



MEMORANDUM

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To: Salt Lake City Planning Commission

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Re: Results of an Online Survey Conducted by the Salt Lake City Civic Engagement Team in Regard to Conditional Use Application PLNPCM2017-01064 for the High/Paramount Homeless Resource Center to be located at 275 W High Avenue and 242 W Paramount Avenue

The following information and comments were extracted and summarized from an online survey that the Salt Lake City Civic Engagement Team had available to the public from 01/17/2018 to 02/05/2018 in relation to the proposed High/Paramount Homeless Resource Center to be located at 275 W High Avenue and 242 W Paramount Avenue.

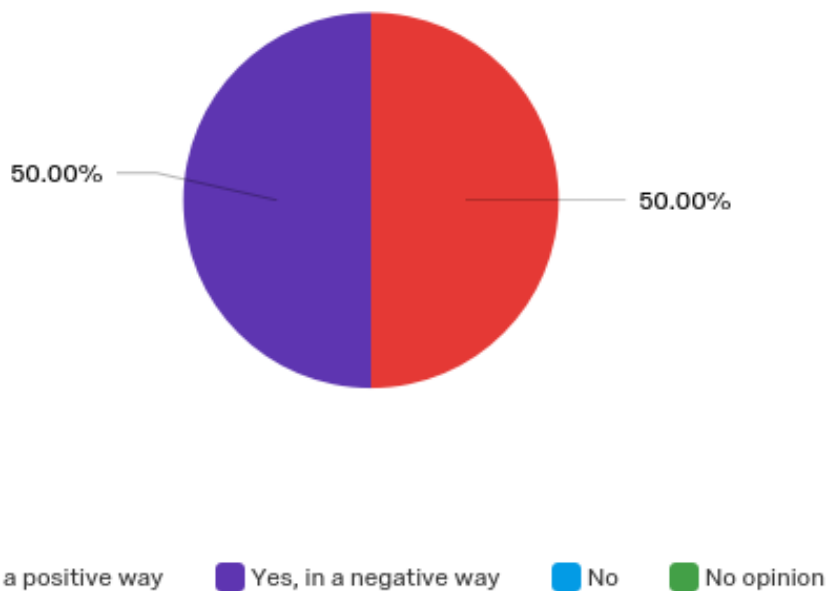
275 W High Avenue/ 242 W Paramount Avenue

Homeless Resource Center

9 Comments

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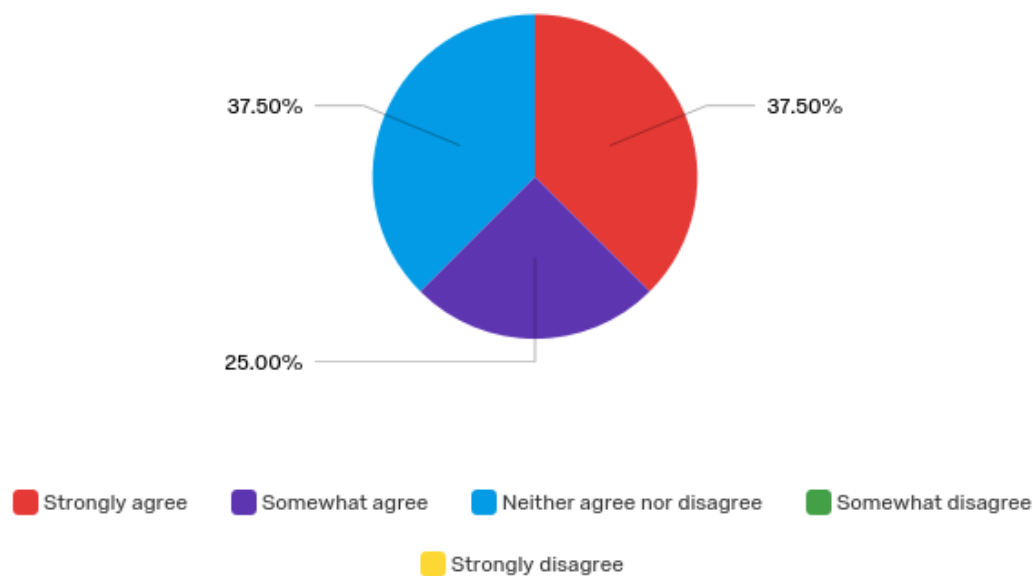
Does the proposed homeless resource center at 275 W High Avenue/ 242 W Paramount Avenue impact the surrounding area?



