

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 7th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main Street

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta – Absent

Michelle Goldsmith

Gary Harwood

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler - Absent

City Staff

City Recorder: Zack Tonc

Chief: Chris Gigliotti

Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes - Absent

Citizens: Traci Bishop, Jean Boyack, Hollie Stapley, Cole Stapley, Kate Kilpatrick, Harim Driggs, Becky Driggs, Travis Raby, Courtney Flint, James McCourt, Cheryl Lupo, Carolyn Abeyta, Chuck Abeyta, Lenora Callor, and Amanda Maddox.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Name: Travis Raby

Travis Raby expressed his concerns about volunteers using their personal lawnmowers to mow the little league baseball field. He would like for the City to purchase a new lawnmower for the little league baseball field. By keeping the little league ball field in good condition, we can bring more visitors to the area by hosting more tournaments. He also stated some statistics, of how hosting the little league baseball tournaments this summer, helped increase the number of visitors to the museum.

Council Member Matsuda asked if we could use some of the T-Mobile grant to help with the purchase of a lawnmower. Council Member Matsuda also, stated grants can be specific on what the money could be used for. Mayor Peterman stated the T-Mobile grant is specifically for Main Street, but she is looking into other grants and she will put the lawnmower on the wish list for grants.

Travis Raby brought information on a new lawnmower he felt would be best for the city to purchase.

Exhibit A, Lawnmower Information.

APPROVAL OF ALL MINUTES ON JULY 20, AUGUST 5 & 17, 2021.

Corrections made to:

Line 60 - Way

Line 305 - Felice

Line 23 - Cindy

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve the corrected minutes for September 2nd, 2021. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

REVIEW OF WELL-BEING SURVEY RESULTS BY DR. COURTNEY FLINT.

Dr. Flit explained the results of the well-being survey to the Council and Helper City residents.

The survey has taken place over the past two years, including 30 cities. The results from Helper City have a diverse range of survey takers. Overall personal well-being Helper is above average, as well as subcategories. Mayor Peterman asked City Recorder Tonc to post the presentation on the Helper City website.

Exhibit B, Presentation Slides.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LOCAL CONSENT FOR ST. ANTHONY CARNIVAL ON NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2021.

Cole and Hollie Stapley are this year's chairs for the St. Anthony Carnival. Hollie Stapley stated that with the spike in COVID and Delta Variance, this year's carnival will only consist of take-out dinners and a virtual raffle. Tickets will be pre-sold for take-out dinners and virtual raffle.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LOCAL CONSENT FOR ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO NIGHTS 2X MONTH.

Jean Boyack stated, St. Anthony's has bingo in the church basement twice a month. On the second and fourth Friday of each month from September to May. Many bingo players would like to drink beer at bingo. Jean Boyack asked for local consent to serve beer at bingo on behalf of Mark Marasco.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve Local Consent for St. Anthony Knights of Columbus bingo nights. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF JASON COLLINGS - 5K FUNDRAISER.

City Recorder Tonc explained the fundraiser will be Jason Collins Daughter's medical bills. Starting at the top of Spring Canyon and finishing in Helper City limits.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Jason Collings 5K Fundraiser. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LOCAL CONSENT FOR RELOCATION OF TUSCAN

James McCourt representing AJB Properties asked for Local Consent and approval to move the Tuscan liquor license to Helper City in the Retro Grand Hotel. James McCourt would like to have the bar open at least one day a week during the renovation of Retro Grand Hotel.

Council Member Goldsmith commented Planning and Zoning Commission has placed some stipulations upon opening a bar at the Retro Grand Hotel. Jean Boyack stated the parking needed to be fixed and marked. As well as the entrances need to be ADA compliant.

Council Member Matsuda asked James McCourt when the bar would be operational, and if they have all the proper permits. James McCourt responded the bar will open in late December or early January, and they have been working with the county on all the proper permits.

Council Member Goldsmith asked if the council could make the Local Consent contingent on starting the main area of building renovation in April. Council Member Matsuda stated with the current supply chain issues, it would not be feasible. Mayor Peterman asked instead of a contingency could the council have a monthly update on the progress of the project beginning in January.

Exhibit C – Photos

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Local Consent for relocation of the Tuscan liquor license to Helper. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR KIM KEUHN TO RENT SPACE AT CITY HALL BUILDING FOR HELPER SATURDAY VIBES.

Mayor Peterman tabled due to Kim Keuhn being unable to make the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR CARBON MEDICAL SERVICE TO RENT SPACE AT CITY HALL BUILDING FOR COVID TESTING AND VACCINES.

Carolyn Abeyta with Carbon Medical Service stated the uptick of COVID cases in Carbon and Emery Counties, the existing COVID testing centers are having a difficult time keeping up with the demand. She expressed a need for additional space for COVID testing. They are asking to rent the same room as this past summer for \$500 per month.

Council Member Goldsmith asked what the hours would be, Carolyn Abeyta responded daily Monday through Friday, 8 to 3.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Carbon Medical Service to rent space at the City Hall building for administering COVID testing and vaccines for \$500 a month. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR POST TUITION WITH LAKOTA CLARK TO JOIN HELPER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Chris Gigliotti explained to the council, the POST tuition is free, but the City will be accountable for all the expenses for Lakota Clark to go to POST. Having a three-year agreement with Lakota Clark will allow Helper City to seek reimbursement from Lakota Clark, in the event his employment ends with Helper City during this agreement.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve the agreement for POST tuition with Lakota Clark to join the Helper Police department. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF WAIVING SEWER LINE CONNECTION FEES FOR 360 HILL STREET.

Mayor Peterman explained the home was sold, and it has a septic system that has failed. Mayor Peterman, Council Member Harwood, and Dan Stewart the new homeowner have been working on a possible connection to the sewer line. Mayor Peterman explained the city is responsible for the sewer connection from the existing pipe to the back of the curb and will cost about \$8,000. The homeowner is responsible from the back of the curb to the house and will be around \$16,000. The Mayor would like for the Council to help the new homeowner out by waving the \$300 connection fee.

Council Member Goldsmith asked if the council would be setting a precedent by waiving the connection fee. Council Member Harwood responded it would set a precedent.

Council Member Matsuda asked how many homes in Helper have a septic system. Council Member Harwood responded one on Hill Street and a couple on 5th East, he does not see them getting sewer any time soon. Council Member Matsuda stated the city will make back the \$300 in 6 months of his new sewer service from the city.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve to waive the sewer line connection fee for 360 Hill Street. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION 2021-4 A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR HELPER CITY.

Council Member Matsuda asked what the changes were. City Recorder Tonc responded there were typos in the previous one.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Resolution 2021-4, a resolution updating the Business License Fee Schedule for Helper City. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-11, A RESOLUTION ENDORSING SUBMISSION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE UTAH MAIN STREET PROGRAM TIERED PROGRAM.

Mayor Peterman explained Utah State has joined the National Main Street program. To access funding in the program Helper City has to show a resolution endorsing and

participation in the program. It is matching funding where we can use the T-Mobile grant to match the Main Street program funding.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve Resolution 2021-11, a resolution endorsing submission to and participation in the Utah Main Street program. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-12 A RESOLUTION SETTING FEES RELATED TO LAND USE APPLICATION.

