

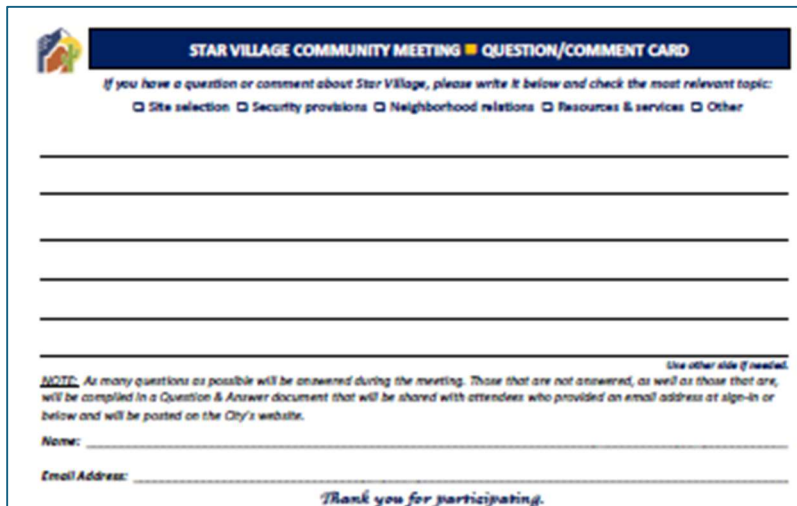


STAR Village Community Meeting – 9/17/25

Question and Answers

Introduction

Ward 3 hosted a public meeting on September 17, 2025, to provide information about the STAR Village encampment scheduled to become operational on October 15, 2025. Attendees were offered cards on which to share their questions. Presenters answered as many of the questions as they could during the meeting and let attendees know that both the questions answered during the meeting and the questions that didn't get answered would be transcribed and the answers provided in a document that would be shared with attendees and posted on the City's website. The questions are separated based on the topic selected at the top of the question/comment card.



The image shows a "STAR VILLAGE COMMUNITY MEETING QUESTION/COMMENT CARD". It includes a header with the City of Tucson logo and the Primavera Foundation logo. Below the header, there is a section for attendees to write their questions or comments, with a prompt to check the most relevant topic: Site selection, Security provisions, Neighborhood relations, Resources & services, or Other. There are five horizontal lines for writing. Below the lines, there is a note stating that as many questions as possible will be answered during the meeting, and those that are not answered, as well as those that are, will be compiled in a Question & Answer document that will be shared with attendees who provided an email address at sign-in or below and will be posted on the City's website. There are fields for Name and Email Address. At the bottom, it says "Thank you for participating."

Quick Contacts for Concerns & Info

- **STAR Program Manager (concerns/grievances):**(520) 603-7050 • STARVillageinfo@primavera.org • 244 E. Grant Rd
- **311** (non-emergency City services) • **911** (emergencies)
- **Volunteer/Donations (Primavera):**(520) 882-5383 • aoreilly@primavera.org



QUESTION & ANSWERS SORTED BY TOPIC

Note: General topic check boxes were included on the Question Card. The questions are arranged under the topic checked. Questions for which multiple topics were checked are in a section titled “Multiple topics” and questions for which no topics were checked are in a section titled “No topic selected.”

Site Selection

1. Why in our neighborhood vs. Winterhaven, Foothills, or the East Side?

Multiple sites were reviewed citywide; this site was chosen for infrastructure, transit access, and operational feasibility to run a managed, enclosed, 24/7 space that reduces unmanaged camping nearby.

Foothills is outside of the city limits and in Pima County and due to the restrictive city code that prohibits emergency shelter care use in most areas, the City is limited to city-owned sites. Long term code changes to support shelter care will take 12-18 months to implement to allow for more flexibility with site selection and zoning.

2. Why this location; were residents considered; proof from Phoenix; improve communication?

The pilot draws on models other cities have used with positive outcomes (reduced crime/waste vs. unmanaged camps). The City has conducted door-to-door, phone, and email outreach and will keep improving communication as the pilot adapts. Staff are available to attend Neighborhood association meetings. To request a speaker please email liz.morales@tucsonaz.gov.

