

Date/Time Opened	Popular Topic	Contact Name	Description	Attachments
2/16/2022 17:52	Homelessness	Wendy Garvin	Council members, Thank you for your time tonight. Here is the complete statement from our group. We appreciate your concern and attention. Wendy Garvin Loni Newby Nathan Kizerian Denise Weaver Kelly Lake	1
2/23/2022 15:25		Mary McConaughy	This area needs to be added somehow to Fairmont park. There is too many apartments in Sugarhouse and development. The gas station by Sugarhouse park is already propped. We need to have this be more green space in some manner.	
2/24/2022 1:57		Kristi Allen	keep the BLM mural of the men.	
2/24/2022 8:41		John W	John W., Westminster Make it an open space. Sugarhouse has enough crowding.	
2/24/2022 9:00		Deborah Hansen	Dear Salt lake city council members and Mayor. My name is Roy Adams. This request is about Salt lake city Cemetery's Roads are in very bad conditions. I would like to have you go drive up there and check on the road around the cemetery and see how bad it is. Some of them you couldn't even drive through it. and it is sad because it is not only me that complained about this but everyone who has a family up there has complained as well. I do believe that there is some government money that uses some of it to take care of this. please contact me back [REDACTED] Roy Adams.	
2/24/2022 12:29		Heidi S	first rezone, then "develop." City also owns the tennis courts near the Boys and Girls club. At one point they wondered if they should put in affordable housing or a child care facility. All would be welcome at either facility.	
2/25/2022 9:39	Fleet Block	Sage Sagers	Don't rezone Fleet Block. The murals there are important to the community as it creates a space to remember and honor lives lost by police brutality. If for some reason it must be rezoned, I suggest that the murals be saved and displayed after rezoning or relocated entirely.	
2/25/2022 12:34		Betty S	The tennis court should be turned into a parking lot for the Trax line and reduce that type of parking at Fairmont Pool.	
2/28/2022 9:47		Deborah Hansen	Hello, As of right now 9:17 pm, Sunday 27, 2022 I'm living in the Rose Park area and we've noticed a loud booming noise like big Fireworks that have been going on for the past week and it's continuing to happen all day time to time. It is very loud causing our dogs to bark. It looks like it coming from the finery area. It is very annoying, loud and there's nothing in the sky but the booming noise. I would like to have you the city find out what was that noise and deal with it. And see what you can do to make it stop.	
2/28/2022 11:43		Jane B	No condos!	
2/28/2022 15:45	Ivory Homes Rezone Request	Scott Young	Mr. Echeverria, I hope you are enjoying the longer weekend. In my prior letters, I explained why Ivory's ever-changing rezoning proposals should be denied. With respect to Ivory's most recent proposal, I would like to speak at the upcoming Planning Commission public hearing as to why Ivory's plans simply do not meet the requirements of a planned development. I have attached my Outline on this topic and would appreciate you sharing it with the Planning Commission. Thank you for your time. Stay safe.	

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Brian SMITH

Brian Smith called this afternoon to voice his concern and feedback regarding public transportation in District 4. This is in response to a "march" the Sweet Streets group is doing to deliver a petition to the Mayor at the City and County Bldg today. Here are a few bullet points from our conversation: - Brian asks if Council Members are aware of the push for better bus lanes on 200 South and bike lanes. He says these dedicated bus lanes are needed on 200 South and especially downtown. - Brian thinks it's important to prioritize movement of people and not cars. - Brian voices his concern with Zoning, that zoning drives parking and downtown zoning should be changed to encourage less dedicated parking and flip the switch to drive people to use public transportation. - He says with the housing crisis, we should let new building developers create their own parking rules, that zoning and parking rules should be waived for the Downtown area since it's such a special exception. - He would like to see more transportation routes leading from Downtown to the major ski attractions. This will attract more tourists while keeping the air cleaner and giving access to the greener outdoors. - Free Fare February – is fantastic and so timely as the inversion is here.

Hello friends on the city council - we are joining today to share a prepared statement. Each of us will be giving 2 minutes of this statement, we will also email a copy to you.

As a collaborative effort, many of us volunteer our time to help the unsheltered population in Salt Lake City survive the extremely cold weather, starvation, and brutal abuse by law enforcement they encounter every day. We are here to speak on funding the Ramada Inn High Needs Shelter, speak to the horrific inadequacy of the winter shelter this year, and ask for your support to prevent these humanitarian abuses from ever happening again.

Salt Lake City proves a brutal environment to live if you are homeless. There are not enough permanent shelters, the shelters that exist have extremely high barriers and require unreasonable personal sacrifice to simply survive. Some of the shelters require people to leave their life partners or adult children. Some shelters don't allow pets. Many highly advertised shelters don't actually provide what they claim - and even you, the City Council, are being misled.

The "overflow" shelters that are available this winter include the three following options.

- 1: You can stay on a mat on the ground at Catholic Community Services. You must arrive before 8, and police can run you off for sitting outside the building, so you can't form a line to receive services.
- 2: You can stay on a mat on the ground at Wiegand Center. This opens at the incredibly convenient hour of 11PM (this is after all the other shelters have finally given out their beds, at which point clients are spread out from South Salt to downtown. Most clients must walk, and 30 blocks is a long cold walk at 10PM)
- 3: Once BOTH of these options have filled up, you will be taken on a van to the Ramada, where you will be given a mat on the ground in a conference room.

None of these options promise you a bed the next day. None provide storage for your survival equipment, so if you get a mat one night, your tent and sleeping bag will certainly be stolen. You are not guaranteed a mat the next night. Since our friends that live outside are not stupid, they don't choose these options unless it's raining or so cold their lives are in danger.