Jean Boyack stated the Planning and Zoning Commission has revised the application for vacation rentals to comply with the new Utah Code. Utah Code now requires an inspection for vacation rentals as well as their own business license. The county will perform the inspection for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Intern Planning and Zoning will pay \$60 to the county and Helper City will receive a copy of the report. The inspection fee needs to be added to the Land Use application.

Council Member Matsuda asked about how the change will affect Air BNBs. Jean Boyack explained the inspection will need to be performed at the beginning of each year for new and existing vacation rentals. Planning and Zoning Commission will waive the fee if the business owner would like an outside inspector who has a valid building inspector license.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve Resolution 2021-12, a resolution setting fees related to land use applications. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS TO HELP AT MUSEUM GIFT SHOP, HANDLING MONEY AND OPENING AND CLOSING PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF STAFFING SHORTAGE.

Council Member Matsuda stated the existence of an ordinance that allows board members to handle opening, closing, and cash handling.

Council Member Harwood stated he trusts all the Museum Board Members, we do need to keep the museum open. However, it is against the state code for the Museum Board Members to handle cash.

Council Member Goldsmith stated this decision will affect more than the museum. She would like to table this item and do more research.

Item tabled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REPAIR OR REPLACE THE POOL BOILER.

Council Member Harwood informed the council the pool boiler has broken, two weeks before the pool closed for the season. There was an inspection done at the beginning of summer and the inspector advised watching for leaks in the tubes due to how old the boiler is. The boiler is 15 years old and too old to get parts to repair or replace with the same boiler.

Council Member Matsuda asked if the boiler runs all year. Council Member Harwood responded the boiler only runs when the pool is open and is drained during the offseason to prevent freezing.

Council Member Harwood stated the reason for ordering a pool boiler so soon is due to all the suppliers he talked to are 3 to 4 months out on lead time.

Council Member Matsuda asked if the boiler was budgeted for. Council Member Harwood responded the boiler is not budgeted for, but we could use RAP Tax funds to pay for the new boiler. Council Member Harwood got a \$2,000 discount on the pool blankets, leaving \$11,000 in the Rap Tax fund.

Council Members Goldsmith and Matsuda suggested having a fundraiser in the spring to help pay for the pool boiler.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve replacing the pool boiler not to exceed \$24,000. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES.

Mayor Peterman informed the council funding for the technology upgrades will come from the ARPA money and will not come from our budget.

Barry Horsley gave a brief history of our current technology, our servers are over 7 years old and are no longer receiving any updates including security updates. Barry Horsley was asked by the Council and Mayor for technology to stream public meetings, he discussed some different options to do so, including a microphone, camera, TV, computer for the council room.

Barry Horsley also stated the current server at the Police Department has been built with supplies from evidence.

Barry Horsley stated the cost for the Council's wish list would cost around \$14,000. The council does not have to purchase the whole list, they can pick items they feel are most needed.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve technology upgrades with prioritized items and not expending more than \$14,000. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

MOVE TO CLOSE THE MEETING FOR PROPERTY DISCUSSION.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to close the meeting for property discussion. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Council Member Matsuda moved to reopen the meeting and adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes. Meeting Adjourned.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, October 7th, 2021.



Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Zack Tonic
City Recorder

Approved on November 4th, 2021

Exhibit A



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Product description

Performance and style hit the grass running with the all new Z200 Series Zero Turn Mowers. Cutting edge design, proven performance and new innovative features combine to make lawn maintenance an event instead of a chore.

Product information

Features (14)



Specifications	+
Promos & offers (2)	+
Reviews ★★★★★ (335)	+
Manuals & Documents	+
Accessories (5)	+

Residential Zero-Turn Mowers

HUSQVARNA Z248F

\$3,399.99

MSRP

★★★★★ 4.0 (335) [Write a review](#)

Motor/engine manufacturer

Kohler

Power output

26 hp

☑ [ClearCut™ fabricated cutting deck](#)

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☑ [Automatic park brake system](#)

☑ [Deluxe high back comfort seat](#)

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How can we help?

Riding Mower Attachments



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Product description

9 bushel or 315 liter collector with durable, polyester mesh collection bags. Can be used with or without lawn bags. Full bag indicator lets you know when the bag is full. Easy-glide bin with built-in handles makes clipping disposal easier. Collar handle and straps on the bottom of the bag both allow for easy dumping.

How can we help?

Product information

Fits to model



Reviews ★★★★★ (27)



Baggers

Lawn Mower Triple Bagger (for Fabricated Decks)

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MSRP

★★★★★ 2.6 (27) [Write a review](#)

