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A resident of The Salvation Army's Center of Hope explains her frustration.



Police officer M.J. Cardwell talks to a woman in the crowd.

Meeting

change the way you think and accelerate these lives."

She said the shelter would interfere with plans that were already in place for the area.

"We already had a area plan in place," Reid said. "I feel they (Salvation Army) are disregarding what the residents of the community really want."

Reid also said that having a homeless shelter in the neighborhood will bring down the property value of the area.

"Nobody wants to build in a area where there's a homeless shelter," Reid said. "This area already has enough concentrated poverty, the last thing we need right now is to add to it."

Lucy Paynter, who is the board chairwoman of The Salvation Army, was at the meeting to set the record straight about its plans for the building. Paynter, told those at the meeting that the shelter would be intended to serve homeless women with children who need help in the area.

Painter also explained

that they must move from their current location on Trade Street to separate those in the corrections program from women, children and families who have fallen on hard times. The location on Cleveland Avenue would accomplish that goal.

The shelter for homeless families is the only one in Winston-Salem, and has been in the city for 108 years.

"The shelter will not be intended to rehabilitate those returning from prison. I'm here to make Paynter, said.

Paynter, said that they have looked into other locations but have yet to find another location that fits all their needs.

"We only have \$500,000 to spend on a building," Paynter, said. "We have looked into other locations, but have yet to find another location that fits into our budget."

"We just don't have enough room at our current location," Paynter, said. "Both programs deserve their own separate space."

Roshena Blake, a law school graduate and resident of the Salvation Army, voiced her frustration with members of the community

as well.

She reminded Reid and other residents that it could happen to anyone and to say that she is a bad person because of her situation just isn't right.

"We are not bad people," Blake said. "We have just fallen on hard times. This could happen to anyone, and for them to push us away like we're criminals is very disheartening."

"Although I may be homeless right now, I have a job and pay taxes just like you," Blake said. "What happened to me could happen to anybody. I just can't believe what I'm hearing here today."

Shelter residents are required to be in the building by 8:30 each evening unless working, attending church or attending another community meeting. Blake hopes that the residents in the East/Northeast community open their eyes and see what this shelter really is.

"These are suppose to be loving, Christian people, I cant believe they would just be willing to push people in need away like this."

Voting on the rezoning is scheduled for July 20 at 7 p.m., at City Hall, Room 230.

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