What is needed is non-congregate shelters, like Airport Inn last year, or like they billed the Ramada this year. What actually happened at the Ramada is that the service providers stopped using hotel vouchers and brought all their high needs clients to the Ramada.

These clients need hotel rooms most, which is why they were in hotel rooms before the Ramada opened. They are in wheelchairs, on oxygen and otherwise obviously unable to survive. We support the Ramada, because these clients obviously need a place to stay. In fact, it's a disgusting tragedy that 70 year old men and women aren't in adequate hospice settings.

The frustrating thing is that these clients were not, as advertised, brought from the congregate shelters - freeing up space. They were brought out of expensive hotel rooms, to save budget. We can't blame the service providers, but this did NOT open up more overall beds in the system. So as a council, I would be very concerned. The Mayor's office is now telling you there are "enough" beds in the system, because they're counting the warming overflow beds as real shelter, when it is clearly not adequate. We support the Ramada, that money is needed and these clients need this facility. Unfortunately, this did not get people off the streets.

Let us like to talk about adequate shelter. Rapes and assaults are common in and around the shelter. This has to be taken into account - people must go outside at some point, and security only protects the immediate building. This is about this given fact so we can define what 'adequate' shelter should look like.

We determine "adequate" shelter by whether or not people are willing to stay in it. What is the point of a shelter that is so terribly designed that it's clients won't use the service? If it requires giving up a pet, leaving your vulnerable family member 10 miles away unprotected, or giving up your survival equipment, would YOU, Council Member Wharton? Would you leave your partner and your beloved pets? I do not believe you would. Would YOU, council member Mano? Would you leave your partner and vulnerable children in a Midvale shelter while you were 15 miles away in the Men's shelter? You would not make these sacrifices, nor should we require them simply because someone has fallen on tough times. We deem the current shelter system wholly inadequate due to these shortcomings, and applaud the people who were able to safely navigate the system despite its flaws.

What we want, what all caring people should want, begins with adequate shelters. We need multiple new shelters - right now, people are not being adequately counted, because they are quadrupling up in hotel rooms, they are hiding out in friends apartments (until they get kicked out due to excessively strict housing rules) and they are hiding throughout the system in Palmer Court, in Alliance House. Of course, each of these options have rules, and are temporary. So we need multiple new shelters to house the population scattered throughout the city.

We need these shelters to be non-congregate living. When congregate shelters were designed, they were meant to be for a couple of days. For an earthquake, or a tornado. They were not designed to be what they've become. Did you know it takes longer than a year for most people to get housed? A young woman today told us she has been waiting for 2 years for housing, and continues to live in a tent in the Ballpark area.

Ballpark residents, did you know that's the reason these folks have been outside so long, because it takes *2* years to get housed? Do you consider that an "adequate" process? Would you be willing to stay away from your partner for *2 full years* to receive that housing?

The Ramada was supposed to be exactly this, non-congregate shelter for those with pets, for couples and families with adult children. Instead it was used to cut costs by service providers. Remember that when you vote on spending more - W support this shelter. We do not support the shell game of moving people around at the expense of the state and Salt Lake City.

What we do support is at least 3 more shelters built like the Ramada. People who wish to stay together as a couple should not have to be separated. People with pets should NEVER have to give them up - forcing these awful choices is part of what makes this a humanitarian crisis.

We applaud the council for pushing for deeply affordable housing. We applaud the council for supporting the Ramada, we implore you to open your eyes to what's really going on. I expect you to set standards on the money you give - and expect results. What is your criteria for an adequate shelter? What is your criteria for an adequate service provider, and how long is it reasonable to expect people to wait for housing in these shelters? What are the reports you receive, and have you asked why my numbers are so different from theirs? (The answer is, they take someone who comes to the shelter for a night, is APALLED, and gets their own situation sorted out, as a success. And then they can bring their average down from a year, which is the actual number, to 30 days, by including people who were facing a temporary crisis.

We expect the council to demand real solutions. Is a sanctioned camp an option? If so, let's put it on the agenda and vote on it.

------(Sorry council members, here's where we stopped)---

If not, the conversation cannot stop there, you must INSIST on a non-congregate shelter to take its place. We cannot just decide to do nothing, that's what led to the last horrific year of ongoing consequences.

Salt Lake City residents - you should demand accurate and truthful accountability. Your mayor runs repeated, carefully crafted statistics to tell you that crime is down. Is it? Is it down? Look out your windows, speak to your neighbors, and tell me the truth? Is it down? Or is she carefully cherry-picking the numbers? She's said this overflow shelter would provide adequate shelter for everyone living on the streets. Is that true?

The homeless population on the street is there because of long term inadequate planning. The mayor, and the council, and the Pioneer Park Coalition were all told that the 4 new shelters were not an adequate replacement for the original Road Home. But they went ahead, and lo and behold, the problem got worse due to economic conditions. And we have hundreds of people living in blanket forts on the streets of Salt Lake City, without an adequate plan to address it.

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What you, the people of Salt Lake City, and the Business Owners of Salt Lake City, must demand from your government is an EFFECTIVE solution. You must demand shelters the population is not afraid to stay in. You must demand faster rehousing. You must demand that NOT A SINGLE NEW LUXURY APARTMENT is approved, until there is adequate deeply affordable housing. You must demand that the mayor stop playing political football with people's lives at stake. All she's done is posture, and abuse the unsheltered population for years, and all of you deserve better than that.

We, the activists supporting the unsheltered community, demand adequate shelters, an end to abatements until adequate shelter is online, and accountability of the entire system from public officials over this long standing humanitarian crisis.

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