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Exhibit B

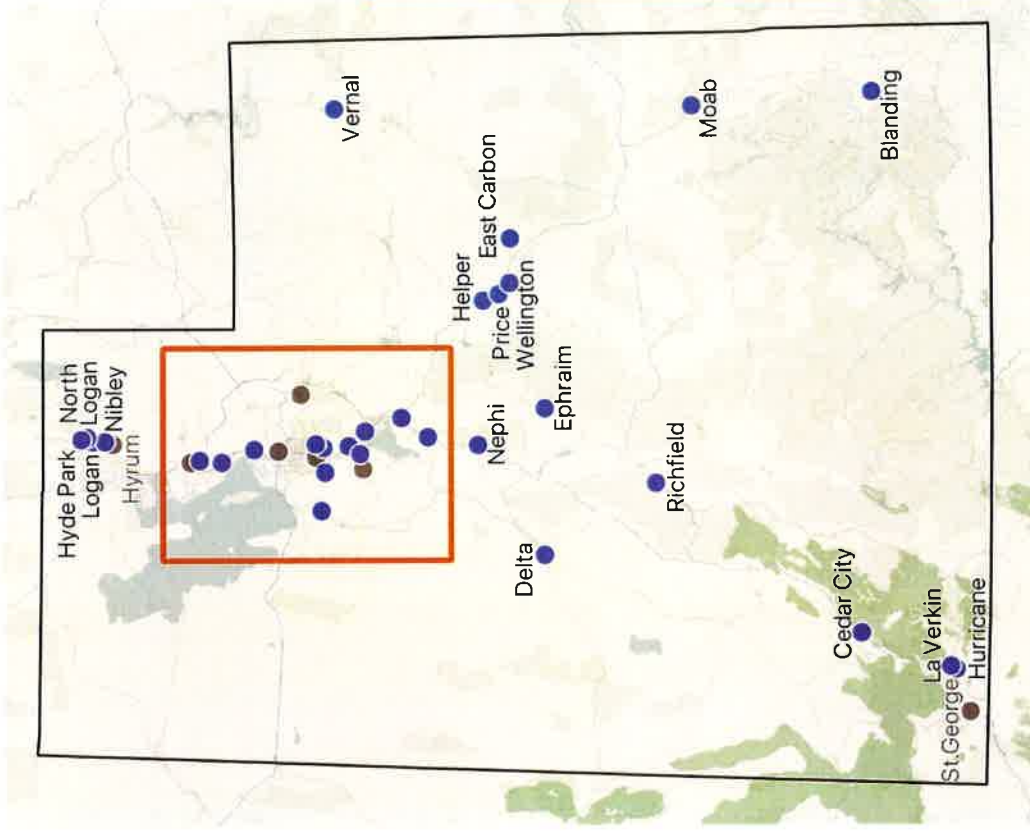


Wellbeing in Helper

Results from 2021 Utah Wellbeing Study Survey

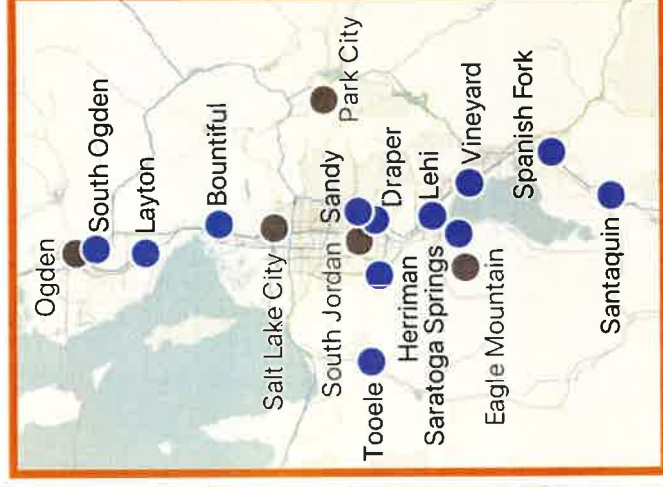
Dr. Courtney Flint

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Participating Cities

- Participating in 2021
- Prior participating; not participating in 2021



Project Goal:
To provide Utah city leaders with information on the wellbeing and perspectives of residents to inform planning processes and decision making.

ULCT suggests may be useful for American Rescue Plan Funds

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Helper's Survey Results are Online

Helper city report available on the Utah Wellbeing Project website

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Statewide report, Carbon County summary, and other city reports also available

Helper Wellbeing Survey

- Online Qualtrics Survey in February 2021
- Partnership with Helper City
- 100 surveys recorded

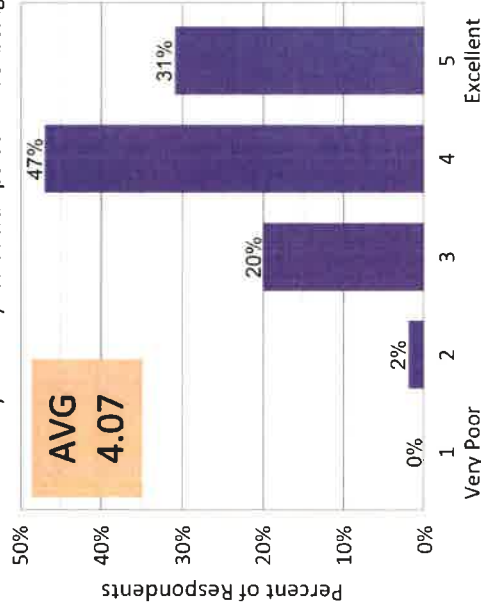
Demographic Overview

- 94.0% full time resident of Helper
- Average length of residence 22 years (0.5-75 years)
- 24.0% lived in Helper 5 years or less
- Survey respondents were fairly representative of Helper as compared to census data

Personal Wellbeing in Helper

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How would you rate your overall personal wellbeing?

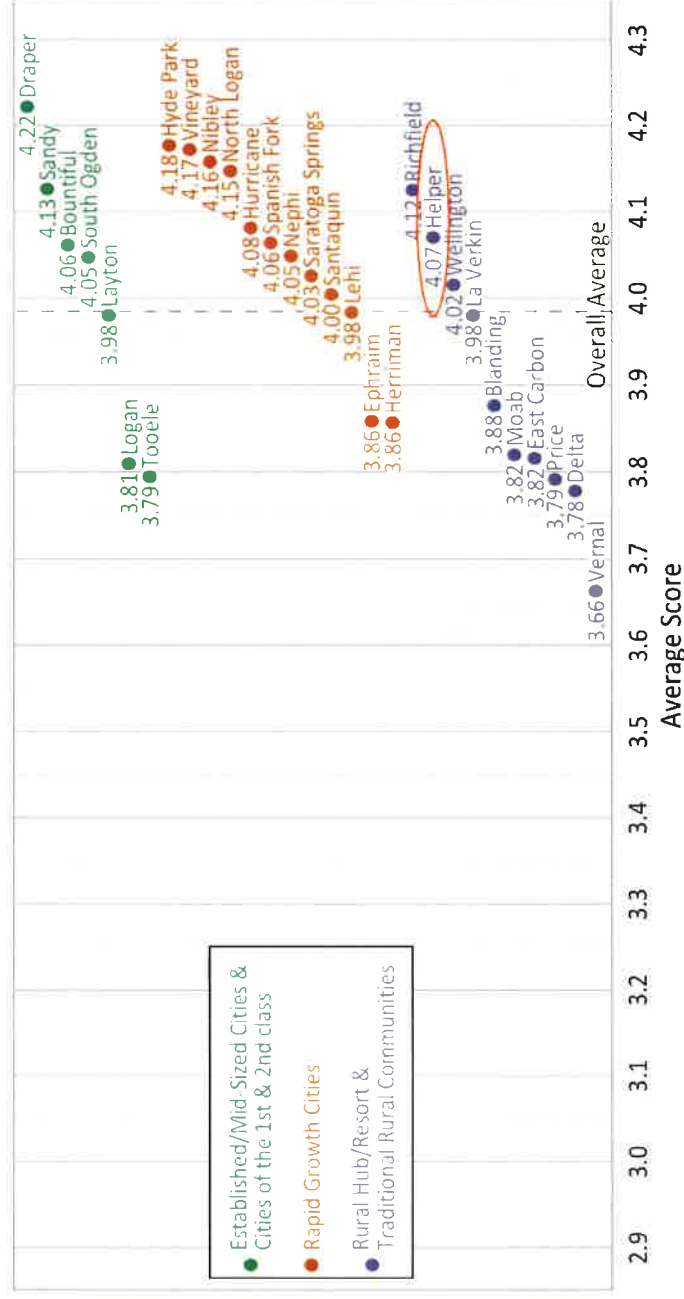


AVG
4.07

78% said
4 or 5

Overall Personal Wellbeing Scores from Participating Utah Cities (2021)

(On a scale from 1=Very Poor to 5=Excellent)

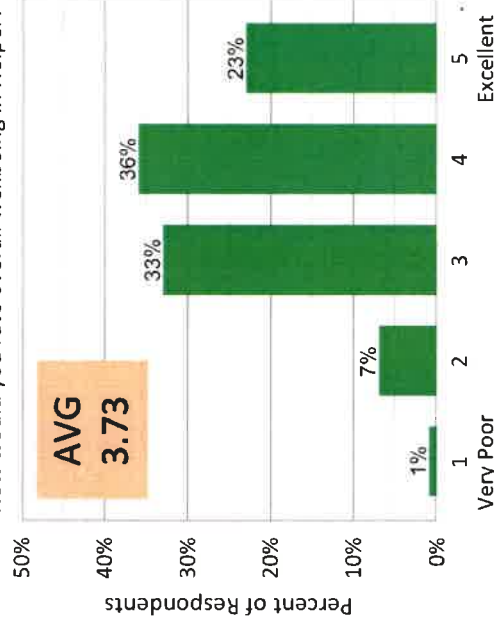


Down slightly from 2020 results

Community Wellbeing in Helper

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How would you rate overall wellbeing in Helper?

