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9/21/2022 7:30	Michael Baker	Shared Housing Proposal	We Need Shared Housing	<p>hello, I wanted to go on the record as supporting shared housing. This fills an important unserved population. I have tried my best to undertand the arguments against shared housing but none of them make any sense to me. This is the perfect definition of a "clamor" upon which decisions should not be made. These hyperventilating activists are attacking something not intended to serve them and are unintentionally becoming NIMBYs in the process. They DO NOT speak for this District 5 resident. I live a block from state street and a relatively short distance from two homeless resource centers. I see first hand the housing crisis on a daily basis. We need every housing option on the table and to be building as many units as we are able. Otherwise I fear that we will become the mexst San Francisco, full of good intentions that pave the road to extreme housing unaffordability. Thank you for your service to our community.</p>
9/21/2022 9:39	Adam Gmyrek	The Other Side Village	(EXTERNAL) Indiana Ave homeless shelter comment.	<p>Victoria, Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today about a few Westside issues. Would you please enter my comment to the City Council representatives who will be addressing the new homeless shelter on City property today? Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Adam Gmyrek I, Adam Gmyrek, would like to go on record; I am against the new homeless shelter disguised as the "tiny home village" being built on the Salt Lake City property at 1850 W Indiana Ave, Salt Lake City, UT. The new "tiny home village" model is a disguise for a homeless shelter; the people who will be living at the tiny home village are being removed from local homeless shelters and placed into a new form of shelter for the homeless — are they not? It is my understanding that the residents who will be awarded to live at the 413-acre parcel owned by the City of Salt Lake are currently homeless and reside at one of the several homeless shelters within Salt Lake City — is this not a true statement of fact? Name it what you want, call it what you choose, Palmer Court, Freedom Landing, Sunrise Metro, Magnolia, Wendell etc., it is a homeless shelter, plain and simple. The people who will be living there are being removed from the local homeless shelters. The goal of the tiny home village is to house people who are homeless; is it not? Thus, a homeless shelter. The Westside dose not need another homeless shelter to enhance its community; the Westside has already been enhanced and burdened with the fast tracking of 2-homeless shelters that were created within the last 3-years. Has your memory faded? Finally, entering into a 40-year contract with The Other Side Academy is fiscally irresponsible. The contract with The Other Side Academy should be between 3 to 5 years and then reviewed with attaining its set goals at year 2 or 4 years. If the City then deems The Other Side Academy fit to operate the modern day homeless shelter then a longer contract should be granted. I am emphatically against this modern day homeless shelter. Adam Gmyrek</p>
9/21/2022 9:43	Athena Steverson	Homelessness	the village	I want this to happen

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9/21/2022 18:07	Conner Simmons	Homelessness	The Other Side Village Vote	I believe wholeheartedly that The Other Side Village is good for the community as well as the individuals who will live and be impacted there. Not only am I confident in the leadership team, I am confident in the people they work with and the transformative/uplifting nature of how they go about their mission. I've had the pleasure of interacting with leadership, employees, interns, and many of the graduates/members of The Other Side Academy -- they've proven their ability to turn lives around. Support, community, accountability, and other aspects of their programs/operations restore and strengthen the dignity, integrity, and health of those who experience homelessness or have committed crimes. Their work -- and my interactions with them and their graduates -- inspired me while I was a student and continues to influence both how I approach my career and how I view and interact with people that are frequently misjudged and misunderstood. In decisions like these, far too often the influential voices are those who have great wealth, those who desire to maintain property value, or those with little respect for others who look or act differently than the college grad standard of success. Please know there are so many of us who have been silent -- we hope for this to be approved, we are ready to support the mission and vision, we believe it will be the kind of help and success that deep down we all yearn to live for. While dozens may be opposed, fearful, or upset -- hundreds are in favor and hoping we will do the right thing in approving and supporting this cause. And, I believe, thousands will be positively impacted by living there and by affiliation. If not here, where? If not now, when? If not us, who? (Just imagine that being read by some cool coach in a touching football movie or something haha). "...when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" We can do better. Let's do better now.
9/21/2022 21:54	Tessa Stewart	Homelessness	The Other Side Village Vote	I am adding my voice as a strong supporter of The Other Side Village. This will be a significant benefit to the community. And a real solution for those who are homeless. The Other Side Academy is unmatched in the work they do to change lives. The same will be true for The Other Side Village. Please support this project!
9/21/2022 21:59	Spencer Stewart	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	I believe that The Other Side Village will be immensely valuable to this community. The Village offers a real solution for those who are homeless. Please approve this project.
9/22/2022 10:34	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	Other Side Village	I am in support of the other side Village. Those of us who have been blessed with much need to watch over, mentor, and aid, those who have a little and in overcoming some of life's overwhelming challenges. This seems like a great way to accomplish that goal.
9/22/2022 13:08	Truman Wisen	Homelessness	Approve The Other Side Village	Good evening council members. I am writing to express my support for the proposed other side village. I believe in the mission and methods that the other side academy has been employing for decades to fight homelessness in Salt Lake City. This village gives us a chance to be a leader in innovative solutions for the homelessness and addiction crisis that plagues every American city. Please take this opportunity to beautify and improve the streets of Salt Lake and the lives of its residents. Thank you Truman Wisen