3. Timeline, coordination, collaboration, oversight, hours, personal belongings; ongoing updates?

It's a **one-year pilot** with **24/7** operations. Primavera & Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) coordinate services and collaborate with community entities. The City oversees the pilot and adapts via feedback. Residents have secure tents with storage; ongoing updates will be shared.

4. How were sites evaluated; why next to park and multifamily housing?

Evaluation focused on safety, staffing/monitoring feasibility, infrastructure, and transit. Managed sites with security and sanitation perform better than unmanaged encampments. It was also determined that city-owned lots provided the needed flexibility, which narrowed the options for site selection.



Security Provisions

5. **Who is served; toilets/showers; length of stay; where after?**
Women and non-binary individuals. Showers on-site; laundry via Primavera's Casa Paloma. Length of stay is based on individual needs and housing progress; transitions to housing, shelter, or treatment are case-managed.
6. **Who enforces rules (no alcohol/drugs, one pet); consequences?**
Residents sign a **Good Neighbor Agreement**; staff/security enforce rules on a **closed campus** which means no walk-ups or visitors. Violations can lead to discharge consistent with safety and program rules.
7. **Crime statistics elsewhere?**
Other cities such as Denver, report **lower crime near well-managed sites** than around unmanaged street encampments; sanitation complaints also drop when sites are supervised.

Las Cruces found a reduction in sexual assault reports from women.

Neighborhood Relations

8. **How long in planning; why late outreach?**
The City previously focused on expanding low-barrier shelter; a community-proposed model resurfaced earlier this year and the City moved to pilot it. Planning with the operations team began in July, followed by door to door, email and phone outreach to the surrounding neighborhoods, and more is planned as the pilot adapts.
9. **Are unhoused people considered neighborhood residents; safety for all?**
Yes, STAR Village aims to improve safety and dignity for unsheltered women/non-binary individuals **and** surrounding neighbors through a managed, secured, service-rich approach.
10. **Why no Neighborhood Association notification/plans/normal procedures?**
The City previously focused on expanding low-barrier shelter; a community-proposed model resurfaced earlier this year and the City moved to pilot it. Planning with the operations team began in July, followed by door to door, email and phone outreach to the surrounding neighborhoods, and more is planned as the pilot adapts. Staff are available to attend Neighborhood group meetings. To request a speaker contact liz.morales@tucsonaz.gov.

Resources & Services

11. **Why not temperature-controlled structures?**
The pilot is a rapid, low-barrier **bridge** solution to connect people to permanent housing;



longer-term capital options, like adding temperature-controlled structures, can be pursued in parallel.

12. City support beyond \$400k; transparency?

The pilot's budget and outcomes will be tracked and shared; services leverage existing provider capacity/partnerships with clear reporting on operations and results.

13. Service hours; lockdown; security vs. dealers?

The campus is **24/7** with on-site staff/security/cameras; it is not a lockdown facility, but it is **closed (no walk-ups/visitors)** and rule-enforced to deter illicit activity. Participants will have a curfew and is part of the community rules.

14. Which services; no vouchers—then what; length of stay; crisis/relapse?

Services will include case management, housing navigation, meals, showers, laundry access, transportation, behavioral health, healthcare links, pet care. Stays are needs-based; crises/relapses trigger connection to higher-level care.

15. Discharges—step-down plan/continuity?

Yes. Case managers coordinate follow-up care, referrals, and placement to minimize gaps if someone exits. The goal is for all participants to have a housing plan upon exit.

16. Can other community providers come on-site?

Health and other service providers will be participating. It is also anticipated that Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) will coordinate through outreach/referrals to support participants' plans.

Other

17. Response to potential “vigilante” actions (e.g., Prop 312 contexts)?

The site is a managed, enclosed, 24/7 **closed campus** which means no walk-ups or visitors, with formal safety protocols; the City will coordinate through established public safety channels and conflict-resolution protocols.

18. Exact location; partner payments; why without community input?

Location: **244 E. Grant Rd** (Quick-Reference). Funding/payments are part of the pilot's transparent reporting; engagement is ongoing and will continue as the pilot operates.

19. Is the program already decided; do neighbors have a say?

It's a **pilot**—launched to test a model and **adapt based on results and community feedback**; Neighbor input will be sought during the pilot and taken into account in the assessment of the model and decisions about its future use.

