

**SFCC supports and recognizes the need for a plan,
Presented by Daniel H. Clift FCC delegate for Scenic Foothills**



SFCC special meeting was attended by SFCC President & four board members, with community input from Nextdoor comments and a Homelessness Survey -Thanks for the opportunity to present

- Our community does support and recognize the need for a plan now, but does believe that the proposed shelter is over-sized
- This is a community problem, and the community should be sharing in the solution
- Our current administration has worked for 1 ½ years on a plan and it appears it is being thrown out, to start again.
- Our neighbors are willing to come together and help with a solution, but this should not be just an east side problem

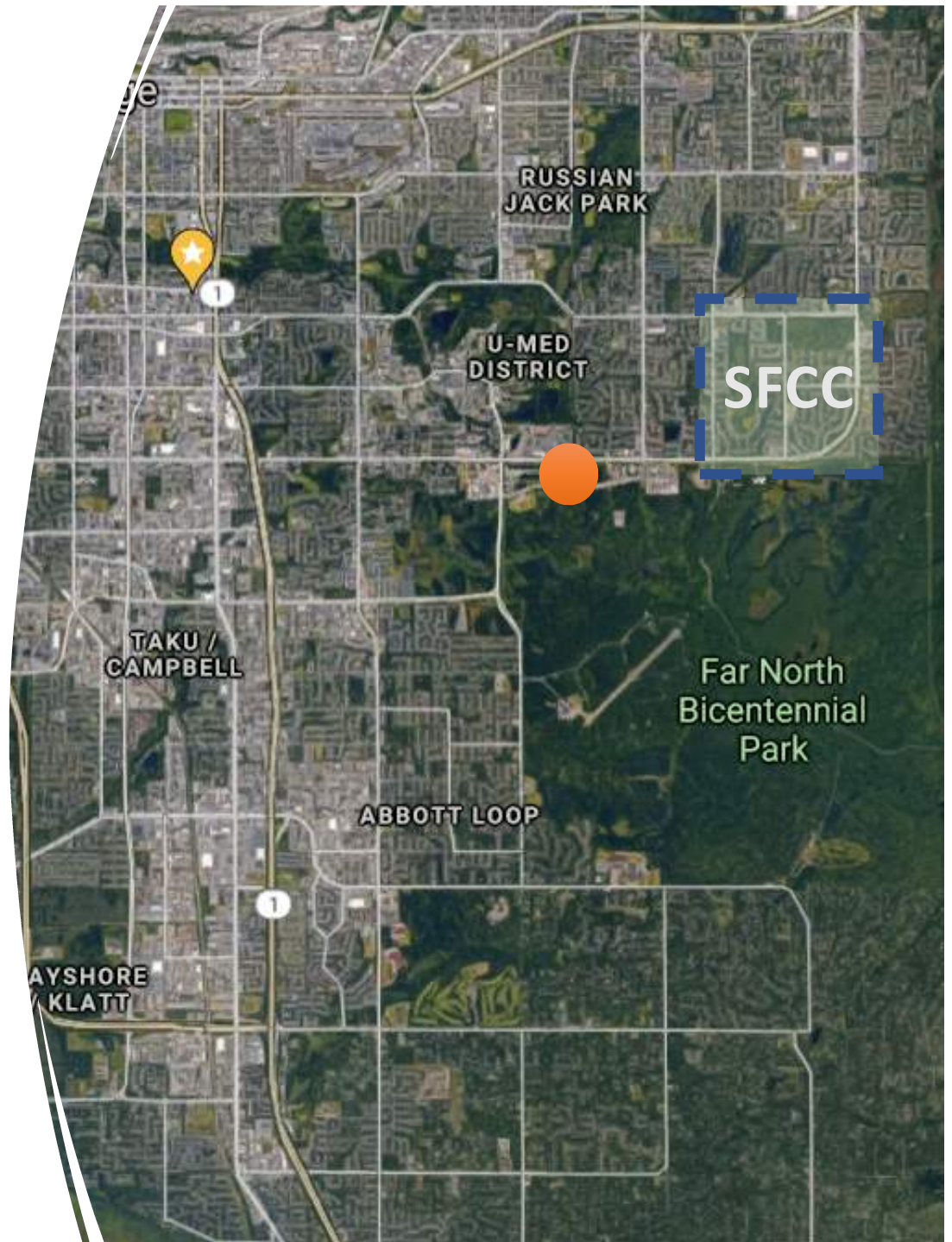
a homeless structure of this scale will present these problems to our community