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9/22/2022 13:18	Drew Vernon	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	I just wanted to write and express my support for The Other Side Village. I have reviewed their plans and believe that this will be beneficial to our community and will drive positive change in caring for our unsheltered and reducing homelessness.
9/23/2022 13:54	Ruth Cherecwich	Affordable Housing	The Other Side Village	I support the concept of the tiny home village as proposed by The Other Side Academy and therefore support a zoning change to allow for its construction. This economical approach to housing for those who can least afford it will go a long way toward helping relieve some of the housing shortage. Please vote to allow the zoning change to allow this housing to be built
9/23/2022 14:31	Koby Elias		FW: (EXTERNAL) PLEASE NO GAS STATION 🚫	Hi Amy, I'm a resident of district 7. Voted for ya! Please please please can we not have a gas station on the corner of sugarhouse park. In fact we already have one! Can we please please please not have TWO gas stations on the corner of sugarhouse park? Literally anything else. I'd take a second chick-Fil-a that gridlocks traffic all they say to 700 E if it means we don't put a gas station there. Thanks for listening, Koby
9/23/2022 14:36	Sarah Woolsey		FW: (EXTERNAL) Continued concerns on Hollywood	Dear colleagues- we want to reiterate that action is due to help Hollywood stay safe. You may have heard from others, but this is the image from Saturday night when a woman sped down Hollywood and ran into the roundabout and flipped her car. Thankfully she was OK. We need help help help to stop these dangerous accidents. We are applying for the CIP and anxiously awaiting the plan from the city staff from the CIP you assisted us to get. We are so anxious to see improvement to the speeding and dangerous situation on our sweet little street. Thanks for your support always Sarah
9/23/2022 14:41	Tara Shupe		FW: (EXTERNAL) Oppose the Granite Construction concrete manufacturing plant	Hello, Please oppose the concrete manufacturing plant proposed by Granite Construction. The air quality in this valley is already the worst in the world multiple days in a year. We look to our leaders and the planning commission to make decisions for the greater good. The health of every person in the valley will be adversely affected by moving forward with the concrete plant. -Tara Shupe
9/23/2022 15:17	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	the Other Side Village vote	i am in favor of rezoning the property so that the Village can be built
9/23/2022 18:30	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	i would like to voice my support for The Other Side Village. I have donated and shopped at their store, learned about the goals, businesses, and successes. Having had an addict family member I know that recovered addicts understand and can help another become healed. It's difficult for most people to understand how difficult it is to get out of a hole you have dug yourself into - it's not the intended outcome. Then when they are getting sober and everything catches up to them they need the support of someone that understands what they are going through. I have faith that this Village and their organization can be successful. Please approve this Village!!
9/23/2022 20:58	Marlin Beckstead	Homelessness	the otherside tiny village	I am a graduate of the otherside academy, with 6 1/2 years sobriety thanks to their help and guidance and my hard work. Before the otherside I was homeless living in my car with no hope in sight. They taught me how to be a responsible caring productive member of society. Today I have my life back and a house and family and a successful career as a concrete Superintendent at Nicoha Concrete LLC. If you help them they will make amazing progress towards helping people become self-sufficient and positive productive happy people in our society.
9/24/2022 6:21	Susan Curtis	Homelessness		the tiny village is a vital project for those who are unsheltered. the amazing people who started this village are a phenomenal group

