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Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL) Designation of Gilgal Sculpture Garden as a Landmark Site at Approximately 749 East 500 South

Thanks, Judi.

No city-funded projects are proposed in Gilgal Sculpture Gardens as part of this map amendment (to Landmark the site).

The purpose of Landmarking a site in SLC is to preserve and maintain the site and its contributing features---confirming their exceptional value. Landmarking this sculpture garden was not intended to prohibit or reduce property rights of adjacent landowners.

Neighboring properties are not within the Preservation Overlay nor are they subject to the regulations of the Overlay. Any change to current policy would need to be adopted by the City Council.

Can you please us know the source of this quote provided in your email?

"A multi-story commercial and housing development constructed north of GSG will affect the character-defining features that make the garden eligible for listing as a SLC Landmark and a National Register property."

Thank you.

From: Judi Short <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 8:33 PM

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Subject: (EXTERNAL) Designation of Gilgal Sculpture Garden as a Landmark Site at Approximately 749 East 500 South

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Friends of Gilgal Garden (FOGG) is tasked by Salt Lake City through an operating agreement to promote the long-term maintenance and preservation of Gilgal Sculpture Garden (GSG) as a unique natural and cultural site within the city.

Given the recent pattern of new mixed-use projects in the blocks surrounding GSG that are in compliance with Salt Lake City's current zoning ordinance, it is reasonable to expect any new development on the Chuck-A-Rama property will be a multi-story "podium" building.

"A multi-story commercial and housing development constructed north of GSG will affect the character-defining features that make the garden eligible for listing as a SLC Landmark and a National Register property." The impacts of a new building will be:

- sound and light pollution,
- glare and increased temperatures in the garden,
- diminished sense of seclusion and solitude for GSG visitors who will be aware of the presence of the large building and the many eyes looking down at them.

A building constructed immediately on the property line between GSG and the Chuck-A-Rama site will certainly affect GSG in an adverse manner. Placing a new building north of the property line with a reasonable setback (e.g. greenspace for the tenants or emergency vehicle access) will help to mitigate the adverse effects.

Consistent with FOGG's role to consult on Salt Lake City-funded or permitted activities that may affect the integrity of Gilgal Sculpture Garden, the FOGG Board of Directors recommends the Landmark and National Register status of GSG take precedence over the Open Space designation and asks the Planning Commission and /or the Mayor to conditionally suspend or even remove this unfortunate inconsistency in the zoning ordinance in order to protect the character-defining qualities of Gilgal Sculpture Garden.

Sincerely...



Judi Short, President
Friends of Gilgal Sculpture Garden