20. How long can an individual stay?

Length of stay is tailored to individual needs and getting individuals to more stable and permanent housing options. Based on a similar model in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the average length of stay is 73 days.



21. Is prosecution/institutionalization a solution?

The pilot focuses on **stabilization, services, and housing pathways** in a trauma-informed environment, while standard laws and public safety protocols still apply citywide.

22. If successful—long-term plan; if untenable—what then?

After the **one-year** evaluation, the City may adapt/expand or discontinue. If concerns can't be resolved, the pilot can be modified or ended.

23. Legal exposure (Brown/Bradford; public nuisance)?

This project has been designed in a manner to ensure it is not a public nuisance.

24. Winter protections?

Cots/linens/supplies are provided; staff can address needs for extreme weather and can connect residents to additional shelter as needed.

Multiple Topics

25. Total cost and who pays?

The total cost is projected to be approximately \$400,000. Pilot operations are with funded by Mayor and Council budgets, and funding from Primavera Foundation and Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS), as well. Expenditures and outcomes will be reported for transparency.

26. Keeping women safe from male transients?

Closed campus, meaning no walk-ups or visitors, with 24/7 security, controlled access, and outreach within a one-mile radius to deter nearby camping. This will be closely monitored and adjustments will be made to ensure safety for Star Village participants and neighbors.

27. Security following residents off-site; concerns about other cities; intent of the pilot?

Security focuses on site safety and immediate perimeter; the model's purpose is to provide safe, dignified stabilization and housing connection, not to expand encampments.

28. Why beside apartments; addressing traffic/crime; men vs. women; code; input?

The managed site with rules and security is intended to **reduce** unmanaged camping and related impacts. Other similar models have demonstrated lower crime rates. The pilot will track outcomes with TPD data and community input.

29. Why Sugar Hill; was security considered; do other projects work; why reference other places?

Multiple sites were reviewed citywide; this site was chosen for infrastructure, transit access, and operational feasibility to run a managed, enclosed, 24/7 space that reduces unmanaged camping nearby. Security is central (closed campus which means no walk-



ups or visitors,, cameras, 24/7 staff). Other cities' lessons inform the pilot; local results will drive adaptations.

30. How selected; RTA funds; drug use/distribution; opposition to location?

Selection weighed infrastructure, transit, staffing/monitoring feasibility. RTA funding is not included in this pilot. **No drugs/alcohol/weapons** are allowed; violations enforceable under site rules. As heard in the community meeting, opposition from attendees was expressed. There was also others who live in the area who have expressed support for this project.

31. Why a depressed area; tents/shade; numbers to call?

Operations include structured sheltering with services; **STAR Program Manager (concerns/grievances):** (520) 603-7050, or email STARVillageinfo@primavera.org. Call 311 for non-emergency issues.

32. Protection from negatives; crime reporting; qualification frequency; “rewarding” drugs; housing concerns?

The site is **rule-enforced**, tracked, and coordinated with public safety; participation is needs-based and tied to a housing plan and misconduct is addressed.

33. Signed agreements with Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS)/Primavera?

Agreements are not yet finalized. Primavera **operates** the site; Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) and others provide services per the pilot design.

34. Drug-free requirement; safety in nearby parks; how are neighbors kept safe?

No drugs/alcohol/paraphernalia are permitted on site; staff/security enforce rules. Park rules/enforcement continue through standard City channels. It is better to have people sleeping on our property than nearby businesses, parks, alleys, etc.

35. Why Ward 3; police presence; security; relationship with NA; youth org nearby?

Multiple sites were reviewed citywide; this site was chosen for infrastructure, transit access, and operational feasibility to run a managed, enclosed, 24/7 space that reduces unmanaged camping nearby. Ward 3 site met operational criteria; STAR has **24/7 site security** and ongoing neighborhood engagement with updates and a direct contact for concerns. Staff are available to attend Neighborhood group meetings. To request a speaker, contact liz.morales@tucsonaz.gov.

36. “Why do the homeless note of home”?

The pilot exists because many lack a safe place to be; STAR provides a **safe, dignified alternative** with a path to housing.

