

This is from Sherri Poindexter, not the Task Force.

In the interest of trying to bring the DBWC Membership together on the RFA I submitted, I would like to include my perspective and thoughts on some common themes I've heard and/or read. These themes include

- didn't follow the process for getting the emergency food to begin with
- feel rushed to make a decision, without all the information
- what about other options
- I'm okay with shipping containers just not near the Ramada
- shipping containers are ugly and I don't want them anywhere in the park.

Regarding the purchasing food without asking the DBWC Membership, I believe Judith did an excellent job of explaining what happened, why it happened, and what will happen if permanent storage isn't available so I'm not going to add to that. I am going to say that once that happened, I did follow the process to request permanent storage by submitting an RFA to the Board of Directors (BOD). Which is what got us to this point.

Regarding feeling rushed to decide, I am hopeful that the lengthy Task Force notes will help people to feel more informed so that they can make a decision. There are time concerns because the costs will continue to rise. My personality is to decide, since not doing anything is doing something. Which as I understand it has been the approach for several years. Each day we are one day closer to a catastrophic event.

I am reminded of rabbi Hillel - *if I am not for myself, who will be? And if I am for myself alone, then who am I? And if not now, when? And if not you, who?* It's debatable, the full meaning, but it seems to encourage rational self-interest, compassion for others and social activism. President Obama had a similar approach about healthcare "... plenty of folks in Washington who've said that the politics is just too hard...Don't do it now. My question to them is then when is the right time? If not now, when? If not us, who?"

Regarding other options – the RFA was to request approval for Shipping Containers, so that is what the Task Force researched. If there are other options that people want researched then please do the research. I'm not sure what the best option for DBR is, but I am sure we need to address the reality of the need for emergency supplies.

Regarding Shipping Containers being okay just not the Task Force recommended area near the Ramada. Again, I am hopeful that the lengthy Task Force notes will help people to feel more informed so that they can understand why the Task Force made the location recommendation we did. This reminds me of the Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) syndrome – paraphrasing - There needs to be balance between the need for something ugly but useful and the needs of those impacted by it in their "back yard." My question to you is "how can we have it where it makes sense logistically and have less impact to those near it?"

[The Not in My Backyard Syndrome and Sustainability Infrastructure – State of the Planet](#)

Regarding Shipping Containers being ugly – I agree however, I do believe they are the best option and can be made to be "less ugly." I am reminded of a quote from T. Gautier *"There is nothing truly beautiful but that which can never be of any use whatsoever; everything useful is ugly, for it is the expression of some need, and man's needs are ignoble and disgusting like his own poor and infirm nature. The most useful place in a house is the water-closet."* After the issues with the Septic Pump, I'm less concerned about appearance and more about function.

In conclusion, I'm hopeful that we can move past the discussion of getting food without permission and on to

how do we prepare as a community for a catastrophic event where we will be cut off from supplies. I could go on about “process paralysis” and the idiom – of not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good.

<https://crossidiomas.com/let-the-perfect-be-the-enemy-of-the-good/> or as I say to Sherri M “sometimes good enough is good enough.”

I agree the containers are ugly and there is no perfect solution so can we come to some agreement as to what is the best, worst option. We are this point now and I would like to know how we move forward.

Thanks, sp