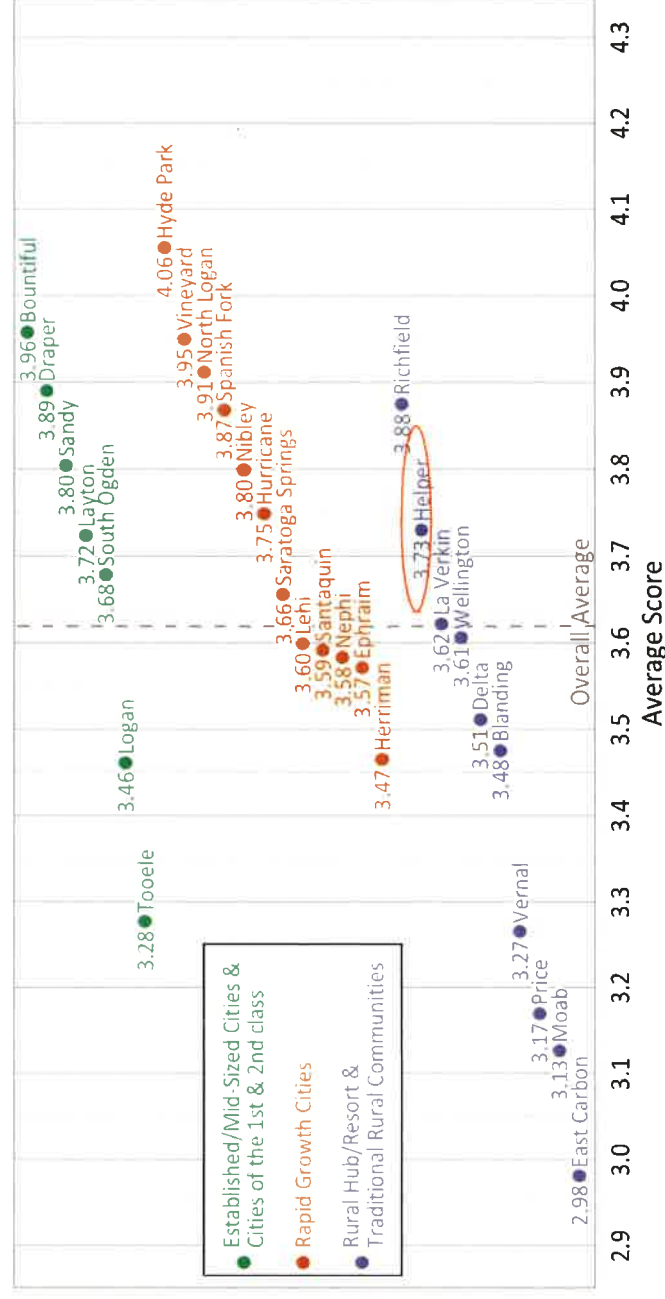


AVG
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59% said
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Overall Community Wellbeing Scores from Participating Utah Cities (2021)

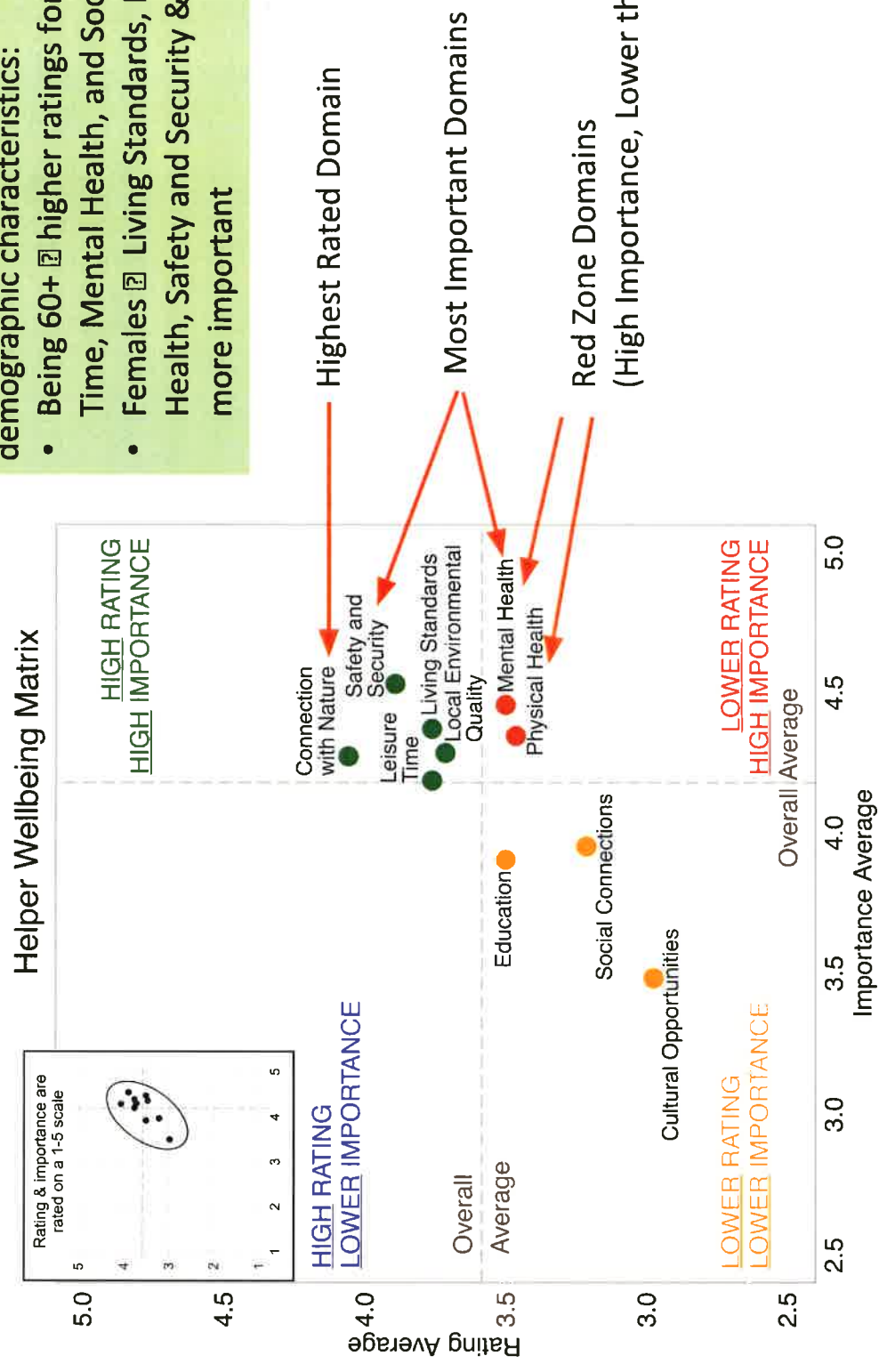
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Very similar to 2020 results