37. Which other locations were reviewed; Phoenix cost comparisons; proximity to community uses; “rewarding” drug use?

The list of other sites reviewed are not available. The Star Village is being done on a significantly lower cost than Phoenix model. The chosen site allows **managed, enclosed** operations with rules that prohibit drugs/alcohol and emphasize service connection.



38. **Why open this when other facilities aren't "at capacity"; selection/qualification; "pay back"; trash cleanup; dependency concerns?**

Eligibility is **referral-based**, not drop-in, and tied to a housing plan. The pilot complements, not replaces, other facilities. Neighborhood cleanliness is part of operations.

No other facilities offer this type of low-barrier, transitional safe sleeping model. Not everyone is ready to go straight from living on the streets to an apartment or permanent housing due to trauma. This model meets people where they are at by providing a safe place to sleep and connect them to resources and more permanent housing.

No Topic Selected

39. **Unintended consequences nearby; safety for female-identified/non-binary participants?**

One-mile outreach to deter camping, **closed campus**, which means no walk-ups or visitors, with **24/7 security**, and service pathways aim to reduce spillover while protecting participants.

40. **24-hour security by whom; who to call; trash; drugs/alcohol; donations; do you have it figured out?**

On-site **security + staff + cameras**. For issues: **STAR Program Manager (520) 603-7050** /STARVillageinfo@primavera.org; 311 for non-emergencies; 911 for emergencies. Donations via Primavera.

41. **Vacant lot next to housing/businesses; plumbing/electric/laundry/privacy; must residents leave by day?**

Showers on-site; laundry via Primavera's Casa Paloma program; private tents with storage; **residents do not have to leave by day**—it's **24/7**. 25 people at a time sleeping on our lot means they are not trespassing at nearby residences and businesses.

42. **Security for neighbors; services for people using drugs; can they come/go; detox?**

Closed campus which means no walk-ups or visitors, rule-enforced; behavioral health services and treatment referrals; residents can come/go under rules and may be linked to detox/treatment.

43. **Preventing demolition like past experiences elsewhere?**

STAR is a **managed, City-supported pilot** with defined rules, security, and oversight; distinct from unmanaged encampments.

44. **TPD staffing; can location change; why not Ward 1?**

Multiple sites were reviewed citywide; this site was chosen for infrastructure, transit access, and operational feasibility to run a managed, enclosed, 24/7 space that reduces unmanaged camping nearby. The site met key criteria for a managed pilot. There will be 24/7 staffing and security and coordination with public safety partners like Tucson Police and Fire. After one year, the pilot will be assessed to determine if the key criteria used in selecting the site were appropriate for considering future sites.



45. Protecting vulnerable residents from hostile neighbors?

Star Village is committed to the safety of both participants and neighboring residents by providing **24/7 security** and a closed campus, which means no walk-ups or visitors. Primavera has developed two documents, which have been included with this document.

1. A **Good Neighbor Agreement** which outlines measures to benefit the community by minimizing negative impacts, protecting public health and safety and promoting the livability of the surrounding area.
2. **Conflict Resolution Protocol** to ensure respectful, timely and transparent resolutions of concerns for the Star Village

46. Individual vs. communal tents; extreme weather; bag checks?

Private tents with cots/linens/storage; extreme-weather adjustments and connections to additional shelter; **no weapons/drugs/alcohol** allowed per rules, which are being finalized and will be shared on Primavera Foundation's Star Village website

47. Requirements to ensure people are working toward goals (jobs, effort)?

Participation includes **case-managed housing plans** with connections to employment, benefits, education/training, and healthcare.

48. Other sites considered; Salvation Army capacity; funding amount?

Sites were reviewed citywide based on operations criteria, which include infrastructure, transit access, and operational feasibility to run a managed, enclosed, 24/7 space that reduces unmanaged camping nearby. Funding, approximately \$400,000 supports a one-year managed pilot; service capacity is coordinated with partners. The Salvation Army is not yet engaged, but could be involved once the site is opened.

49. Larger police presence; handling “transients”; 311 not helping?

Site operations emphasize reducing unmanaged camping and calls by providing a **managed alternative**. Use **311** for non-emergencies, **911** for emergencies; the City will monitor outcomes with TPD. Please contact to address concerns with 311 system by submitting a complaint form at <https://docs.tucsonaz.gov/Forms/PSCD-Complaint-Form>.

