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Please vote to deny the Conditional Use Permit for the Temple

1 message

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Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 4:33 PM

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Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Board,

Please don't approve the Conditional Use Permit allowing the Temple to be built in the proposed location off Skyline Drive. In my opinion, nothing with 141 parking places belongs in an area zoned for residential use.

There are, no doubt, other locations where a structure 101 feet tall will not obstruct God given views of the Canyon. The idea that any change of location would be an undue financial burden on the Church is not only disingenuous, but insulting to the many people who have two or three minimum wage jobs, pay taxes, can't afford health insurance and must decide every month whether to buy food or pay their utility bills.

Please, please, please deny the Conditional Use Permit for the Temple in its current proposed location.

Respectfully,

Jan Riley
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LDS Temple

1 message

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I am looking forward to having the LDS Temple here in Cody!

The building will beautify the area and bring people to Cody! Everywhere a LDS Temple has been built, the area around the Temple is welcoming and people WANT to build their houses near and around it.

The Community will benefit from visitors who will spend money here in Cody as well! Gas stations, fast food places, food restaurants, downtown shops, the museum will all see an uptick in business.

I would much rather see a Temple built on that field then have condos, apartments or a huge subdivision built there.

I hope that the city will look at the benefits of having a temple on this site and of the good it will do for our community!

Sincerely,

Mark and Laurie Martinez



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Cody WY Temple

1 message

Melanie North <emelanie3@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 6:01 PM

To: todds@codywy.gov

Thank you for your time and consideration of construction of the Cody Wyoming Temple.

LDS Temples bring a piece of heaven to earth. In ancient times, the Temple was the permanent structure replacing the portable Tabernacle used in the wilderness. It was then, and still, is considered the House of God. God's presence is there, as I can testify.

I've only entered about 30 LDS temples from LA to DC and places in between. Each temple was a fountain of peace, meditative reflection and quiet revelation from God to my soul.

These powerful, calming influences will also flow into Cody....as they will come in more abundance to our area when a temple is constructed locally.

Thank you,
Melanie North



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LDS Cody Temple

1 message

Walter B. Rudolph <codyite@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 9:08 PM

To: todds@codywy.gov

Dear Members of the Planning, Zoning, and Adjustment Board,

My name is Walter B. Rudolph. I grew up in Cody, graduating in the CHS Class of 1964, and am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, living in Utah. I return to Cody often.

I'm passionate about Cody, as anyone who knows me will tell you. *Nary a day passes without me extolling Cody Country!*

I was overwhelmed when the Church announced plans to build a temple in Cody. But I knew it would have detractors - some with valid, personal concerns, and others who simply don't like the Church, or religion in general.

Before continuing, I do wish to acknowledge and thank all who have expressed themselves with polite, even vigorous, but 'appropriate' rhetoric. May it so continue.

My thoughts.....

When people buy property with a view, they err if they don't understand that "the view" is there only until someone else buys that space. My rabbi friend in Salt Lake City had a perfect view of Mount Olympus from the kitchen window. Then his neighbor built a two story garage facility that totally blocked his pristine Mt. Olympus view. He understood there is no compromise possible in this circumstance. I think anyone losing a pristine Cody view would be disappointed. But....

Perhaps there are many people who don't know or understand the contribution made by the LDS citizens in the Big Horn Basin. It was Buffalo Bill, the Governor of Wyoming, and the President of the Church who mutually agreed to send LDS settlers to this area specifically to build the railroad and dig irrigation canals that enabled the area's growth. The descendants of those settlers, plus others who have moved to the area, have also provided a consistent level of dedication that has helped Cody thrive.

Husky Oil and Taggart Construction were among the major forces developing the economic base enjoyed today. That the Church has found Cody an ideal location for a temple is an honor to all of Cody. The same would be true if the Vatican were to build a Cathedral in Cody. Or if Business X were to establish a regional office in Cody.

What a wonderful tribute to Olive and Glenn Neilsen - to have the Cody Temple built on property (I presume) they owned. After giving so much to Cody, this now represents another facet of their service to both the City of Cody and the LDS Church.

"Ah, but it's the location." The Church will spend millions on this "House of the Lord" out of respect to God. A lesser location would reflect disrespect. And the land was available and provided for this purpose. (Those wishing to sustain their view needed to purchase the view.)

The dark sky issue can find resolution among willing people. Traffic will be different, but I seriously doubt it will be a problem or disruptive - allowing exemption for the temporary term of construction and the open house.

Religion is under attack in America today. Fewer and fewer know, remember or care that religion was the cause of our country's beginnings. The LDS Church believes in families and communities; in working together for the common good; and in teaching its members to serve others. The temple is central to our worship, learning, and beliefs.

The Cody LDS Temple shall become another community beacon, further advancing this and future generations' desires to expound their own "passion for Cody."

I pray for your united efforts in finding solutions not shaming this and other religious efforts to enhance Cody.

Sincerely,

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