



September 25, 2007

Randy Jeffrey
Capitol Zoning District Commission
410 S. Battery
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

It is my understanding that the Capitol Zoning District Commission will be discussing a conditional use for offices and day shelter at 106 Cross Street for the Department of Veterans Affairs on September 26, 2007.

The Downtown Little Rock Partnership would like to go on record in opposition of this use. The Department of Veterans Affairs already has a center as does the Salvation Army. The City of Little Rock is in the process of locating a day center, and at the very least, this discussion should be tabled until the City's decision is made.

While we understand and applaud the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs, we do not feel an expansion of their services is necessary in light of the duplication of services.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Priest".

Sharon Priest
Executive Director

Defining Downtown



October 22, 2007

Randy Jeffrey, Director
Capitol Zoning District Commission
410 S. Battery
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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October 24, 2007

Mr. Randy Jeffery
Capitol Zoning Commission
410 S. Battery Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Jeffery:

It is my understanding that the Veteran's Administration will present a proposal to the Capitol Zoning Commission to expand and relocate their Homeless/Veteran's Assistance Center to a property within your boundaries. While the City applauds their efforts and recognizes the importance of their program, regrettably, I cannot support this location. The city has worked closely with Dr. Estella Morris to finalize our plan to end chronic homelessness and believes that the VA will play a critical role in the implementation of this plan.

However, as you know there is a renewed emphasis on residential and commercial development in this area and I believe this facility will hamper continued investment along this corridor. With that in mind, I can not support this application. We all know how difficult it is to locate these types of services, and we must work together to find locations that compliment surrounding development. It is never easy, but I believe that by working together, we can meet the needs of the VA, the community at large and residents and businesses in a given area.

Aside from my concerns, I have also heard from many property owners in the area who have shared their concerns with me. I understand you have heard from many of the same people.

I hope the commission will reject this application. Please know I am committed to working with the VA and Dr. Morris to find an alternate location to meet their needs and help expand their programs and services.

If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mark Stodola
Mayor