50. “Wasted tax dollars” concern

The pilot ties spending to measurable outcomes (reduced unmanaged camping, housing connections, improved sanitation) and will report results publicly through quarterly neighborhood meetings held by Primavera and City of Tucson.

51. How does this support the community; communication accountability?

The model couples security/rules with services to reduce impacts; staff provide **quarterly updates** and a direct contact for concerns. Quarterly updates will be shared through Primavera Foundation and Ward 3 Office for neighborhood associations surrounding Star Village.

52. Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS)/Primavera profit margin; % to programs?

Program dollars support operations, security, and services as laid out in the pilot scope



and reported transparently. Both Primavera Foundation and OPCS are nonprofit organizations.

53. Why not Foothills; fear of worsening conditions like other corridors?

Foothills is outside of the city limits and in Pima County and due to the restrictive city code that prohibits emergency shelter care use in most areas. Managed, enclosed sites are designed to **improve** safety vs. unmanaged encampments. Models in other cities have demonstrated crime reduction in the area around the site. The City will track neighborhood outcomes and adjust.

54. Business-specific tax; outside orgs leverage?

Pilot operations are with funded by Mayor and Council budgets, and funding from Primavera Foundation and Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS), as well. Expenditures and outcomes will be reported for transparency.

55. If no ID/sobriety/program participation, how prevent drugs/disruption; accountability for dealers?

The Star Village will be a closed campus which means no walk-ups or visitors and will be staffed 24/7; **no drugs/alcohol/weapons are allowed**; enforced rules; and coordination with public safety on criminal activity.

56. Square footage; utilities; length of stay; proximity to park; sobriety & housing transitions?

Square footage is unknown by this writer but can be determined and reported at a later date. Length of stay is based on individual need. A similar model in Las Cruces, New Mexico has an average length of stay of 73 days. There will be electric and water to support safe operations; The closest proximity to a park is 1.3 miles to Grant and Campbell park. Transitions are case-managed without sobriety prerequisites.

57. Why should historically neglected areas shoulder this; need for broader investment?

The pilot addresses an urgent safety/health issue with managed operations; the City recognizes broader infrastructure needs of the surrounding area and will continue investment planning alongside the pilot.

58. How long can residents stay; pets; tents provided; structure size; drug use; warrants; leaving; trans women?

Length of stay is individualized. A similar model in Las Cruces, New Mexico has an average length of stay of 73 days. The community rules will be **one pet per person, tents are provided**; campus rules prohibit drugs/alcohol; residents can leave under rules; **trans women are included**.

59. How success is measured; work opportunities; federal involvement?

Success metrics include reduced nearby camping, housing placements, health linkages, cleanliness/safety indicators, and community feedback. Workforce/education supports are included. There is no federal involvement with this pilot.

60. Safety of kids at the park; why near a park; clustering of affordable housing?

The **closed campus**, which means no walk-ups or visitors, + **security** model is intended



to **reduce** spillover impacts; siting balanced operations and monitoring needs. There is an affordable housing property adjacent to the Star Village. It is not anticipated that neighboring parks will be impacted by the participants of the pilot, but the City will be tracking any activity and addressing concerns with Primavera Foundation.

61. Time/cost to build indoor shelter vs. this; reassessment; effects near Sister José; count of unhoused women nearby?

The pilot is an additional tool, like emergency shelter to provide a bridge option to shelter and housing. The projected will have ongoing evaluation throughout the pilot. The City is aware of the recent meetings held by Millville Neighborhood Association, in which Sister Jose is located and any impact and effects on the surrounding area that may be related to participants who utilize the Sister Jose facility. The City is involved with these discussions. Primavera Foundation and City staff will have similar conversations during the Quarterly Updates with surrounding neighborhood associations.

62. Enforcing rules off-site; preventing off-site use/crime then return?

On-site rules are enforced within the **closed campus**, which means no walk-ups or visitors; outreach monitors a **one-mile radius** and coordinates with public safety for off-site issues.

63. Preventing growth of unhoused nearby; success metrics; criteria to live; exits & area impacts; siting criteria for additional sites?

