Zoom chat, and were answered by the neighborhood representatives during the meeting. Members of the Task Force who had not presented yet during a task force meeting were also invited to provide additional feedback or reflections at the end of the meeting. Q&A can be viewed via the meeting recording posted on the [City’s Shelter Better Task Force website](#).

### **Closing announcements:**

- We’re still working on what our next two meetings will look like. Please stay tuned—we’ll keep you updated via email.