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9/24/2022 7:47	Jen Seabury	Homelessness	Homelessness	i like the tiny homes project idea as a way to get the homeless a safe place to sleep and shower.
9/24/2022 12:24	Heidi Willis	Homelessness	The Other Side Village Vote	i'd like to register my support if The Other Side Village. This will make a measurable difference to mitigate the challenge of homelessness in our state and will change individuals' lives in a real and permanent way. Those running the program have a proven track record. The community will be an asset to the entire state.
9/25/2022 20:42	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	I've worked with The Other Side Academy in the past and have seen first hand what an amazing organization it is. I fully support the Village Project.
9/26/2022 10:43	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	"The Other Side Village"	Dear City Council, I'm writing to urge you to vote in favor of building The Other Side Village. There have been many comments made from concerned neighbors about how this village will affect crime rates in the neighborhood. It's fair that these people are correlating homelessness with an increase in crime; people in desperate situations will take drastic actions that others can't even imagine. However, I'd like to point out that with the construction of The Other Side Village, we will not simply be concentrating homelessness in this one neighborhood. The difference here is that these people will no longer be homeless. The Other Side Village will not only offer these people a safe place to sleep, eat and shower, but it will also offer a community with a social network of support. These people who were once in a desperate situation will finally have their basic needs met and will be able to be contributing members of society. The Other Side Village concept is not simply "another place to put homeless people"; it's a solution to homelessness. Please remember this as you listen to comments from people who don't want a homeless camp in their backyard. No one wants a homeless camp in their backyard. The Other Side Village WILL NOT be a homeless camp. It will be a community of engaged citizens. It will be our first step in ensuring that we do not have homeless camps built in any more backyards. Thank you! Emma Scanlon
9/26/2022 15:00	Ben Burdett	Homelessness	Approve The other side village	

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9/26/2022 15:02	James Miska	Budget	Budget amendment No. 3 from Sept 20, 2022	<p>To City Council, Concerning Budget Amendment No. 3: A one-time \$6 million amount to address what you're calling "deeply affordable" housing is not going to actually solve the problem we have. I hope that is understood and I hope no one upon the council is under such a false pretense. This amount of money will not go nearly far enough to actually address and change the issue of homelessness and recurring homelessness in Salt Lake City. The definition of what is considered 'affordable' is what needs to be addressed and changed as soon as possible. Currently, it being at 80% AMI is frankly ridiculous, considering the AMI is usually shown to be at least 60k, sometimes exceeding 70k. This is such a load of b.s. because you're taking the exceptionally wealthy people and grouping them in with folks that are making hardly anything, and pretending there is actually some sort of middle ground they can meet in (the median).</p> <p>To truly meet the needs in terms of affordability in rent, you must reduce what is considered "affordable" in your definitions and policies from 80% down to 30%. The council and this year's budget, the way it is written, is incentivizing landlords and developers, both predatory professions by nature, for essentially not doing anything, except accepting slightly less money for owning property. There is nothing in the incentive program that demands that landlords/developers must make necessary improvements to properties, nor is there anything about required maintenance. And there should be! It is shameful on them, and the City Council, for not doing more to address inequities in this City, especially when some have so much, and many have so little. Please do take and use the \$6 million, but get back to public meetings, public hearings, and discuss how you will get "affordability" on track to reflect what is actually affordable for most people in need, and not just make it about any given area's "median income". Or if you're going to keep it that way, using median income, define "affordable" as 30% AMI instead of 80% AMI. Thank you. -James Miska</p>
9/26/2022 15:03	Beth Blattenberger	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	I find this to be an exciting project. Please approve it. Beth Blattenberger
9/26/2022 18:06	Andrew M	Homelessness	FW: Tiny Village-Homless Resource	<p>Please consider a plan to have and fund a security guard hut, on site at the tiny village for the homeless. If there isn't 24/7 security there will be rampant lawlessness and drugs. Provide adequate community lighting and emergency call stations for residents.</p> <p>Regards, Andrew</p>
9/27/2022 2:24	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Academy Vote	I support the other side academy completely and any expansion of buildings, programs et al.
9/27/2022 12:17	Andrew Secrist	Homelessness	The Other Side Village Vote	Hi, there -- I just wanted to send a note to say I'm supportive of the Other Side Village's proposed zoning amendment!