- unauthorized campfires from illegal campers might spill into Far North Bicentennial Park, that's black spruce is ripe for wildfire
- Current camps are trash ridden bio-hazard and full of human waste
- Thefts abound from houses in the area of current homeless camps
- We are concerned with the lack of details in this shelter plan

A few suggestions

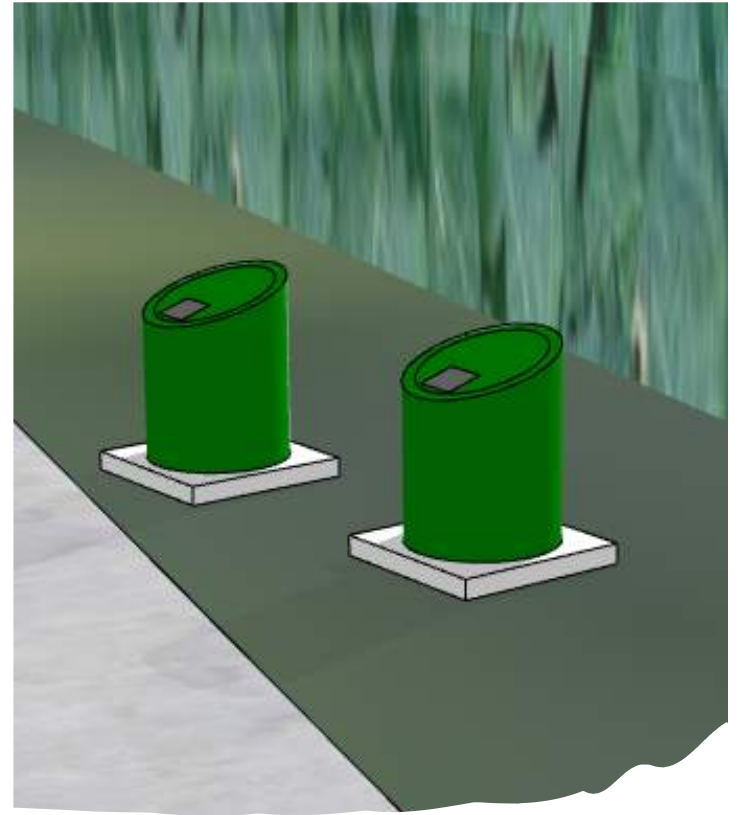
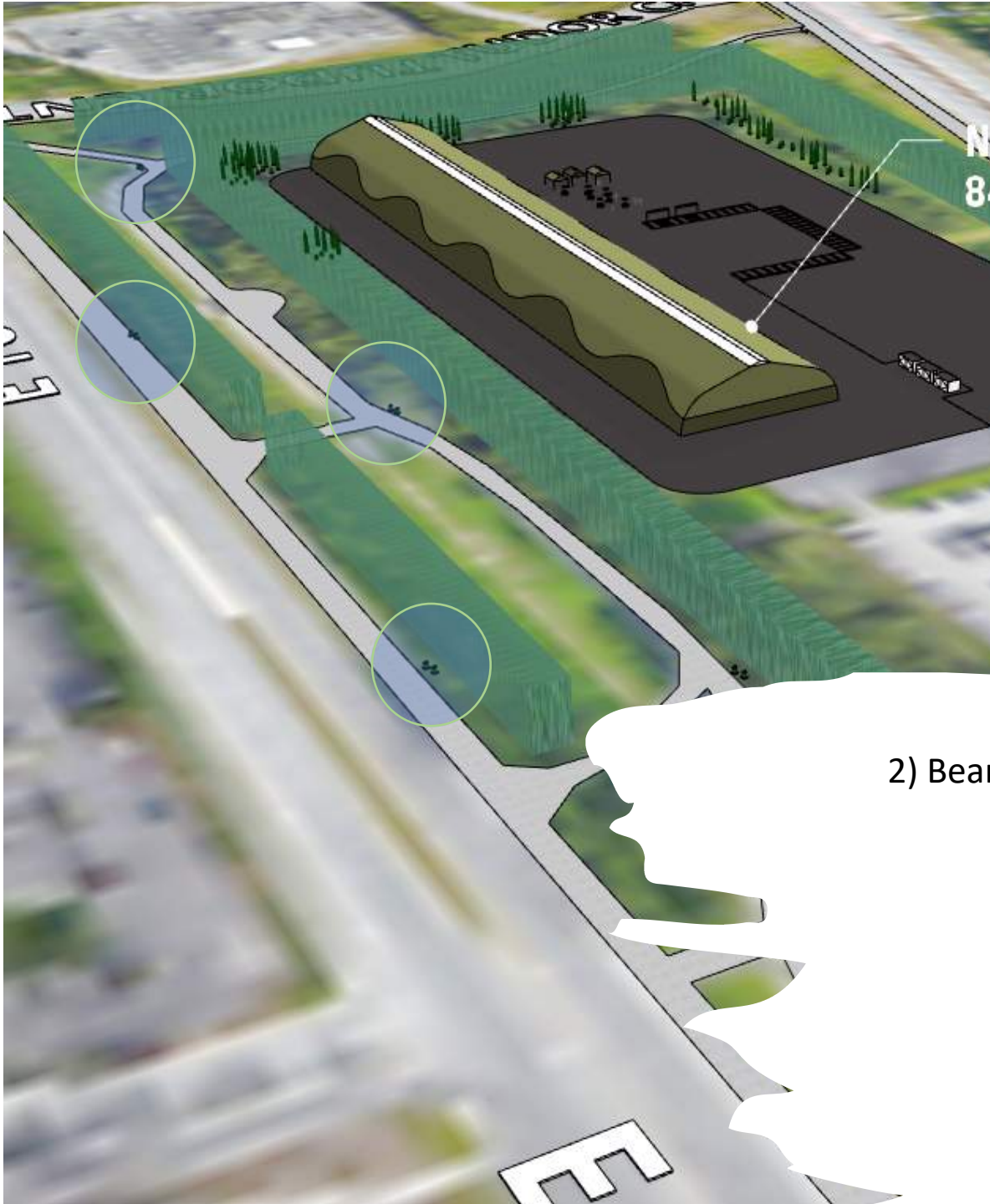
- smaller shelters spread around town would seem to have a greater chance of rehabilitating people
- Using existing vacant properties before erecting a building for this purpose (AK club, Sam's Club and other vacant properties abound)

That being said, if we are doing this, some pragmatic suggestions....





1) Physical impediments to direct traffic West, towards Elmore



2) Bear-Proof Trash Receptacles

3) Public Restrooms





4) Every Anchorage community council area should identify a safe house for the next level of support and transitional care.

5) Enlist retired social service workers & repurpose contact tracers to assist



this plan just the tip of the iceberg.....

- Where will you find the professionals needed to staff this shelter?
- What is the Cost breakdown for building and staffing this structure?
- What social services will be available (job training, detox, mental health, counseling)?
- What is the source of sustainable funding?
- How will you police and ensure safety in the area?
- How many of the 900 individuals in the shelter will receive prompt job training, community re-entering counseling and support?
- How many of the 900 individuals in the shelter will receive prompt residential, long term treatment for substance abuse, mental health support, counseling and transitional housing?
- How many Anchorage police officers will be on duty and patrolling the area to ensure safety for the shelter and surrounding area?

-Thank you! -SFCC