

# ARCHITECTURAL NEXUS

## Sugarhouse Community Council Newsletter

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### **Objective:**

In keeping with the goals of Salt Lake City and our Community Council to promote Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) within our neighborhoods, Architectural Nexus is proposing a Zone Text Amendment for a small portion at the rear of the Architectural Nexus Community Business zoned property. This zone text amendment will allow outdoor vocational education such that a tiny home (ADU) may be temporarily constructed through our charitable giving program and donated to the benefit of our community.

### **Purpose:**

Architectural Nexus charitable giving program seeks to better the lives of those in our community through building and donating tiny homes (accessory dwelling units). This program is called Nexus Builds. Each year we design and build a tiny home (ADU) and donate to a deserving organization seeking to better the lives of less fortunate individuals. Our program further seeks to advance a regenerative built environment by constructing buildings that aren't just sustainable but that actively work to regenerate the natural environment. Each tiny home seeks Living Building certification by constructing an accessory dwelling unit that produces more energy than it uses throughout a year, harvests and uses rainwater as allowed by local zoning and building codes, and utilizes regenerative materials. These materials are sought from local and sustainable sources and eliminate the use of harmful materials.

Each finalized structure is then relocated off site to a permanent home as we donate the tiny home to serve as a tool to help solve the social issues plaguing society such as homelessness and criminal justice reform.

### **Outreach:**

In keeping with our goals to support the greater community we have sought out direct community involvement and feedback. We have developed a three-pronged community outreach strategy to share our goals and aspirations with our neighbors.

In addition to this newsletter, we are directly reaching out to immediate neighbors. As the defined build area is in the rear of our property and screened by fencing, we find that a visual impact is not directly presented to any of our immediate neighbors. Furthermore, the auditory impact will be a significant reduction from defined noise ordinances.

We invite all feedback from those that would like to contribute to a discussion of the impact and mission of our philanthropy program and our drive to build up our communities through architecture.

### **Into the Future:**

Through this program we seek to be a good neighbor and steward of the resources entrusted to us as fellow humans. Just a few of the issues our society is facing that we seek to help with as we move forward with our philanthropy program include:

- Continuing to assist with the homelessness crisis
- Seeking criminal justice reform and opportunities for rehabilitation
- Temporary housing due to climate change caused loss of habitation such as wildfires, wind storms, and other natural disasters
- Women and children displaced due to domestic violence

Please lend us your support to join us in striving to strengthen our community by being a force for change.

For further information please see this video from our recently completed build: <https://youtu.be/1tMcyoryRPc>

### **Enlarged Build Area Detail Diagram:**

Enlarged Detail of Applicable Area of Community Business Zone Text Amendment with offsets.

