



Salt Lake City Homeless Resource Center Site Selection





Objective

Briefing the press on the process of selecting potential homeless resource center sites.

Site Selection



The Salt Lake City Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission was formed in 2015 as part of the [Collective Impact](#) process, to help address homelessness in Salt Lake City. The Commission was charged with identifying sites in Salt Lake City for new homeless resource centers, each to serve individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as serve as a model for other resource centers in communities across the State of Utah.

Criteria for Success

As part of the Collective Impact process, 16 success criteria were established to help guide location, design, and service needs in future resource centers.

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- Well designed building and site
- Has community, not institutional feel, aesthetically pleasing
- Design for safety using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design standards (CPTED)
- Integrated into surrounding area
- Flexibility to accommodate systematic development and changing needs of homeless population
- Design to affirm innate human dignity
- Appropriate for sub-populations to be serviced
- Part of larger neighborhood
- Close to public transportation as appropriate to access needed services
- Not conducive for regional drug trade, safety is key
- Internalized services, no public queuing
- Includes outdoor gathering space
- Space for 24/7 occupation
- Includes easy access to: shelter, day services, medical, behavioral health, detox, community partners, space for pets, storage, hot box (decontaminate clothing and personal belongings)
- Site to include office space for intake and case workers
- Utilize technology to better serve

Site Selection

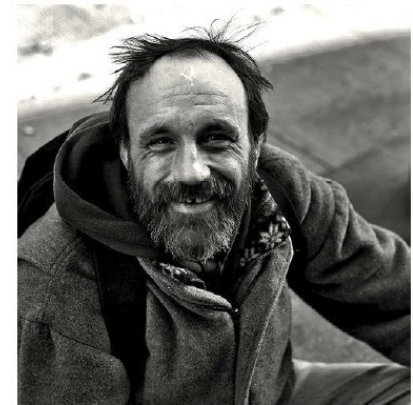


“Walk in My Shoes”



Can you think of someone who is struggling with a situation that might lead to homelessness?

What services can help this person leave the shelter?



What is Heidi's biggest barrier to being housed?



The Commission has developed "Criteria for Success" when looking for and developing site locations in Salt Lake City. Please tell us how important each of the criteria are to you.

Site Selection

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JUNE 22, 2016

HOMELESS SERVICES SITE EVALUATION COMMISSION



QUESTIONS + FEEDBACK

- Q. Including UTA in this discussion?
 - A. Currently doing this.
- Q. What's happening RIGHT NOW?
 - A. Additional funding from City Council for implementation work.
- Q. It's important to treat the whole person to help them.
- Q. We need to make sure this conversation is inclusive + well advertised.
- Q. How do we deal with some of those health care issues? Health care programs would help.
- Q. Safety concerns we need to address this year.

FACILITIES PROGRAMMING STUDY

- Focus on services not architectural design.
- Understanding how these service centers will address challenges.
- Site locations + criteria.
- Centers reflect what we agreed upon.
- Educate on how to access + help people move beyond homelessness.
- Mapping of services that people can access + use.
- Impacts.
- Capacity.
- Anticipate Needs.

Goals

Written Report
Outcome

Today's PURPOSE

- * Sharing outcomes from the five workshops
- * Get your Feedback

Public input
Are you truly listening to us?

TOP IDEAS

- Easy access to services
- Safety
- Not conducive to drug trade
- Close to affordable transportation
- Support to understand services
- Community measures for success
- Dignity
- Well-designed building/site
- Client advocates
- Being part of the larger community
- Small sites/centers

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KEY QUESTIONS

- How do these new centers fit into the fabric of the community?
- How can we better serve individuals experiencing homelessness + the broader community?



NEXT STEPS

- Incorporating feedback to move forward site selection
- Workshops with Commission + public with Facility Consultant
- Refining + continuing openhouse conversations

Final thoughts

- Demand is increasing. We need to keep this in mind moving forward.
- Focus on prevention + more attributable housing.
- Sustaining + expanding street outreach services. Creating new techniques + approaches.
- Remember what we're doing right already + celebrate successes.
- What about people not engaged in current efforts?
- Can we better understand the numbers + data we have to inform our actions?
- Are these are accurate?

Site Selection Location-Based Criteria

As part of the Collective Impact process, 16 success criteria were established to help guide **location**, design, and service needs in future resource centers.