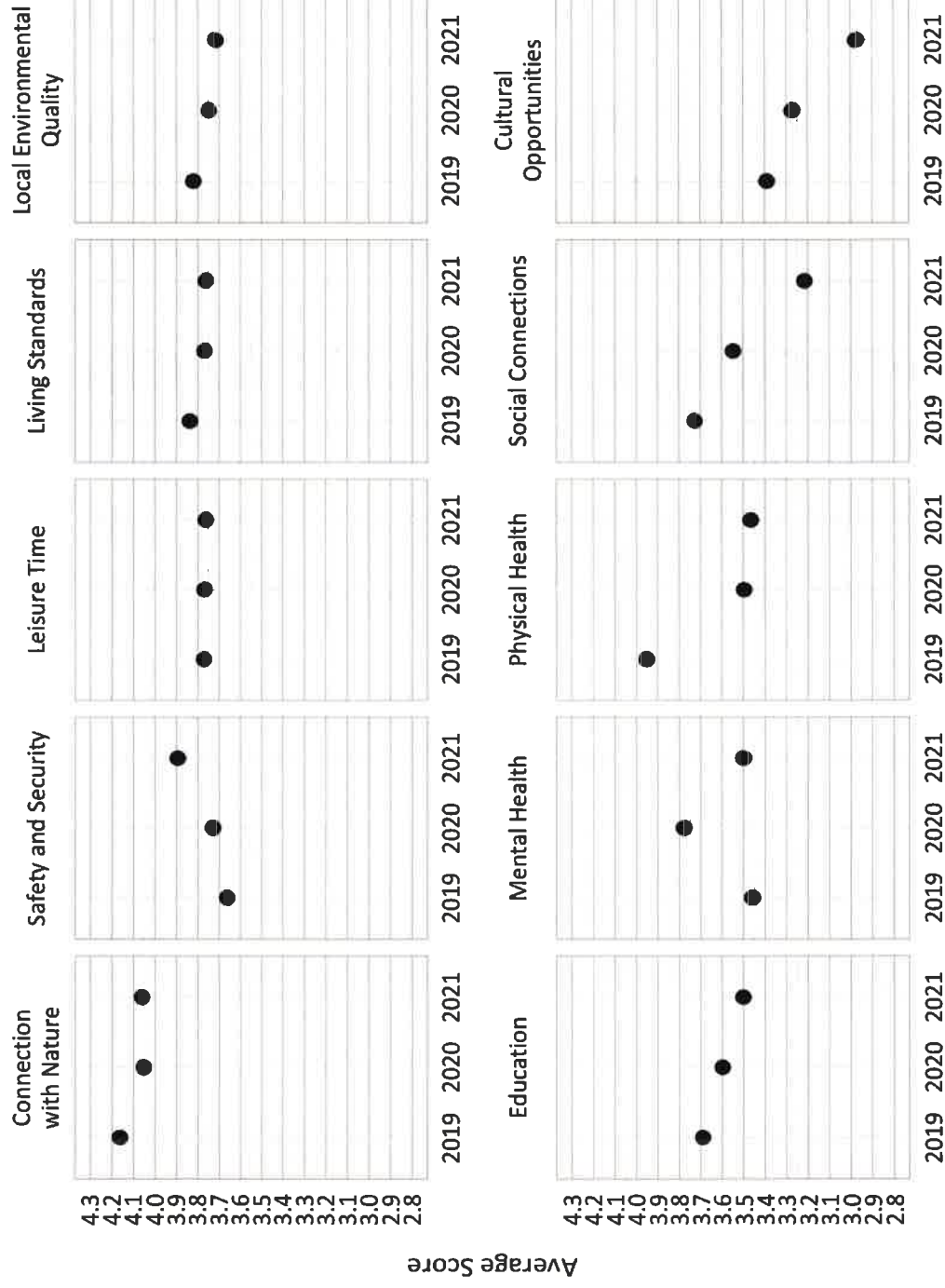
Wellbeing varied within Helper based on demographic characteristics:

- Being 60+ ▢ higher ratings for Education, Leisure Time, Mental Health, and Social Connections
- Females ▢ Living Standards, Mental and Physical Health, Safety and Security & Social Connections more important



Wellbeing Domain Ratings Over Time in Helper

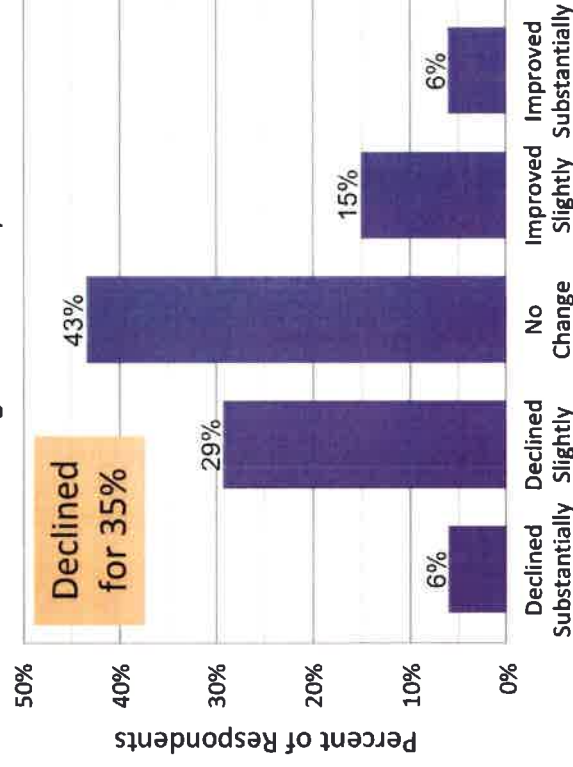
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Helper's COVID-19 Experience

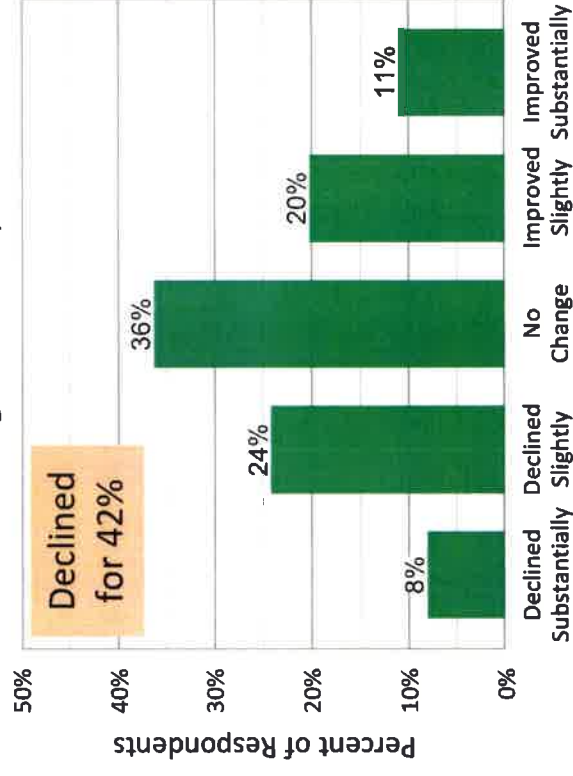
Personal Wellbeing Change in Helper

Has your overall personal wellbeing changed in the last year?



Community Wellbeing Change in Helper

Has overall wellbeing in Helper changed in the last year?