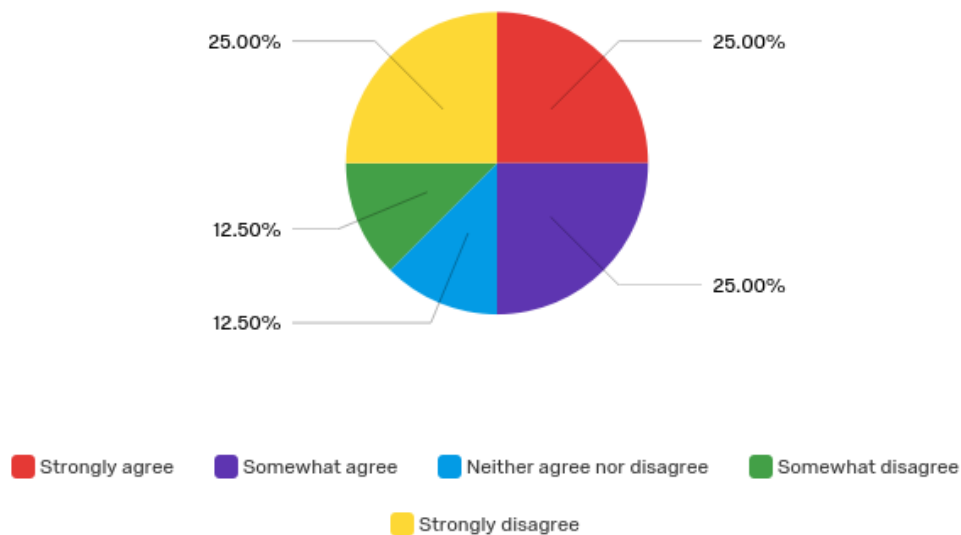
What can be changed to the proposal to lessen the negative impact?

- Close the cheap motels on Main and State that create a circle of crime and drugs that will endanger the homeless population at West High Avenue
- Change the walkup entrance to High Avenue
- Move the entrance to High Avenue instead of Paramount Avenue

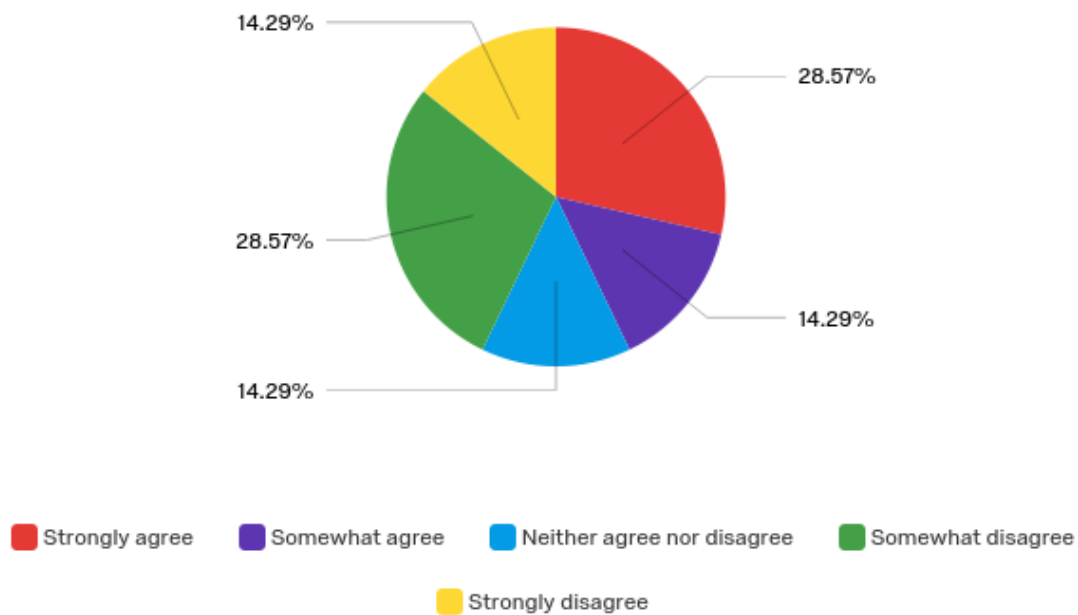
The proposed homeless resource center design fits with the surrounding area.