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9/27/2022 19:47	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	<p>Dear City Council, The summer before I moved to Salt Lake City, my friends and I were discussing my upcoming move across the country. "Did you know they actually solved homelessness in Salt Lake City?", one friend asked. "Yea, I heard about that. The actually use Housing First policies there," another friend agreed. I was ecstatic to move to a city that actually made big steps towards providing housing to our most vulnerable neighbors. Now 6 years later, I am reminded everyday how misled my friends were. I am reminded everyday that I live in a city that is too scared and too inert to do anything towards this problem. Where I live, when I look out my window, the people I usually see are transient folks hanging out on the park strip across the road from my house. A few years ago, during one cold stretch in the dead of winter, a young man lived under a pile of blankets and would wail for hours at a time at night, right outside my kitchen window. As a citizen of this city, this hard on me. I don't like living in a city where my neighbors' basic needs aren't being met. I want to live in the city my friends told me Salt Lake was. I am very excited to hear about The Other Side Village. I think this model is very aligned with the Housing First ideal I put a lot of hope in; the concept that led my friends to think that Salt Lake had solved homelessness. I think a community of modest, affordable housing and strong social supports is a great first step in undoing this mess of homelessness we have here in this city. I strongly believe that homelessness is not indicative of the flaws of the individuals affected but instead it is indicative of the flaws of the city that allows it. I ask you to vote in favor of building The Other Side Village.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
9/28/2022 8:59	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	<p>Hi City Council, We absolutely need to do something about the affordable housing crisis in our city. Please, vote in favor of The Other Side Village. Our city is covered in homeless camps. People are doing the best they can to survive and have a good life, but our city has become way too expensive. Once someone loses their home, it becomes very difficult to rebound financially. It's close to impossible to get and keep a job. With a housing first solution like this tiny home village, we can give some of these people the opportunity to regain financial and social power. I love that this village will provide a strong social network for its occupants. I don't like living in a city that is covered in homeless camps-not because it's an eye sore or because the people both me, but because I don't like what it indicates about the people who live in this city who DO have the power to change things. When I see these camps, or when I see my transient neighbors hanging out across the street, I'm reminded that I live in a city that is unwilling to question and stand up against the status quo. This is not the city I want to live in. Is this the city you want to live in? Thank you. Again, please vote in favor of The Other Side Village.</p>
9/28/2022 18:04	Rose Bridwell	Homelessness		<p>I would like to say that I think the OtherSide Villiage is great if somone wants to change there life and do something diffrent if the plan is followed</p>

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9/29/2022 8:21	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	Hi City Council, I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of building The Other Side Village. Salt Lake City is in desperate need of real, long term solutions to our homelessness problem. Cities that undergrow explosive economic and population growth like Salt Lake are always faced with an affordable housing problem. Homelessness is a result of a lack of affordable housing. Once a person loses housing, they are at risk for a number of problems. If we want our city to grow sustainably and be economically strong in the future, we must act now and work towards real solutions for affordable housing for everybody. I think that a lot of people see helping the homeless as a charitable act, done out of the goodness of their heart. I see it differently. I view creating strong social supports and affordable housing as a necessary economic action. A city in which the top 50% gets really rich and the bottom 50% becomes more desperate and unable to contribute to society is doomed to fail. Homelessness is a large and complex problem. It will not be solved completely with one tiny home village, I can acknowledge that. However, this is a great first step towards that solution. It will be a valuable addition to the arsenal our city currently has in ensuring each person has their most basic needs met. Please vote in favor of The Other Side Village.
9/29/2022 10:41	Kim Raff	Homelessness	Tiny Home Proposal in Glendale	While I think we need more affordable housing I worry that near the location of the Tiny Home village we'll have a lot of unsanctioned camps in the surrounding areas near the project. The 9-line is right there and I don't see how it'd be possible to keep encampments out of that area. I know that TOSA has said they would "patrol" which seems a little weird considering they aren't law enforcement but I have little to no faith that the city will do an adequate job not allow camps to form and grow. I believe this project will attract this to one of the only areas we don't have consitant camping. Also am suspicious of TOSA's programing. It has cultlike vibes to it that makes me really uncomfortable.
9/30/2022 13:31	Anonymous Constituent	Affordable Housing	gentrification	Our neighborhood is already being gentrified. We don't need more gentrification. What we actually need is affordable low income housing to support the low income residents in the neighborhood. You also NEED to take into account the opinions of ALL Glendale/Popular Grove residents (which comprise of Latinx & Tongan demographics). If you aim to help the community actually ask the community that lives there what they want. The white people on council, do not reflect nor represent the actual demographics of Glendale.
10/1/2022 19:08	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The otherside village	The village is an interesting idea, but should you put up an apartment building instead to house more individuals or make the little homes duplexes? Good luck.

