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Subject: Review of Police and Court Facility

Members of the Design Review Board,

Your 3/2/20 meeting agenda includes a review of plans for the City's new police and court facility, which as you know involves an extensive renovation of the Harrison building. I have some concerns that I hope you will take into considering during your review.

No Sally Port

It is my understanding that the current police and court facility design does not include a sally port. These are secure entry points that allow for the safe transport of prisoners in and out of a police facility. It is mind boggling to me that after all the process and deliberations in selecting a site for the City's new police and court facility that the renovation design for the Harrison building would not include a sally port. For this reason, alone, I hope you will consider not recommending approval of the design.

Inadequate stormwater facility

Though this may be beyond your purview, the existing stormwater detention pond on the Harrison property evidently was overflowing after the heavy rains this past December.

No private spaces for attorneys and clients to confer prior to court proceedings

There apparently are no private spaces to allow confidential conversations between individuals and their attorneys involved in court proceedings. I believe this is a functional design flaw that should be addressed as an issue of fairness and due process.

Lack of security regarding long gravel driveway

One of the criteria for a court facility, identified in the 2006 Dana Weber report, is secure access for persons involved in judicial proceeding where safety may be of concern. The Harrison building is located down a long one-way gravel driveway. A person using transit will likely be dropped off at the head of that long driveway, where they will then need to walk a fair distance to the court. I've brought this up a number of times and consistently been "blown off". This is a flaw that somehow needs to be addressed, if possible. It could be the City's poor choice of location makes this flaw unavoidable, and really says more about the site selection process than issues of design.

In closing, please don't be shy about expressing your concerns regarding the proposed court and police facility design. Given the amount of time and money the City is spending on it, we should not end up with a second rate facility.

Best Regards,
Ron Peltier