Location-based Criteria

- **Not Conducive for Regional Drug Trade/Safety is Key:** The Salt Lake City Police Department has determined that proximity to interstate on-and-off ramps is an indicator of local drug activity. Potential resource center sites will be evaluated based on their proximity to freeway ramps in Salt Lake City.
- **Close to Public Transportation as Appropriate to Access Needed Services:** Transportation is a major hurdle to treatment for many individuals experiencing homelessness. Potential sites will be evaluated based on their proximity to public transportation, which is defined as half a mile from TRAX stops and frequent bus lines.
- **Includes Easy Access to Shelter, Day Services, Medical, Behavioral Health, Detox, Community Partners, Space for Pets, Storage, Hot Box (Decontaminate Clothing and Personal Belongings):** While resource centers will have many treatment services inside the facility, potential sites will be evaluated based on their accessibility to existing, and future known services, both in terms of physical proximity and ease of transit.
- **Part of a Larger Neighborhood:** Resource centers will be a home for individuals experiencing homelessness and should be built in areas conducive to multi-family residential living. Potential sites will be evaluated based on residential livability factors, including proximity to grocery stores, and day-to-day amenities.

Land Use Analysis

To inform the location search, a list of criteria was developed. This list included elements related to the success criteria. It also included environmental justice issues and other buffers, such as relationship to parks, schools, and excluding low-density residential zoning districts. This early criteria was mapped and used to guide the search for available property. Available properties included public and private sites that were determined to be for sale, likely for sale, or underutilized. Salt Lake City contracted with a real estate broker to secure sites prior to their consideration for the Mayor and City Council.

Environmental Justice Issues

- Fault Lines
- 3,000 Feet from Heavy Rail Lines
- 1,000 Feet from Highways
- 1 Mile Study Area for Refineries
- Floodplain
- Navigable Waterway
- Riparian Corridor
- ½ Mile Study Area for Landmark Site
- High Voltage Power Lines
- Electric Substations
- Airport Flight Path Protection Overlay Zones
- Zoning Where Residential Use is Not Permitted
- M-1, M-2, NOS, OS, EI, Airport