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10/3/2022 10:24	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	Other Side Village Comment	<p>Please reconsider siting this project at the current proposed location. The Westside neighborhoods Poplar Grove and Glendale suffer the consequences of high homeless populations enough as it is. The homeless persons are pushed from higher income neighborhoods to live on our streets. The homeless do need help but so do our neighborhoods. The Other Side Village isn't going to remove homeless from our parks and trails it will do nothing but increase the proliferation and lack of police effort to mitigate the homeless populations crimes. Unfortunately allowing and encouraging the homeless to run amok in neighborhoods like you are makes our neighborhoods dangerous. You are encouraging the spread of property and drug crime by putting up this village and using taxes to do it. When these people inevitably hurt me or my neighbors what recourse will we have to close this village. You are making an irreversable mistake that jeopardizes the improvement these neighborhoods have experienced. You are risking the potential for the North Temple transit corridor to be useable as well. No one will want to live and grow here if you continue to foist all of the City's homeless into our neighborhoods. Mr. Puy please stand up for your neighborhoods and the home owners that are trying to raise safe families. Thank you.</p>
10/3/2022 18:28	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side	<p>Happy to see the proposal for The Other Side. Although I'd suggest something larger scale rather than single occupancy units. I think the city needs to develop more supportive housing in vacant areas away from the urban core. Downtown has suffered immensely from homeless expansion over the past 10 years. I moved out of downtown because the problems were so bad, and they still are. It's incredible that the city developed Magnolia over on 300 East, in an area where there are already so many no-income housing buildings, with most of their occupants being addicts and/or previously incarcerated persons. The city and state should think about developing other areas west of the city where there's ample and cheap land for supportive housing/shelters if they're going to put it anywhere. Still give people access to transportation via Trax. Get services on site and set up a system for healthcare providers to get tax breaks for providing services there. Taxpayer dollars are being allocated to put homeless and addicts in some of the most expensive real estate in the city which makes absolutely no sense.</p>
10/3/2022 19:07	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	<p>Hi City Council, I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of building the Other Side Village. When I first heard about this idea, I was very excited about and told all my friends about it. A lot of people had already heard about it and were excited about it. The general consensus among my group of friends and family is that it is a great idea that won't immediately solve our growing homelessness problem, but it will definitely point us in the right direction. Please remember that the number one cause of homelessness is not affording a home. That seems obvious, but so often I hear people blaming addiction, laziness, disease, the economy, lack of education for the thousands of people across the state that don't have a place to live. If these people have an affordable and sustainable place to live with a strong social network, then they have solved their number one problem that caused their homelessness. Housed people have infinitely more opportunity to improve their lives and impact their community positively than the unhoused. Please consider voting in favor of the other side village.</p>

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10/3/2022 21:05	Lisa M Christensen	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	I heard about this several months ago and I'm thrilled it is still under consideration. I appreciate that so much information is available about it, and having reviewed that information, I am even more excited at this possibility. The homeless situation, especially as it pertains to those individuals who are struggling with substance abuse and similar issues, is more visible in the Poplar Grove area than most places in the city, and this is a productive step in helping our neighbors get back on their feet. Thank you for considering this issue.
10/3/2022 21:40	Samuel K Noyce	Homelessness	Poplar Grove resident in support of The Other Side Village	As a Poplar Grove resident, I voice my strong support for the Other Side Village project. After attending several events hosted by the leadership of the village project, I am more convinced than ever that the proposed community will be a boon to our neighborhood. Not only will this project bring needed amenities and gathering places that will benefit us all, but it will also represent an investment in human capital. While detractors of this project attempt to stoke fear of the problems that these new neighbors would bring to our community, let us instead focus on the amazing potential that this population will have more capacity to fulfill once they have a home. Meeting with past and current participants from the Other Side Academy emphasizes that every person can be an asset to their community when they are set up to succeed. The success of the Other Side Academy and its positive effects on its surrounding community give us every reason to believe in the capabilities of its leaders to realize their vision for this village. I urge the city council to accept the proposed lease of land for the Other Side Village. Let us be the neighborhood that benefits from welcoming this community.
10/4/2022 8:31	Mia Mortensen	Trails/Outdoors	no gondola- please protect our land	Hello, my name is Mia Mortensen. I grew up in Sandy at the base of little cottonwood canyon. And I'm emailing you today to PLEASE listen to your community and your environmental advocates that have spent years of their lives protecting the wasatch mountains. We are pleading for no gondola. This canyon deserves time for us as responsible citizens to explore options before destroying more land. Please do not let money blind you from the reality of this situation. There is TIME. Time to try other solutions first. We cannot go back from this.