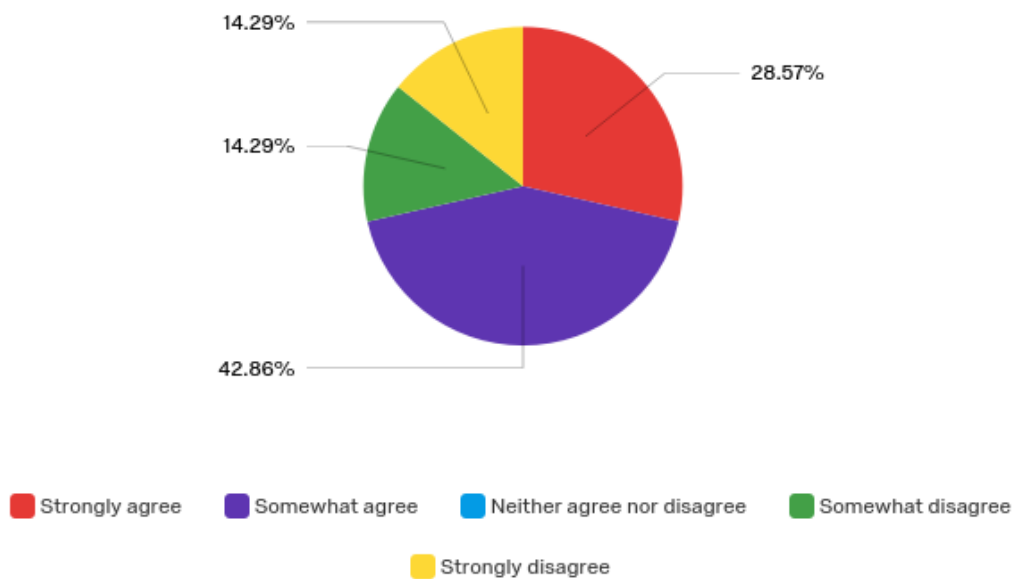
The proposed homeless resource center will not impact neighborhood pedestrian and bicycle traffic.



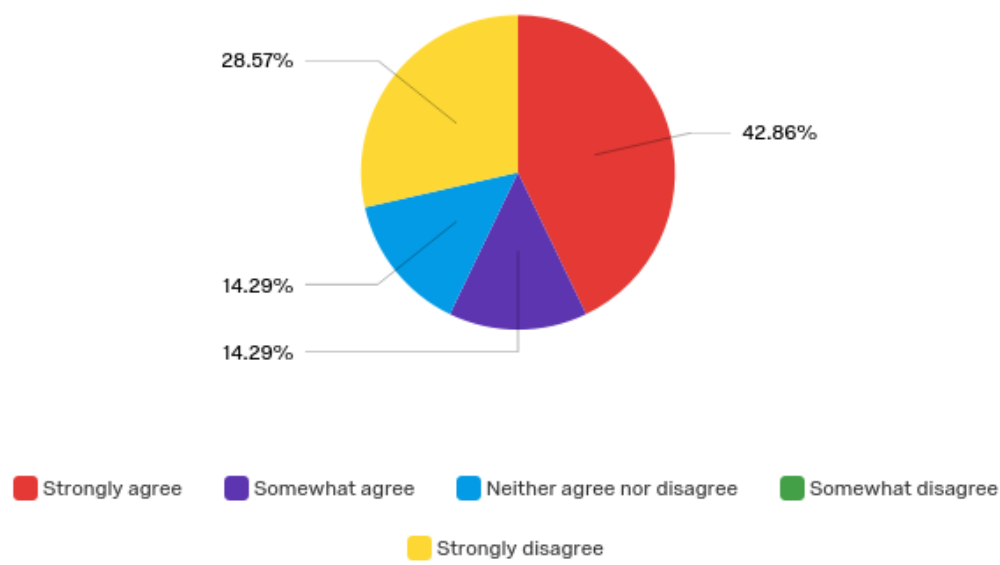
Driveway access to the proposed homeless resource center does not negatively impact neighboring properties.



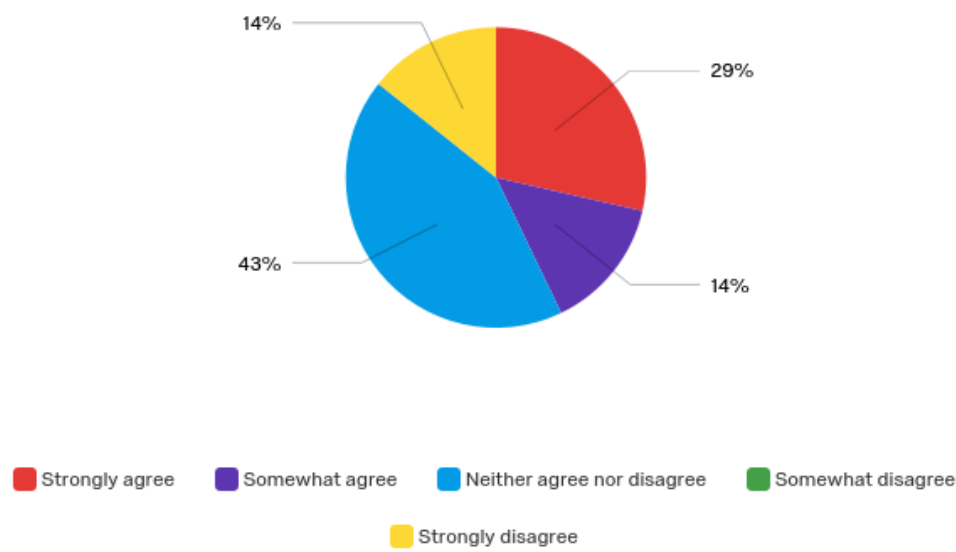
The proposed homeless resource center is visually screened to reduce impacts to neighboring properties.