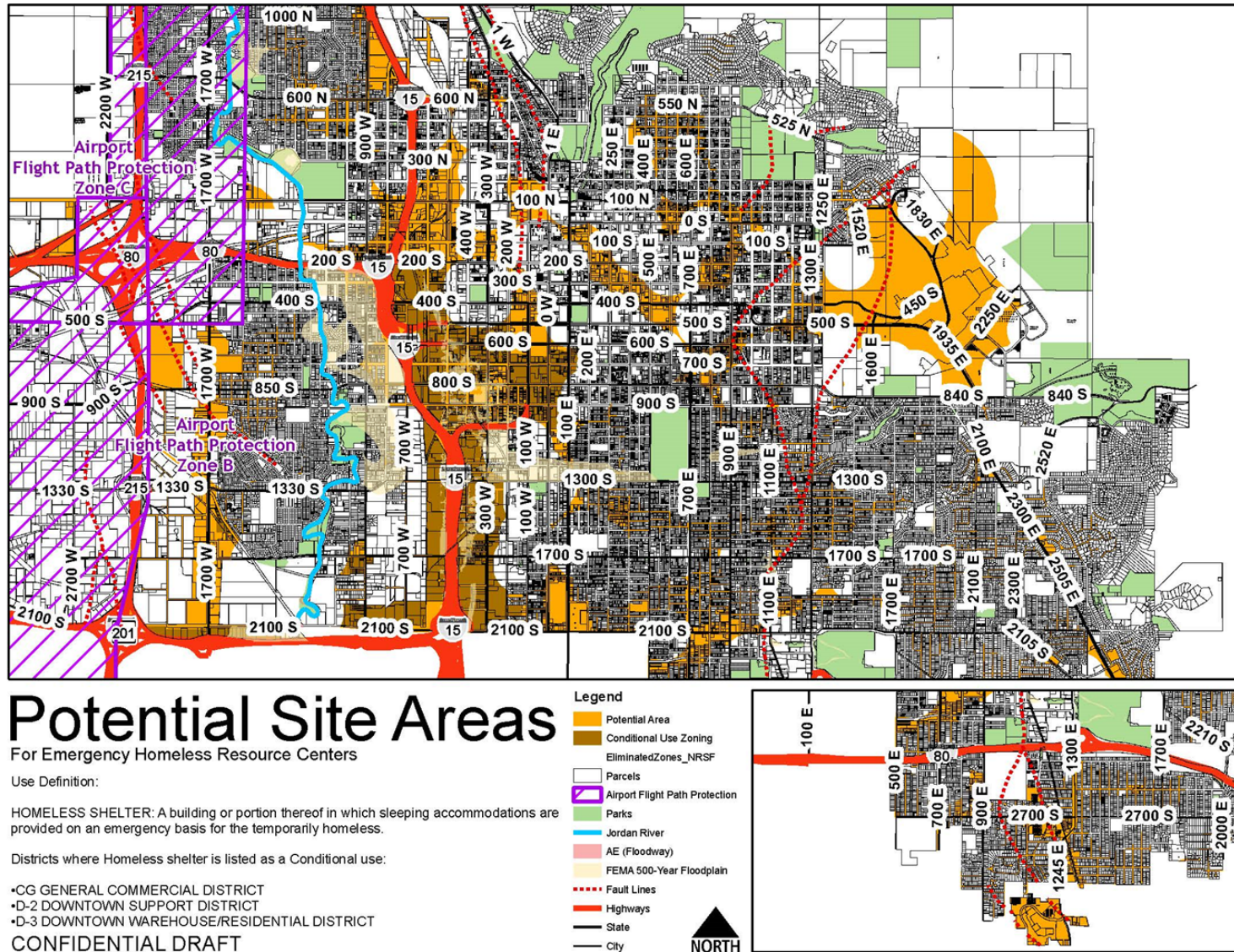
Other Buffers

Buffer of 1,000 Feet around community spaces

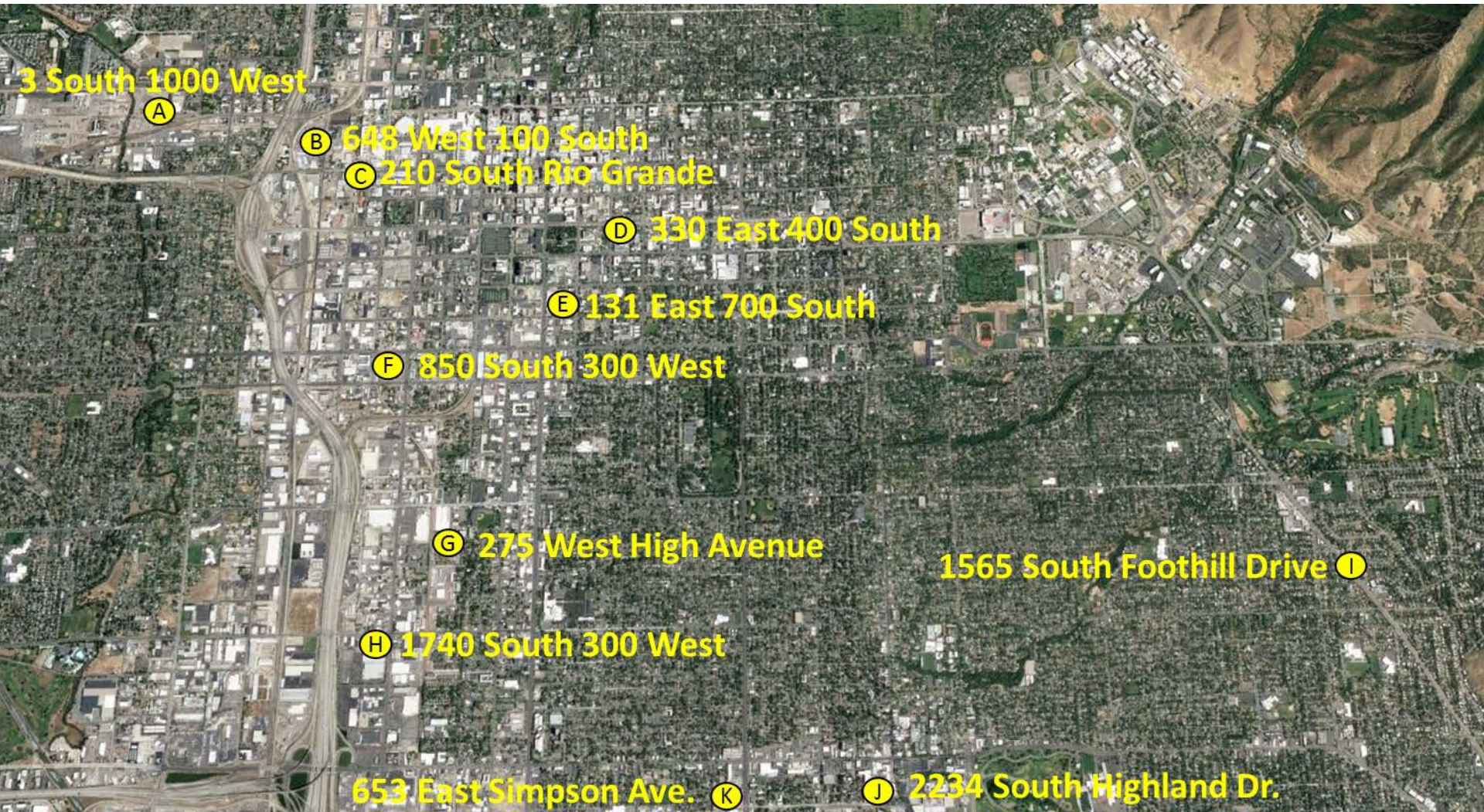
- Licensed Day Care
- Preschool
- Public/Private Primary School
- Public/Private Secondary School
- Public Swimming Pool
- Public Park
- Public Playground

