

will be triggered when temperatures are below 32 degrees, and a "Code Red" when temperatures reach 100 degrees or higher for two or more days.

Executive Director Laura Cootsona told the panel it can accommodate a maximum of 135 people in its dining room. Two staff members will be there at all times, as well as a security guard to manage the gate to the center's parking lot (the company has not been chosen yet). Animals and personal belongings will be allowed and people "can come in as they are—it is all behavior-based."

Cootsona said the Jesus Center will set up chairs. However, it will provide blankets and mats if needed and "make reasonable accommodations for people to be as comfortable as possible," with heating and cooling being its No. 1 priority.

Later on, just before the panel adjourned to closed session, Councilman Karl Ory appeared incensed to find there was no update regarding an independent review of whether he could participate in discussions regarding Chico Scrap Metal (CSM).

Before he was elected, Ory was involved in a referendum effort to move the recycler off East 20th Street due to its nonconforming use with zoning laws. The City Attorney's Office has maintained Ory has a conflict of interest (see "Legal jeopardy and weed," Newslines, March 7). Jared told the CN&R later that the independent legal review has "been tabled at this point."

"Our staff has failed to adhere to a vote of the council," Ory said, adding that the city manager confirmed that the city attorney would like "their law firm [to] manage this process." He reiterated that it's important for the public to remember the city has paid \$200,000 from CSM litigation.

Earlier, during the public comment period for closed session, CSM owner Kim Scott told the panel that nothing has changed in the past 10 years of back-and-forth with the city. CSM will proceed with its lawsuit against the city, or the council can follow the Chapman-Mulberry Neighborhood Plan and help fund CSM's move. But "you have to compensate us."

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