

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL
RELATED TO 9/3/2024 CITY
COUNCIL MEETING -
AGENDA ITEM #4
(No Council Action Required)**

Wendy Page

From: Amber Simmons [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 8:53 PM
To: Wendy Page
Subject: Question for homeless meeting

Wendy,

I may not be able to attend the meeting. Would you please have these 2 questions answered during the meeting, please?

1). During the county meeting, Aug 27th, the county said they had to produce a code blue plan, and what they came up with failed (The bus). They then said that SwitchPoint contacted the state and asked if their homeless shelter will work for the time being (as a county homeless shelter) and the state said yes.

SwitchPoint is a private facility, they do not accept substance abuse in their shelter and people must be accepted. How can this place serve as the code-blue emergency shelter if they don't accept these individuals? Are they going to break their rules and accept anyone/everyone until they are 35% beyond capacity (code blue law) or will they turn away these individuals and be allowed to set up shelter in our parks and trails?
How is this a private facility, but also the solution to the Code-Blue plan?

2). What is NSL going to do to prevent camping and loitering in the area, on the trails, parks, streets and fields...even outside of Code-blue, year round?

Thank you,
Amber Simmons
Foxboro resident

Wendy Page

From: Kenna B [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 12:53 AM
To: Wendy Page
Subject: September 3 City Council Meeting

Dear Wendy,

I have two questions for the city council meeting that is being held on September 3, 2024. Thank you for taking the time and energy to collect and organize this information, and to pass it along so that we can get the answers we need from the city.

1. Does the city know what (if any) other locations are being considered for the shelter? Main Street in Layton would be far more suitable than our corner of North Salt Lake, as it is centralized, and has better access to public transit, medical facilities, stores with necessary items, a library, is farther away from residential areas, will actually serve the homeless living in Davis County, and isn't frequently cut off from emergency response teams.
2. If the shelter is placed in the proposed location in North Salt Lake, what plans does the city have in place to ensure local neighborhoods don't experience an increase in crime, drugs, and violence, and that any medical and emergency needs of this vulnerable population can be met in a timely and appropriate manner, given that many services are often cut off by the trains?

Sincerely,
McKenna Beck

Wendy Page

From: Natalie Folsom [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Wendy Page
Subject: Public Comment for September 3 meeting

Hi Wendy,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but would like to ask the following:

I have been very concerned about the Homeless Shelter for the many reasons community members have mentioned. I am mainly concerned for our many children in Foxboro. Having been concerned, I took time this morning to jog the trail from the south entrance of the Lifeline building. I was surprised to find it is only **72 steps** to be on the trail. From the south entrance of the Lifeline building to the fence behind Foxboro Elementary (where the students enjoy recess and lining up for school each day) it is **0.76 miles**. The most heartbreaking part of my measurement this morning was when I started my watch to measure, I looked up and saw a group of very young children standing at the fence waving to me. What will they see? What will they hear? I also jogged along the walking route children take alone as they walk to school. They will share this walk with the homeless community. It is **.86 miles** from the south Lifeline entrance to the Foxhollow Park, which is right in front of the school. That park is the gathering place for MANY children waiting for rides from parents, guardians and daycare buses. There is no supervision there.

I am wondering how the children will be protected if the Homeless Shelter is approved? I am also wondering what due diligence has been done on behalf of the safety of our children in the neighborhood before this sale goes through to SwitchPoint? Also, can the city put into place ordinances that don't allow a homeless shelter to be established within 2 miles of a school?

Thank you for your time,
Natalie Folsom
North Salt Lake