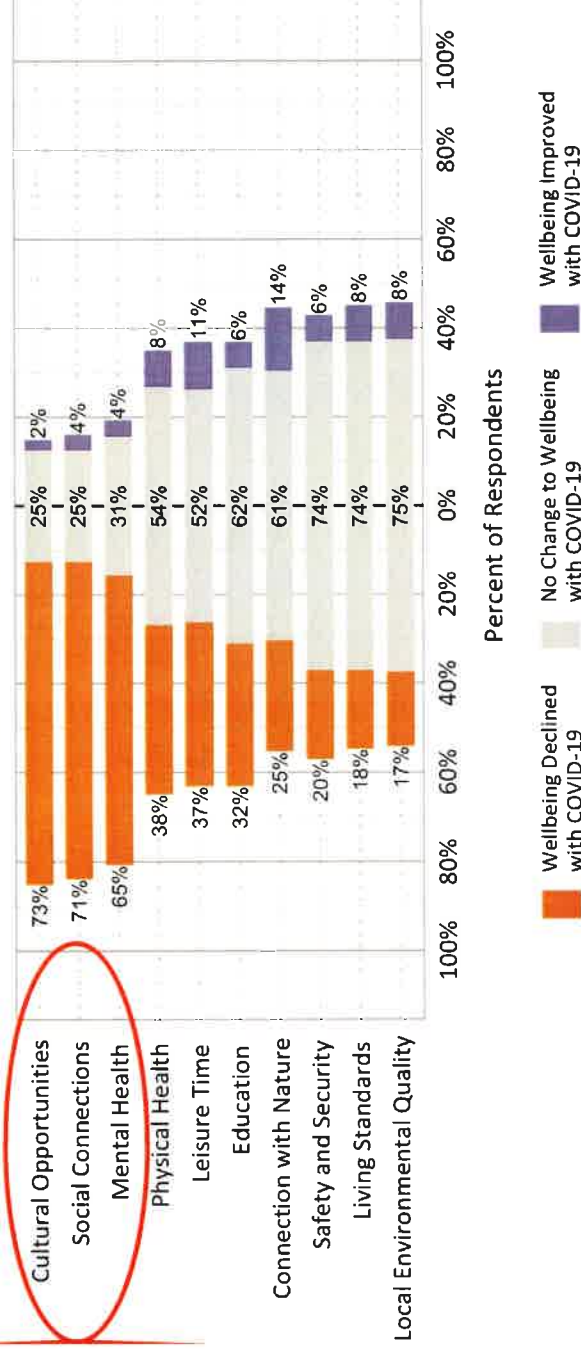


Helper's COVID-19 Experience

- Personal Wellbeing & Community Wellbeing were more likely to decline for female respondents
- Community wellbeing was less likely to decline for those age 60+
- Mental health was more likely to decline for those living in Helper more than 5 years.

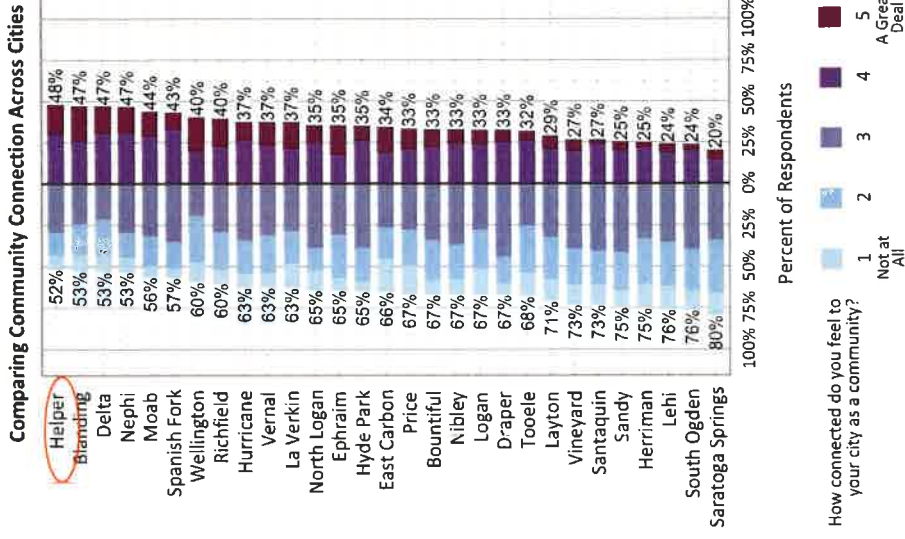
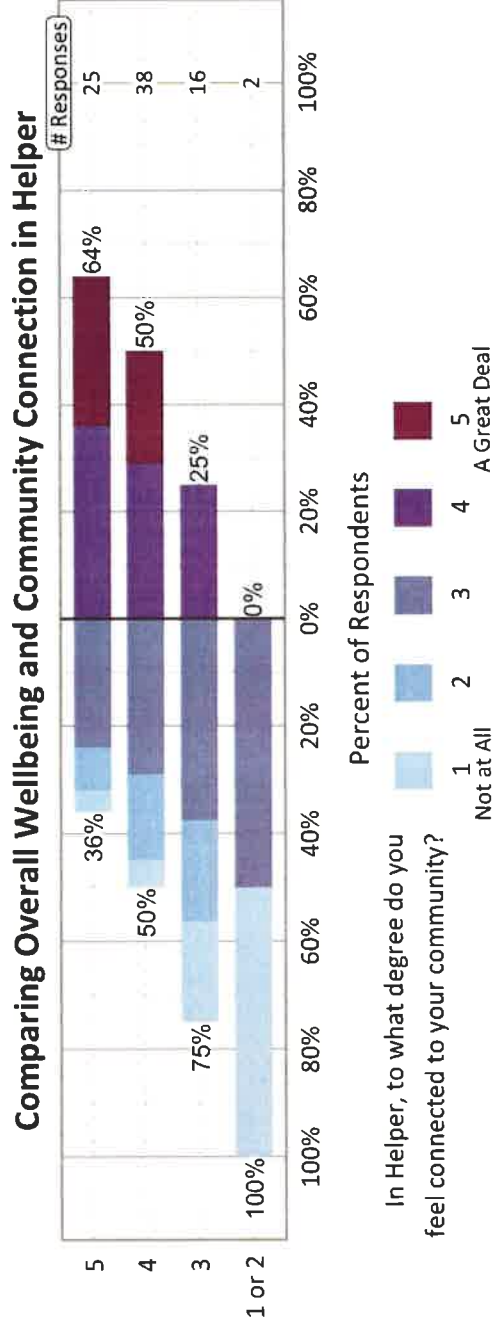
The COVID-19 Pandemic's Effect on Wellbeing Domains in Helper