One-mile outreach, managed access (referral-only), and rule enforcement are designed to prevent growth. Success metrics include reduced nearby camping, housing placements, health linkages, cleanliness/safety indicators, and community feedback. Workforce/education supports are included. Siting criteria for additional sites will be dependent on the outcome of the Star Village Pilot.

64. TPD staffing limits; alternative sites/buildings; age focus; screening; showers?

TPD staffing will remain the same. The pilot supplements, not replaces, public safety by offering a managed alternative. Eligibility is referral-based; **showers provided**; screenings and referrals connect to treatment and services.

65. Accountability requirements (treatment/job training/repayment); reimbursement for theft?

Case-managed plans emphasize treatment, housing, and employment supports. Crime/theft remain handled through standard reporting and law enforcement processes.

66. Why so far along without notice; why here?

Siting/operations aligned with feasibility and safety. Outreach has occurred and will continue; the **pilot** is meant to facilitate learning and adaptation with neighborhood input.

67. How is STAR different from past sites that were closed?

STAR is a **closed, managed, 24/7 campus** with formal rules, security, provider leadership, and defined housing pathways, distinct from unmanaged or ad-hoc sites.

68. Involvement of NAMI?

NAMI is an critical support for persons with mental illness. Currently, they are not



involved and welcome to have them as a supporting agency. Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) will provide the supports for persons with mental health issues, they will provide behavioral health enrollment and referrals will be coordinated, as needed.

69. ICE involvement blocked?

The Tucson Police Department engages all members of our community in a manner consistent with federal and state laws regulating immigration, which includes protecting the civil rights of all persons. While the police department will not limit or restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law, the department recognizes that mere unauthorized presence in the United States is not a criminal offense, and enforcement of civil violations is reserved for federal authorities. Federal law enforcement activities are outside of our control.

70. Preventing men/spouses/boyfriends from moving in/out freely?

Closed campus, which means no walk-ups or visitors, and controlled access; only participants and approved providers are permitted. Las Cruces model found that there were fewer sexual assault reports from women using this model.

71. Will screening ensure participants aren't criminals?

The screening will not include criminal background history and participants will be expected to follow community rules that are in place for the safety of the participants and surrounding neighborhood. Disqualifying safety risks are addressed through rules and referrals.

72. Who was checked for approval; cost; prioritizing hard-working people; age focus; why not other City properties; near a school?

Criteria and participants who will be approved to stay at Star Village will be unsheltered women/non-binary individual. It will not include prioritizing for any other factors like age or ability to work. Other city properties were considered, however this one met all the other criteria.

Comments Only

Site Selection:

- “I’m so glad the city is doing this. Please do more throughout the city. 25 tents is a great start, but the need is much greater. I live 2 blocks from this site, and I’m glad these resources are coming to my hood.” – Anonymous

Security Provisions:

- “It looks like rounding the drug addicts up in a corral will help the dealers 100%”
- “All of the neighbors are buying the property and alleys to fence them off to stop the homeless from living there and trashing our property and burning our buildings and stealing from us.”



Neighborhood relations:

- “I am a Sugar Hill homeowner and resident that is 100% in support of STAR village! I am also formerly unhoused myself. I was unhoused with a 2-year-old almost 20 years ago. Programs like STAR Village make safer communities for all people. Unhoused people are worthy and deserving of dignity and care from others. STAR Village is a much safer option than the current situation in Sugar Hill for our unhoused neighbors. My hope is to support STAR Village in its success as a pilot program because I hope it not only continues but expands to some more unhoused community members across Tucson! As a formerly unhoused single parent, I can tell you how vital and lifesaving a program like this is!”
- “This meeting should be the first community meeting before STAR Village is decided on, not the only one.”

Resources & Services:

- “I am so thrilled to see the city engaging in some experimentation. Homelessness is a huge problem in Ward 3 and across the city – I hope this project is a resounding success.”
- “The Tucson Pima Collaboration to end Homelessness is grateful to our partners. For pursuing innovative options like STAR Village. The community recently ranked projects like this as the 2nd highest goal on a recent TPCCH survey. It is also strongly supported by our lived experience council. Thank you for all your hard work on this.”