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10/4/2022 10:38	Anonymous Constituent	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	<p>Dear City Council, I'm writing to ask you to vote in favor of the Other Side Village. I would like to point out that this establishment is markedly different from "just another homeless shelter". Many people do not like homeless shelters built in their neighborhood because they are known to lower property values. However, The Other Side Village is not a homeless shelter. At a homeless shelter, visitors come in the evening, are assigned a bed, given some food, they might be connected with some social services, and then they leave in the morning. They spend their day trying to get by another day, and then repeat the process in the evening. The homeless shelter in no way is a home to these people; it is just a temporary shelter. Therefore, although each visitor in the shelter technically has a place to sleep for that one night, they are still without a home. In contrast, the Other Side Village is a community of homes. The people who will be living in this village will not just have temporary shelter, they will have homes-homes that they take care of, take pride in, clean, manage and decorate. They will have neighbors-neighbors that they will support and that will support them. They will have to pay rent for their home. They will be expected to live by community laws, and of course the laws of the city as a whole. It is easy to jump to conclusions and assume that this village will affect home values in the surrounding neighborhood the same way a homeless shelter would, but please take a moment to consider the significant differences between these two establishments. I expect that this neighborhood will have a very small affect on home values and crime rates in the neighborhood but will definitely have larger, very positive effects on the whole city. If you are on the fence about the Other Side Village, I ask you to please seriously consider the differences between this village and a homeless shelter. Thank you. Emma Scanlon</p>
10/4/2022 10:42	Melanie Pehrson	Affordable Housing	The Other Side Village Support	<p>I wanted to express my support for the other side village rezoning and leasing of the property to the Other Side Village. The agency in question has constantly been willing to talk and answer my concerns. While I recognize the concerns for safety and health, I believe that providing our neighbors with a roof over their heads IS the solution to homelessness. I strongly support the wrap around services, the community engagement. The success of previous Other Side programs also leads me to trust they will serve a community that needs it most. I ALSO encourage the city (and the county and the state) to find long term sustainable, integrated housing services for our homeless. Meet them where they are. Listen to what THEY need. Keep big business out of housing.</p>
10/4/2022 13:31	Danae Villarreal	Fleet Block Rezone	Fleet Block Rezone	<p>Hi there! SLC needs a permanent food truck park. Building one in the Fleet Block would be a great way to support many small businesses at once. Especially if park/green space are included in the rezone. Thanks for considering!</p>

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10/4/2022 13:32	Deborah Hunt	Homelessness	Tiny Home Village	<p>It's a complicated project on every level. I understand and empathize with residents who clearly want no part of the project. I am new. I haven't experienced the sense of abandonment and stigmatization my Westside neighbors have expressed. I, too, am discouraged by lack of investment in keeping parks safe and clean, camps by the river, broken down RVs in the neighborhood. However, I support the tiny home Village. I supported it when it started, with 300 tiny homes. I saw the project succeed in Denver. I have observed housing models in Minneapolis and Duluth that have succeeded in providing stable housing to many of the most vulnerable citizens. I give our city council great praise for working hard to redesign the project to a reduced size and configuration. This is their diligent attempt to hear and respond to their constituents while supporting a much needed project. There are no easy answers to solving the social and economic problems that fuel our national crisis. The tiny Tiny Village is a start. I support it moving forward in our neighborhood. One concern is the requirement for strict sobriety. A model in Duluth allowed legal substance use in the privacy the the small studios. However, no residents were allowed only in the common space and no alcohol and drug use was allowed in these spaces. Perhaps there is a more reasonable solution for the concern about substance abuse. No one wants to be told what to do in their own home. Best wishes and thank you for your service. Deborah Esquibel Hunt, PhD</p>
10/4/2022 13:35	Jeromy Wilson	Homelessness	The Other Side Village	<p>Hi SLC Council, I understand you will be discussing The Other Side Village today. I have a friend and former neighbor who is currently part of that program and it has been life changing for him. Before going into that program he had nowhere to go. He was down and constantly considering suicide. Now he has hope. I've never seen him happier nor have I seen him more productive. He has his confidence back and his zest for life. Please support this amazing program and help our brothers and sisters, our fellowmen/women, get back on their feet and not just survive, but succeed. Thanks, Jeromy Wilson</p>

