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Message: I am not in favor of accepting the Special Use request, project SUP 002-2025. The UW request is predicated on the premise that the property (previously known as Evergreen) could safely and effectively house and safely serve multiple social services (to include House of Manna and the homeless) at this location. It does not address the multiple concerns of citizens residing in the area, or of commercial businesses nearby. Unfortunately, this location does pose multiple safety concerns for the neighborhood adjacent to or near this property, as well as the users of 21st St W and Highway 22. Area residents and users adjacent to or near Evergreen include adults, children, the elderly, pedestrians and four wheel and two-wheel vehicles. Most members of residential areas and commercial entities near to or adjacent to Evergreen object to this Special Use permit because of valid safety issues with regard to their family and/or their property. As a longtime resident and property owner in Dickinson, I have an additional concern, that of the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission considering acceptance of a proposal that, in effect, exchanges their commitment to safety for permanent residents of Dickinson for that of commitment to a primarily transient population. This does not have to be an either-or answer, rather a re-evaluation of what might be a more equitable solution other than focusing solely on the Evergreen location. While most of the permanent residents acknowledge and support the basic missions of social services, we also know that the location targeted to house and service these various transient populations may also fall well short of sustained funding, availability of trained personnel, management, maintenance, and oversight. Sustainability for the UW proposal is tenuous at best. In summary, to be consistent in mission, location for such an umbrella proposal should be near medical facilities and services already available or planned for in the community. They should not be located in a facility adjacent to or near an already established residential/commercial area and busy traffic corridor in Dickinson. Thank you for thoughtfully considering probable long term and variable consequences when establishing a precedent for such a facility in a primarily residential area of Dickinson.