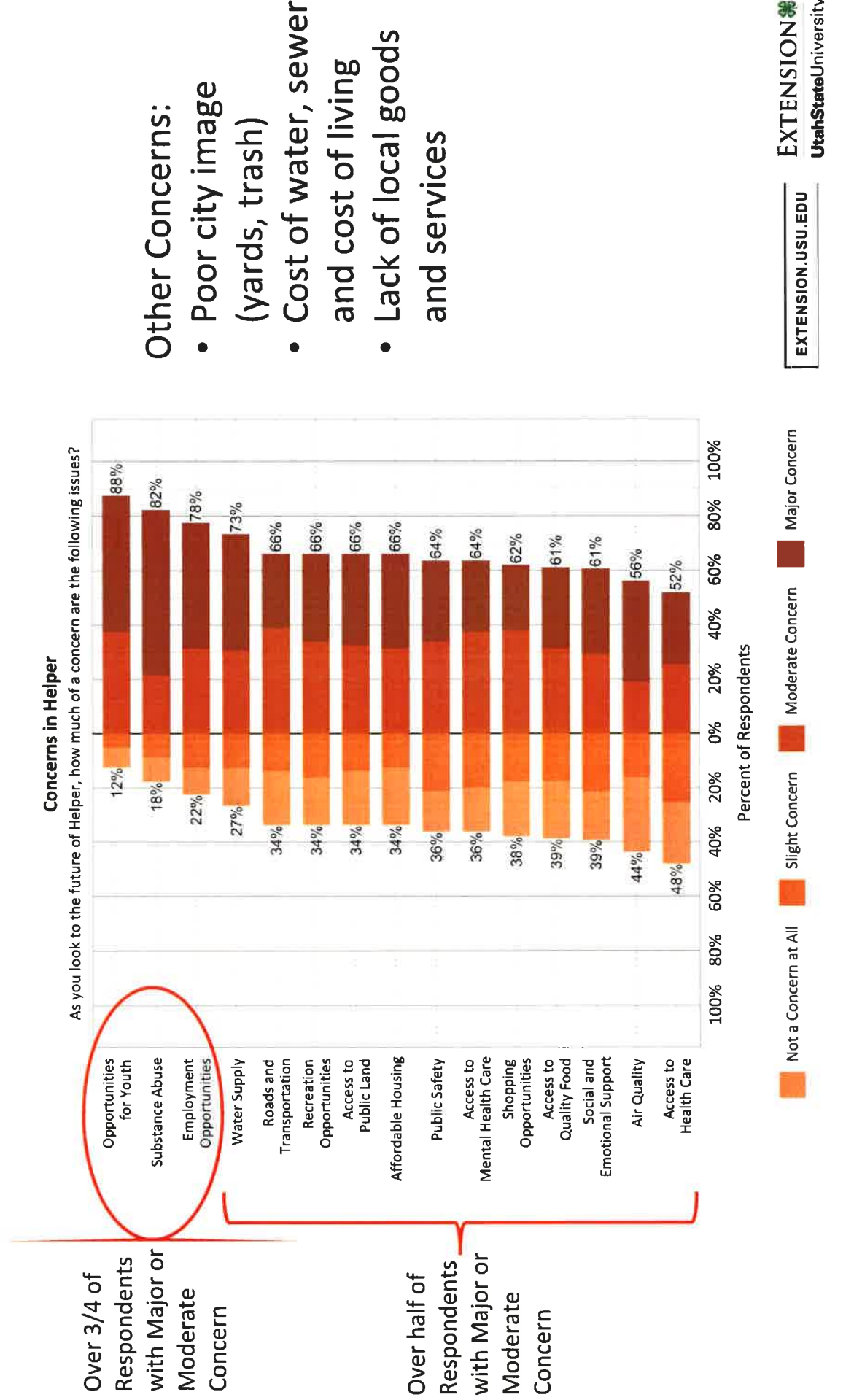
Have any of these categories of your personal wellbeing been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?



Community Connections

How would you rate your overall personal wellbeing?

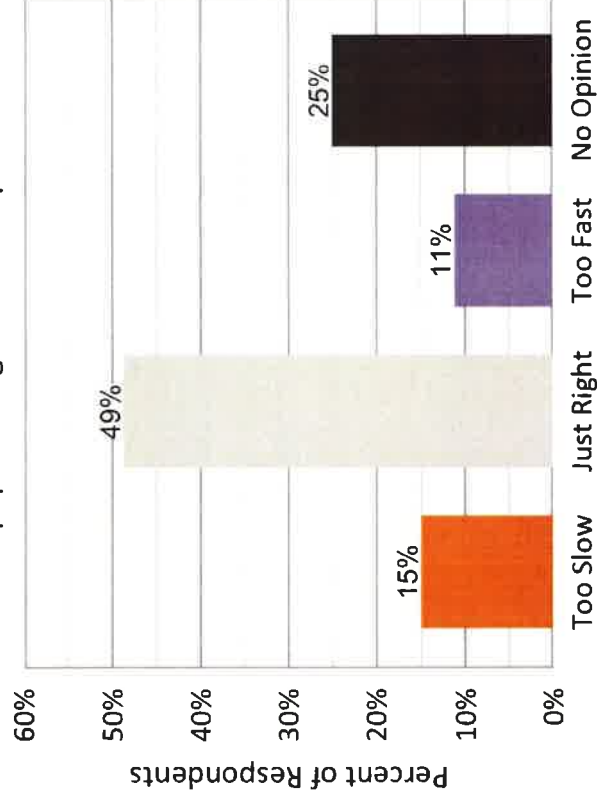




Population and Economic Growth

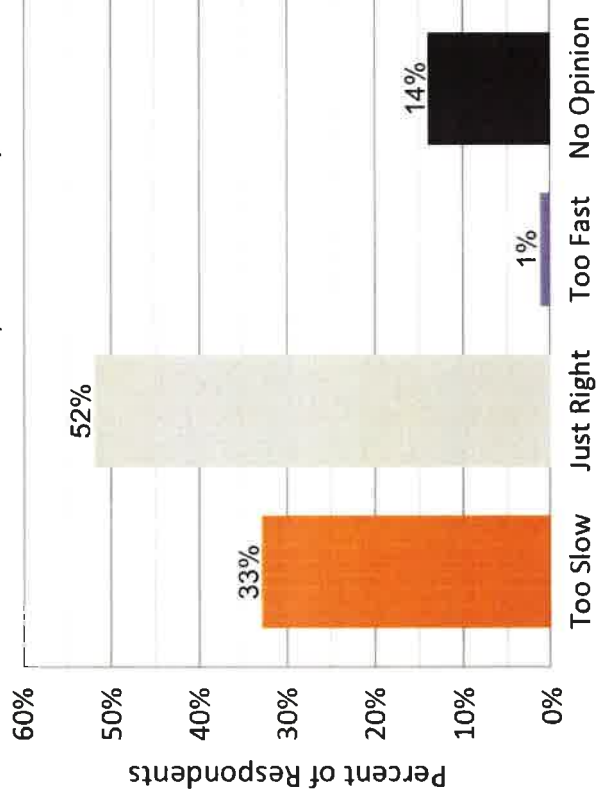
Population Growth in Helper

How would you describe the current rate of population growth in Helper?