Comments to the Salt Lake City Council Oct. 3, 2022
Ballpark Station Area Plan
Jan Hemming
Chair, Yalecrest Neighborhood Council

I have carefully read the Ballpark Station Area Plan as well as the letter from Amy Hawkins, Chair, of the Ballpark Community Council related to this matter

The plan contains several admirable elements regarding pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety. Enhancing the social and shopping scene around the park could add a nice vibe to the area and turn it into a very desirable regional destination. Park green spaces, a library and community center would be welcomed additions if they materialize.

But as Amy so correctly pointed out, unless crime is addressed and curtailed, the desired outcome may never be achieved – even with all the new amenities.

The Ballpark Future Land Use map is a window into how the city wants to transform this westside neighborhood. Besides crime, Ballpark is struggling to hold on to its single-family homes. Home ownership stands at only 15% -- which is the lowest of any neighborhood in Salt Lake. If this plan is adopted even more homes will be lost.

The plan's designers make their intentions clear: "This area is appropriate for the highest densities allowed in Urban Station Areas." What does that mean? Construction of buildings 8-10 stories high – which currently are not found near the Ballpark or the Heart of the Ballpark.

Homes will be lost on the State Street corridor, the Main Street corridor and especially in the area northwest of the ballpark designated as the "Jefferson Park Mixed-Use Area." The city received news in the July "Thriving in Place" report that housing displacement is at an all-time high in Salt Lake. This plan will force more people out of existing homes and rental units. Does the loss of more existing housing send a baffling mixed message from the city?

So-called neighborhoods – what's left of them – will be designated for apartments and units 5-7 stories high. With a massive influx of apartments, Ballpark will become even more renter-centric.

A respected publication called *Governing*, examined several renter-centric cities and learned that renters "require a different set of resources than homeowners." When other variables are controlled for, neighborhoods with more renters had higher rates of graffiti and noise complaints which goes to Amy's point about safety.

The Ballpark Station Area Plan seems like a high risk-reward concept. The Salt Lake Bees play 144 games, only half of which are in Salt Lake. That's 293 days with no action in the ballpark – except for occasional college games and maybe some concerts.

Planners are hedging their bets that all the new esthetics and street activities will act as a magnet for daytime and nighttime guests and residents year-round. However, someone looking for a fun night out, a place to hang with friends, grab lunch, dinner, drinks, snacks, window-shop or go for stroll will not go to a place known more for its crime and murders than cool restaurants or bars.

You won't be able to build enough streetlights, streetscape, or apartment buildings to mask the reality of what the crime element brings into Ballpark and the city's inability to control it. Ballpark has one of the highest concentrations of crime in the city. The Gail Miller homeless Resource Center had 819 calls to police last year and there were high police call rates to four other locations in Ballpark -- the Jefferson School Apartments (637 calls), the Park Vue Apartments (515 calls), Palmer Court (1,053 calls) and The Towers on Main (259 calls). These five facilities represent half of the Top 10 calls made to SLCPD in 2021 in the Liberty District.

How much more evidence does this City Council need before it recognizes that crime is not just a problem in Ballpark, it's an out-of-control problem? Add the VOA Youth Shelter (255 calls) on the other side of 900 South, which some consider technically part of Ballpark, and you have additional reports of crime.

In good conscience, does the City Council think that without a more effective plan to curb crime, the Ballpark Station Plan will make a difference?

Lastly, with a new TRAX station being considered along 1700 south, a new TRAX spur in the northwest corner of Ballpark, and more frequent bus service, Ballpark will look and feel more like a mere transportation hub than a place to call home.

Listen to what Amy said in her letter to the Planning Commission: five of the nine Ballpark residents who served on the Steering Committee for the Ballpark Area Station Plan have moved away and another resigned from the Central 9th Community Council. Residents are leaving Ballpark in search of safety. How many more will leave before the city takes appropriate action to curb crime?