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I am so sorry I missed this email Tuesday. I was corresponding with Linda Metzger and I think I saw "Metzger" and just thought I had taken care of this one. I sent my sincere apology to Mr. Metzger as well.

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Subject: Maclean proposals

I've watched this reoccurring push for City funding by a private group of Maclean proponents over its multiple iterations. The City's requirements for a joint animal shelter proposal are plain and clear. Maclean's multiple responses freely mix aspirational intentions with actuarially dubious operating costs. When the City has asked for clarifications, Maclean's response has been elevated and rearranged versions of the above.

They have shown resistance to assuming, or knowing how to do, other animal services for which the City is legally responsible. In limited acquiescence, Maclean's response is in sum *pay us and teach us how to do your job*. That is not a business model, it's taxpayer funded social welfare.

Maclean has put up a remarkably attractive building. Its advocates' enthusiasm is commendable. But it's not working financially. Of late, Maclean has suggested that if City funding is declined, they will revert to animal education. Laudable, they should go ahead and do that.

Failing that, options might be to: (a) turn the building over to the City, or jointly with Cascade County, for repurposing into a youth learning and safe recreation center (It's the right neighborhood for that.), or (b) Having run into expensive sub-soil problems at the proposed Federal funded aqua/rec center, the Maclean building could be considered for modifications and additions to meet those specification requirements. (It's the same architect firm for each.)

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