

Date/Time Opened	Popular Topic	Contact Name	Description
3/7/2022 8:30		Judi Short	I ask that you approve this rezone of the old Sugar House Fire Station #3 parcel to CSHBD1 tonight. I have attached the letter that I wrote to the Planning Commission to refresh your mind. it should be in the PC staff report. Thank you very much!
3/8/2022 10:45		Diane Whittaker	Hi Dan, We are very concerned about ADUs in our neighborhood. We have experienced ADUs in Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, BC and it leads to junky, crowded, dangerous neighborhoods. Our streets are too narrow for the additional car parking; we do not want higher density housing in our area and how do we know if our sewer and water systems can handle this? How do we go about excluding our neighborhood from additional ADU permits? Diane Whittaker [REDACTED]
3/8/2022 11:52	Homelessness	Chris Croswhite	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council, The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is a privately funded Church / Homeless Service Provider, which has been serving our homeless and hurting people in Salt Lake City for over 50 years. The Rescue Mission, as well as other homeless service providers are a major part of the solution to meeting the needs of our homeless population and our entire community, while mitigating the negative affects the homeless can bring to an area. Our primary focus at the Rescue Mission is our inpatient rehabilitation programs which enables a person to address the cause of their homelessness, return to work and become self-sufficient. In addition to our recovery and transformational programs, the Rescue Mission provides emergency services including meals, shelter, dayroom, hygiene, clothing, crisis care, etc. Our emergency services are designed to meet the immediate needs of people struggling in poverty, homelessness, and addiction so they can focus on changing their life. Our purpose is also to better our entire community by providing a home for the homeless so they are not loitering our streets, engaged in illicit behavior or crime, that some may be prone to do in their desperate situation. If there is no place for our homeless friends to be, they will exist on the streets creating even greater difficulties. The Rescue Mission is greatly concerned the proposed changes to eliminate permitted use and conditional use in zoning code will have on the homeless service industry, our homeless friends and they entire community. Please see attached letter outlining our primary concerns. The Rescue Mission requests the City Council to NOT change the current codes until Zoning and Planning has finished their work in recommending new conditional use permits for homeless resource centers. The Planning office has reported they expect to make their recommendation within the next two months. If this is the case, stripping away the current zoning will have no actual affect. The zoning application takes greater than two months to move through the processes. However, if the discussed new zoning overlay is delayed, which is likely, it prevents homeless service providers from meeting current needs as well as future needs. This would result in an increase in the number of homeless persons on Salt Lake City streets. Thank you for taking the time to read and take into consideration our concerns, as we all strive to build a better community. Chris D. Croswhite
3/8/2022 15:25	Homelessness	Dennis Dickerson	I understand the desire not to want to have additional shelters in SLC. However, there should be an exception where the new shelter is replacing an already existing one that will close when the new shelter is available. In this way, you will be able to control the growth of shelters while still providing for the ability to upgrade facilities to better manage and serve the homeless community. The result of such action might help alleviate the urban camping that will continue to occur and grow without adequate shelters available. Because of the need for available services that are located in the city, the homeless population will locate downtown regardless of the availability of shelters and camp if necessary.
3/8/2022 16:32	20 is Plenty	Alessandro Rigolon	Dear Councilmember Dugan, I'm writing to express my support for the idea of a proposed 20mph speed limit across the city. I'm a resident of your district (living near Beacon Heights Elementary). I am a father of two children under 5, and I'd love to live in a city that is safer for children. I believe the 20 mph idea could help move us in that direction. I also commute to the University by bike, doing my best to reduce my CO2 emissions and to help improve air quality. I believe that safer streets would help me further reduce my car trips and would also encourage many of my neighbors to do just the same. Thank you for considering my point of view. I look forward to engaging in this proposal further as more details become available, but I'd appreciate it if you could continue supporting this discussion moving forward. Sincerely, Alessandro Rigolon



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RE: PLNPCM2021-01033

Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council,

Thank you for the concern and care expressed for the needs of all residents of Salt Lake City to address zoning codes pertaining to homeless service providers. The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is proud to be a resident of the City and has worked, often in conjunction with the City, for the past 50 years to provide emergency services and an in-patient recovery program for our homeless population. This mutually beneficial relationship has resulted in countless homeless people restoring their lives and re-entering society as fully productive citizens. The success experienced in the lives of citizens of Salt Lake is threatened by the current proposal before the Salt Lake City Council. In addition to joining in with the comments submitted to the Planning Commission by The Road Home, the Rescue Mission respectfully submits the following requests and concerns in connection with Item 1 of the proposed ordinance to withdraw homeless service as a permitted use in the current zoning areas and strip away current conditional uses in other zones.