Other:

- “Tucson needs solutions like STAR Village! There is strong support for this in the community, especially with mutual aid groups who work with and support our unhoused neighbors. This model is proven to be effective. We need to say YES to STAR village!!”
- “As a member of my neighborhood association, I support STAR Village. It feels like the city is listening to those of us asking for solutions. I hope that it opens on Oct 1st and 25 girls are able to sleep under cover. In Phoenix, they use neighborhood agreements and community committees to communicate, that seems like a better solution than stopping.”
- “Comment: I support this effort . The homeless are already in our neighborhoods. I do Trap Neuter Release and see what most are blind to. I volunteer at FoodShare and see that more support is needed.”
- “How / why is it that Brandi Fenton Park has 3 dog parks yet we as a community cannot set aside a small safe space for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Thank you for takin the initiative and courage to create this space that will save lives.”



Multiple topics:

- “I do question the site. Need to find location that works in the future, this problem of homelessness is only going to grow. The diversity of the population and their needs are not one size fits all. I see this as a great opportunity to find new solutions. I see STAR Village, wherever it is as a model. The population can be selected to those who want to create a new model. My vision – find a population that will see this as an experiment of community. We all participate in the care and upkeep of the space of the community and help each other. (prepared own community meals). Not all homeless are drug addicts with mental problems. All can have ownership – yes city services and resources of utmost value however, ownership and sharing can bring unknown and hopefully positive results, Reciprocity. We are all creating a new world - unfortunately its starting with great stress on society. We can do it – each person is unique and valuable – lets believe in each other. This is a start - More permanents solutions will be found.”
- “1) TPD is not in support. Our officers are stretched thin, and they know this camp is going to attract crime. 2) As a “low barrier” camp, drug use will be happening AND drug use is a major contributor to homelessness. Enabling drug use is counter-productive and will not help move these women forward.”
- “1) Transparency-sneaking STAR Village into our hood. 2) There are better / more permanent solutions to end homelessness, like the recently opened Amazon Flats (w/ Long term supportive housing including – case management, counseling, so as not to return to homelessness). 3) Drug dealers and pimps will probably like having all their girls in one place. Johns, too.”

No topic selected:

- “Why is there effort not being made to find a secluded location away from neighborhoods and businesses. I do not support bringing unsafe conditions to the neighborhoods.”
- “I believe STAR Village has been stealthily pushed on Sugar Hill NA in the same way the low-barrier homeless cams @ Navajo Wash was pushed on HANA. Kevin Dahl & COT have broken trust. It will be long and hard to regain in.”
- “In the history of Arizona, the only safe outdoor living facility was in Maricopa County. It was Joe Arpaio’s tent city.”
- “I’m grateful to have this happening in my neighborhood. I hope it is fully utilized and helps a lot of people. We want to have more places and resources for our unhoused neighbors!” – Anonymous
- “Please build more housing first complexes for people in need.”



- “Thank you for taking meaningful steps to protect the most vulnerable member of our community. More of this, please.”
- “To have this type of pilot program is something this community needs. To secure on of our most vulnerable population is an issue everyone wants to address.”
- “Before you end this project, please investigate the services available to women, who struggle with sex trafficking trauma, SUD, domestic violence I’m an outreach worker in Ward 3 and Tucson is completely lacking for support for unhoused women!”
- “We as a community need to come together to figure out a solution to a compounding issue. The rate of homelessness is growing at a rate not matching with personal failings. We have to be creative, compassionate, and at times uncomfortable.”
- “I live at Drachman and 3rd ace and I am supportive of STAR Village. I am glad the city is exploring creative solutions to help people right now.”
- “First, I’d like to thank Ward 3 for hosting this meeting. It’s clear we all appreciate having our voices heard. That’s exactly how this petition started -- out of a desire for our community’s voices to be included. And frankly, that’s how the planning for STAR Village should have started: with input from the community – your constituents and taxpayers.
- While I agree that our city, and our country, urgently need compassionate and creative solutions to the homeless and opioid epidemics, I disagree with the approach Tucson is taking with STAR Village and the lack of involvement with the surrounding communities.
- The lack of community involvement – especially in the neighborhoods that are already struggling – was a major misstep on behalf of the city and Ward 3. If we had been part of the discussion from the beginning, perhaps we would feel as enthusiastic about this pilot program as our officials seem to be. If we had been properly notified, instead of receiving only a brief mention in the Ward 3 newsletter, which featured a misleading photo of indoor costs, we might be on board. But from what I’ve seen, all of the neighbors surrounding the STAR Village site found out about it in the same way – through the news. This came long after the city had already begun planning and making decisions.
- While I agree we need solutions, we also need to ensure that those solutions do not negatively impact communities that have been working hard to improve their neighborhoods, keep their families safe, and have already shouldered more than their fair share of negative impacts created by homelessness.
- On paper, this program may seem like a step in the right direction, but my concern – and I believe the concern of many of my neighbors – are the potential “what ifs”. Does the