Economic Development in Helper

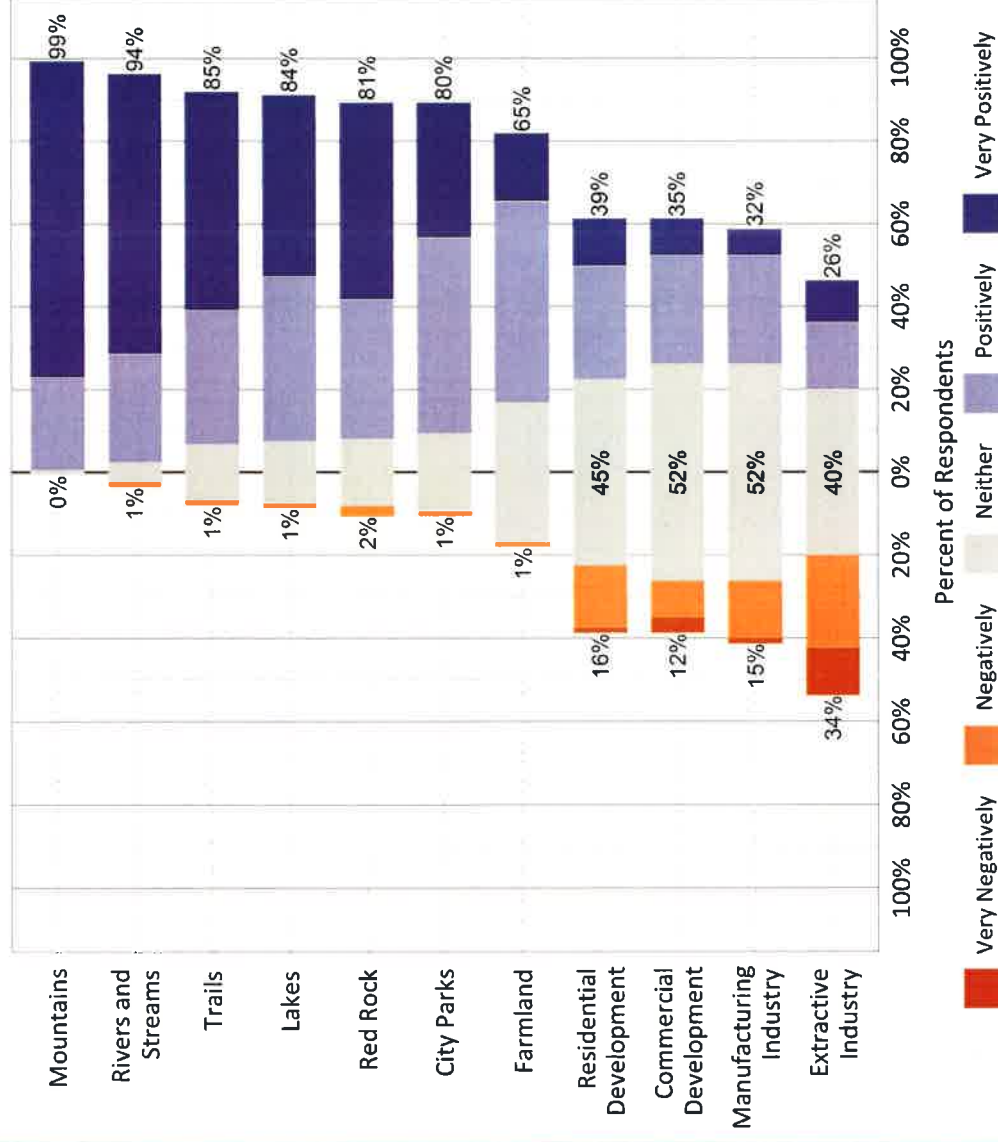
How would you describe the current pace of economic development in Helper?



Landscapes and Wellbeing

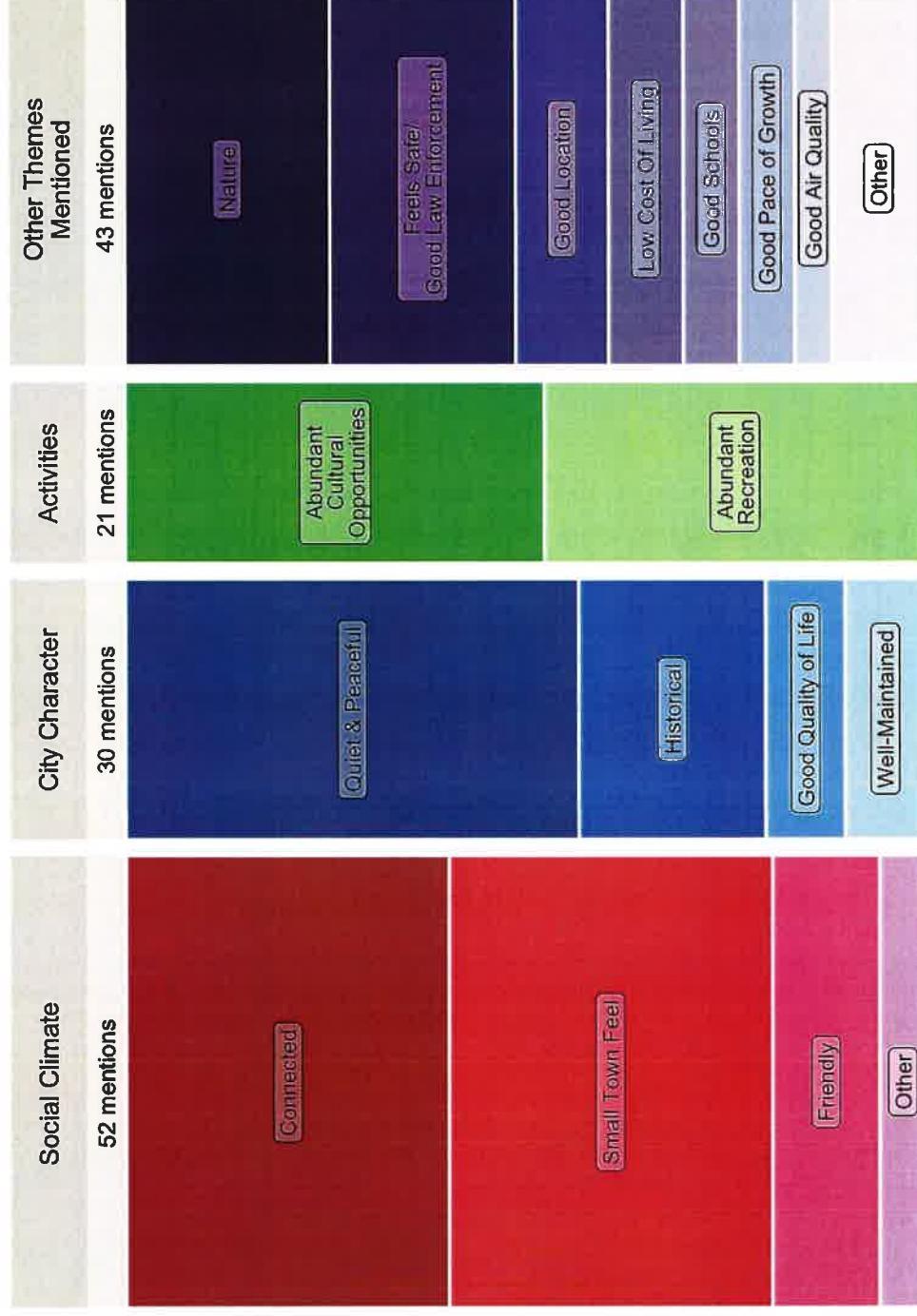
The Role of Landscape Features in Helper Residents' Wellbeing

How does the presence of the following landscape features influence your wellbeing?



Open Comments: Community Values in Helper

The size of the box is proportional to the number of times the theme was mentioned.



More findings in the report online!
<https://extension.usu.edu/business-and-community/utah-wellbeing-project/>

Thank you!
Any Questions?

Exhibit C







