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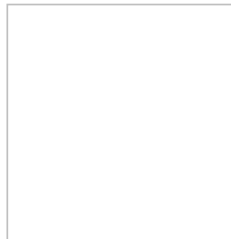
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I can address these on the SRU page. Help me fill in the blanks on #1 if you can.

Draft:

**1) Q: Did the city advocate for the program in the media?**

A: No. City and other leaders were quoted from public meetings and direct interviews from journalists. For example, Sedona Mayor Scott Jablow was contacted by the major media groups FOX, AZ 15 and Scripps which handles NBC all asking for interviews at City Hall for interviews.

**2) Q: Why is a decision of this magnitude not brought before the people for a vote?**

A: Municipalities are very constrained on their ability to bring things before voters. This makes sense in the representative democracy we have where people residing within city-limits votes for representatives that represent their interests. The trust relationship created by being voted onto the city council confers the duty to become experts or near experts on things that come before the city council and to vote according to the best interests of residents and for the highest common good.

**3) Q: How did the grant the city received play into the decision to create the Safe Place To Park program?**

A: The city started the program prior to a grant application being developed. At the March 12th 2024 city council meeting the city housing manager presenting the program to the council prior to voting for the required zoning change announced to the council that the city was awarded the grant.

**4) Q: How was it that the city could start developing the site before the zoning change vote?**

A: The city used materials on hand and staff labor to lay some rock and demarcate parking spots with strips of unused fire hose, at the

discretion of the city manager, to both make the city more accessible to those doing assessment (due to muddy conditions) and to get a sense of the size of the project area.

**5,6) Q: Why does Sedona need to host a facility for homeless workers inside the city limits?**

A: There are three issues driving Sedona to host a facility for homeless workers inside the city limits: 1) Cities must own the solutions to housing issues, and support workers that would like to live in the city but can't because of a housing burden; 2) Through the pre-registration requirement and operations of the facility we will learn the most about the demographics of those the program targets and the types of housing Sedona needs to build; 3) Surrounding areas also have housing shortages and adding to someone's housing burden by way of a long commute (time, gas) merely compounds the housing burden, especially in Sedona where labor rates do not support paying the rents currently available in Sedona.

**7) I will vote against this** This is already addressed in the section Cultural Park 2.0 on the SRU page:

<https://sedonaresidentsunite.com/sedona-safe-place-to-park/#cultural-park-confusion>

Sean

On 3/28/24 2:32 PM, Linda Martinez wrote:

I had an appointment at Empire Nails and a talk with Lisa and her client about SPTP.

The referendum will pass...they are 70 signatures short - don't know if that means that they'll get the 600 or the extra they will need. Joetta Winter and others are going to businesses and pickleball courts and bringing the petition.

Their misinformation is powerful and based on 'what they know', are enraged at the City:

1. Why did Scott go to all the newspapers around the country? A. He didn't...explained Scripps and Gannett, etc.
2. Why would the City approve this without a vote by the people?
3. Didn't the City get the grant and then decide to build the homeless park?
4. Why did the City start spending money on building the SPTP before the Council vote?
5. Why can't they just live in Cottonwood?
6. I would rather they keep living where they are parked
7. I will vote against this in November...we should preserve the music venue

I explained that people complained to the City to do something about housing and combined with what we'll need (housing studies), they bought the CP...this has been discussed for years. We can set aside 2-3 acres for something the community wants - music (will have to start over due to design flaws) or rec center. We have a housing crisis, not a music crisis.

They really see these homeless workers as being fully responsible for their situation.

Linda

Linda Martinez