Single Family Residential Districts: FR-1/45,560,
FR-2/21,780, FR-3/12,000, R-1/12,000, R-1/7,000,
R-1/5,000, SR-
1, SR-2, SR-3, R-2

Land Use Analysis



11 Potential Sites

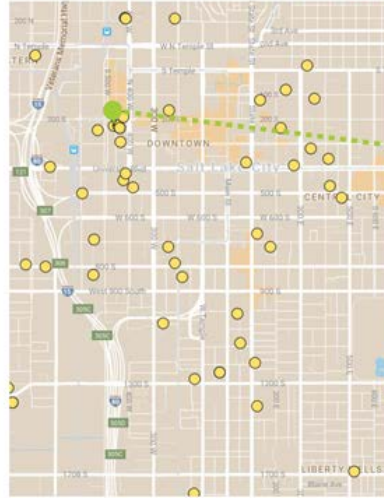


Example of an Evaluation Poster Board

Site Address

Asset Mapping

Site C: 210 Rio Grande



● Homeless and Neighborhood Services

Parcel Description

Site Description

Property Owner: Shelter the Homeless Committee, Inc.
Zone: Downtown Warehouse/Residential District
Resource Center Zoning Status: Conditional Use Required
Number of Parcels: Two
Site Size: 1.17
Purchase Price: \$3,070,000 (Assessed Value)

Site Analysis

- Close to transit, as well as neighborhood and homeless services.
- Will require the demolition of the existing structure, but otherwise will not require significant mitigating features in its design.
- A significant amount of utility improvements will likely be required.
- One private owner.

Neighborhood Description

Council District: 4
Planning District: Downtown
Adjacent Zoning: Gateway Mixed Use and Downtown Warehouse/Residential District
Adjacent Land Use: Mixed Use Residential, Social Services, Retail, Public Facilities

Homeless Services:

Adjacent to Community Connection Center
Adjacent to Weigand Center/St. Vrain's
0.3 Miles from 4th Street Clinic

Transit

Adjacent to a Bus Stop
Adjacent to Taxi Station (Old Creek Town Station)

Parks, Schools, and Daycare

0.1 Miles from Plover Park
0.7 Miles from Jackson Elementary
0.6 Miles from West High School

Neighborhood Services

Adjacent to Gateway Mall
0.7 Miles from Caputo's Market
0.1 Miles from Jade Market

Residential

0.3 Mile From a Single-Family Home
0.6 Miles From Residential Zone

Final Site Selection Process

Homeless Services Site Selection Committee Review:

The 11 identified sites were presented to the Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission to review and evaluate. The Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission primarily used four **location** based site criteria in their evaluation:

- Is the site conducive to the drug trade?
- Is the site located near public transportation?
- Does the site have easy access to services?
- Is the site part of a larger neighborhood?

Site Selection: The Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission's comments, as well as site information, were submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration. Using this information and the established criteria, the Mayor and City Council considered the available options and selected four sites for the future homeless resource centers.

Community Workshops

A series of workshops will be held to take comments about the sites. These workshops will focus on three primary **design** oriented themes:

- Safe for both users and surrounding neighbors.
- Design to mitigate potential negative effects.
- Integrated in to larger neighborhoods.

Dates:

Jan 11th: 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm at Public Safety Building

Jan 18th 6-8 pm at Public Safety Building

Additional workshops will be held with Clients, Service Providers and Public Employees