The Rescue Mission's first request is that Salt Lake City Council follow the Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council to NOT APPROVE Item 1 of the proposed ordinance. Removing homeless service permitted and conditional uses effectively prevents service providers from planning ahead to meet current and expanding needs. Data from the National Association to End Homeless indicate that as both population and population density increase, the number of people experiencing homelessness as a per capita of ten thousand increases. Salt Lake City is experiencing both a population increase and an increase in population density, thus a corresponding increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness is expected to increase.

Slowing or effectively blocking ongoing plans will damage the City and result in a greater number of people living on the streets of Salt Lake City. This would in turn increase Salt Lake City costs and overall burden in addressing homeless issues well into the future.

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Second, the Rescue Mission believes that the proposed changes would damage its access to private funding sources. The Rescue Mission as well as other homeless services providers work with private foundations and donors who are looking to invest in homeless services in our community. The Rescue Mission is unique, however, in that, as a faith-based organization, it does not receive any public funding and instead is entirely reliant on the donation of private funds. Private donors are looking for assurances that the projects and services in which they invest are likely to be viable prior to their commitment to fund. Peeling away permitted and conditional use of current zoning, without replacement zoning ordinances, makes the outcome of any proposed project completely uncertain and is likely to result in the loss of private funding. Put in practical terms, if Item 1 of the proposed ordinance is adopted, the Rescue Mission would not be able to campaign for donations to purchase new land or expand as it would be unable to identify any particular parcel or cast vision as to the type of facility that would be constructed to service the homeless community, because the Rescue Mission could not even represent that it would be able to obtain zoning approval for the project. At times these funds take years to acquire and once approved many are funded annually. The loss of these funds could result in decreased funding from private sources through 2023 or longer. This would undoubtedly put a further burden on Salt Lake City and be detrimental to the homeless community.

Third, with respect to the above-mentioned concern, if the City Council approves to removal of permitted use, the Rescue Mission requests that a time limit or sunset clause of ninety to one hundred and twenty days be included to reapply the current ordinances if the intended overlay is not completed. If the past two years has demonstrated anything it is that life and events are unpredictable. Homeless services are a vital part of the fabric of our community and classified as essential services. Putting an open-ended moratorium on homeless services providers meeting current and future needs may increase the number of people experiencing homelessness and exponentially increase issues related to homelessness. Zoning codes related to homeless services deserves thoughtful study in building a better community for all City residents. A delay in establishing a new overlay of zoning codes would result in current and future needs not being met and could result in further exacerbating the homeless service crisis in Salt Lake City.

Fourth, the Rescue Mission requests consideration be given to existing homeless services organizations that have a demonstrated record of success, such as the Rescue Mission, and that already operate within the City to relocate within the City or to expand onto adjacent or nearby properties. As our community grows and expansion or redevelopment is needed, it may be prudent to relocate an existing facility to better serve all residents of Salt Lake City. Proposed changes to the zoning code or removing current codes with nothing to replace them could prevent current providers from relocating, for the betterment of all, or expanding to meet increasing needs, both of which would hinder our community and increase the burden on the City.

Lastly, the Rescue Mission requests that if the Salt Lake City Council adopts Item 1, the Planning Commission recognize the requirements of federal law and condition any such recommendation upon the exemption of faith-based organizations from the proposed ordinance. Under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act ("RLUIPA"), the government may not enact a land use regulation that:

- (1) imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden on that person, assembly, or institution—
 - (A) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and
 - (B) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

42 U.S.C. 2000cc(a) (2000).

Further, "religious exercise" is explicitly defined to include "the use, building, or conversion of real property for the purpose of religious exercise." 42 U.S.C. 2000cc-5(7)(B). In addition, RLUIPA provides that a land use regulation is prohibited when it "unreasonably limits religious assemblies, institutions, or structures within a jurisdiction." 42 U.S.C. 2000cc((b)(3)(B).

The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is grateful Nick Norris, Director of Planning Office and Andrew Johnson, Office of the Mayor, Salt Lake City, correctly noted on January 4th, 2022 during a video conference with Homeless Service Providers that the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is a faith based service provider and that as a church / association of churches providing homeless services as an expression of such faith would be exempt from proposed ordinance Item 1, if enacted. The Rescue Mission requests that this protection be recognized in the ordinance in order to alleviate the dampening effect on fundraising that its passage would otherwise create.

It is with respect and our fifty-year history of being a privately funded faith-based organization striving to create a better community for all residents of Salt Lake City, that we share these concerns and set forth our request.

Sincerely,



Rev. Chris D. Croswite, MCS
Executive Director