The proposed homeless resource center does not significantly impact the quality of surrounding air and water, or introduce any hazard or environmental damage to any adjacent property, including cigarette smoke.



In your opinion, does the proposed application for 275 W High Avenue/ 242 W Paramount Avenue meet the new homeless resource center zoning regulations?



General comments about the proposal for 275 W High Avenue/ 242 W Paramount Avenue homeless resource center.

- The entrance should be from High Avenue not Paramount Avenue, it will destroy the neighboring businesses.
- At the January Ballpark Community Council meeting, David Gellner from the Salt Lake City Planning Division and Jill Jones from AJC Architects presented about the design and process for the Homeless Resource Center. I'm listing the top concerns that community members would like addressed (and could not be addressed by the officials and staff present at our January meeting) about the High/Paramount Avenue Resource Center. Our top concerns are:
 - Space and funding for security personnel (or better yet, uniformed Salt Lake City Police Department officers) in the facility. While some space has been allocated in the facility for full-time security or police, we would like the input of the Salt Lake City Police Department and staff from other currently operating homeless facilities to determine if those resources seem sufficient. Currently in the downtown shelter there's space for 2 full-time security personnel, and we're told that it's grossly insufficient. We appreciate that security officers are more affordable than uniformed officers, but we also think that uniformed officers would be more effective in the facility and coordinating their efforts with the rest of the Salt Lake City Police Department. The Midvale family shelter has actual police officers trained to work with that population, and Representative Angela Romero (who was in attendance at our January meeting) informed us that the state pays for these officers. We were also told that the Department of Workforce Services has concerns with the security in place at the Road Home. There will be operational issues that come down to how security personnel will work with local law enforcement.
 - The lack of a plan concerning pedestrian access & safety and other mitigating elements that will need to be implemented in the surrounding neighborhood. Most obviously, 300 West will need lots of pedestrian improvements. Multiple elected officials have agreed with this sentiment out loud, but we have yet to hear of any kind of plan or funding for how the city or state plans to address these issues. The issues aren't subtle: for example, if I use google street view, I can see that the sidewalks on 300 West and High Avenue aren't paved and aren't ADA-compliant (at least as of May 2016). I've attached the images of this {images not available via survey tool}. That seems like a pretty big issue in and of itself. How can we expect the homeless resource centers to be accessible to pedestrians and physically disabled homeless people if the sidewalks aren't paved and lack handicap-accessible sidewalk ramps? We're also quite concerned about getting more lighting and waste control into the surrounding neighborhood. More pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood will mean that we'll require more lighting to avoid pedestrian-auto fatalities and for the homeowners to feel safe in their neighborhood. I've been talking to staff and elected officials in city and local government about how we could have more lighting installed in the neighborhood for (literally) years. In October 2016, Dave Pearson, the City's Street Lighting Program Manager, attended the Ballpark meeting and answered questions, but it only made it more evident that there aren't good lighting solutions for the Ballpark neighborhood or any neighborhoods that have a large proportion of rented (or abandoned) homes. We absolutely need help in addressing this issue.
 - We've never received an answer to how businesses that are located on Paramount Avenue may be compensated if or when their businesses experience financial losses due to the main entrance to the Homeless Resource Center being located on that side of the street.

- I am concerned about the facilities' ability to handle the belongings of its clients. They come with myriads of carts and backpacks. Their lives are in their backs. Will they park them all over the facility? Will their items be secure or will this bring conflict? Also an overwhelming amount of garbage seems to surround homeless needs. Are there adequate places for them to get rid of their garbage? I am most concerned about other services provided. Is this facility just about sleeping? Is it about getting healthcare both physical and mental? Can they pay the community back with service opportunities? Can there be service rooms where they work on projects? Transportation and a supervisor to go to a service site? Are there showers and laundry? A wash station for belongings? More patrols and sanitation at the Ballpark TRAX? More panhandling and shoplifting at Wal-Mart? Why are the beds on the 3rd floor and offices on the 2nd?