ward and city have a plan for the contingencies? These also include concern for safety and wellbeing of the 25 women or non-binary folk that are staying at this site. And after being kept in the dark for so long, can we even trust the city will act if problems arise? Last I heard, TPD's over time budget had been cut, have they been allotted extra hour to respond to calls regarding star village?

- I strongly believe in low-barrier shelters and in meeting people where they are. I agree that getting a roof over someone's head is a good first step in addressing other issues they face. I'm not sure if a tent qualifies as a "roof" though. I also believe in community involvement – both in the rollout of these programs and in the daily lives of the people utilizing them. And I agree with protecting vulnerable populations, especially women. But these solutions must be proposed and implemented in collaboration with the communities they will affect. It's not enough to simply impose a plan ON us and "see how it goes".
- I understand that this program was based off others around the country that "seem to be working", but all of the info I could find points to this type of camp not working. San Diego is being sued for unfit living conditions with rats and filth in theirs. And in Seattle, surrounding neighbors have sited an increase drug activity, violence, and property crimes. Phoenix not in residential area, and is under a covered awning, which campers say still gets too hot.
- The lack of communication from the City of Tucson and Ward 3 has been appalling. We've used the word blindsided many times when speaking with the media. And another word I'd like to add is disappointed. Waiting until just two weeks before the site is set to open shows a lack of respect for your constituents and for the communities that will be directly impacted.
- I urge you to reconsider this project and, at the very least, commit to doing better when planning future projects like this – projects that affect real people and real neighborhoods.
- In closing; In order to receive a mini grant from the city to build traffic circles, our neighborhood association was required to get signatures from 60% of the neighbors it would most likely affect. I want to ask; where are your signatures from the neighbors that this will most likely affect?"
- "Since it's announcement, I have spent more time thinking about and discussing the city's plan to establish a low-barrier campsite in Ward Three. Way more time that I care too.
- This initiative aims to assist a marginalized segment of the city, yet it once again places the burden on another perpetually marginalized group, the citizens in Ward 3. I am a third-generation property owner and business owner in ward three. This area has been ignored and burdened by grime, drugs, and poverty for decades.



- The decision to locate this project where the poor people live appear to be based on the city's assumption that we will not oppose it, or have no real power to defy it, allowing the city to proceed without considering our input or to address our concerns. No guarantees that if all fails, that our residents will not be negatively impacted.
- Given the city's handling of these issues in the past, I doubt that there is any confidence that this won't be ore of the same disguised as compassion.
- Council members have been working on this project for a year, a year, without informing or consulting the community until just weeks ago. I don't think that anyone here believed that was just an oversight.
- I have grappled with the need for compassionate, effective, and comprehensive assistance for our city's homeless population. I have read about other cities implementing similar programs, all with similar outcomes: minimal help of regarding homeless regarding permanent housing placement, and detrimental impacts on the communities where they are laced.
- Ward Three has been significantly affected by the drug and mental health epidemics plaguing most communities nationwide, while city officials refer to these as symptoms of the real issue – a housing crisis. What we are actually facing is a mental health crisis, with homelessness being a byproduct of it.
- The city's closures of parks for remodeling, the ongoing clearing and re-clearing of the 100-acre wood, and the reimposed no-camping-in-city-washes ordinance will displace more people living without permanent shelter than this site could ever hope to help.
- Providing 25 women and non-binary individuals with a dirt lot in the middle of town and calling it compassion is wholly inadequate. It would be better to do nothing, than to open this dirt lot and call it compassion. This plan is a disgrace and an absolute travesty.
- You need to do better. We recognize the need for a plan to help people. This is not it. It's an insult to the people you're pretending to help, and more of an insult to this community and the residents of ward 3."