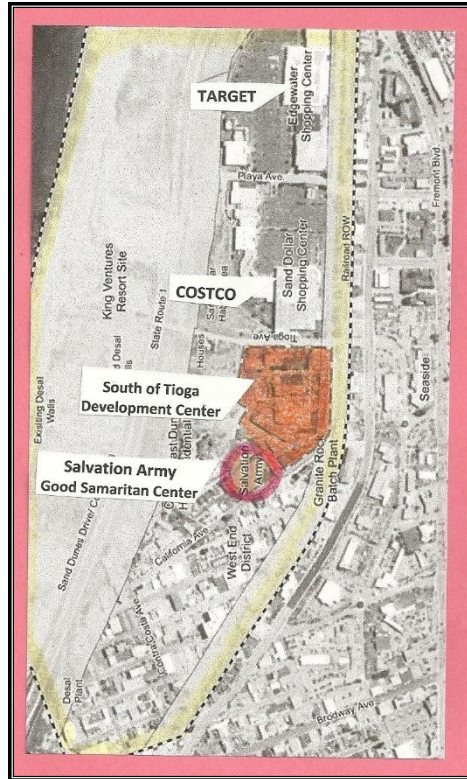


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WILL THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER SURVIVE SAND CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT?

By Wanda Sue Parrott

PREDICTING the long-range outcome of a city council's decision is like betting on a boxing match: OK or KO?

If OK, no one is knocked out.

If KO, one party wins and the other loses.

Seaside City Council will meet on Tuesday, June 5 to vote on several resolutions to determine the fate of the current redevelopment bout for which ringside seats are still up for grabs.

Metaphors aside, the May 15 meeting of Sand City's city council featured a public hearing at which members of the community presented concerns about the pending "South of Tioga Redevelopment Project."

High on the list was affordable housing and homelessness.

I asked, "If okayed, what happens to the Salvation Army's Sabu Shake, Sr. Good Samaritan Center at 800 Scott St., Sand City? Will it become a Not-In-My-Back-Yard (NIMBY) sore spot that's condemned?"

Eminent Domain Ahead?

Sand City has been working with DBO Development on plans for transformation of 10+ acres of property east of Highway 1 into the mixed-use project. Once approvals are made, DBO can sell parcels to developers with whom city planners will renegotiate terms.

Ringside rumblings are circulating about exercise of eminent domain to acquire property owners don't want to sell, which includes speculation that condemnation proceedings may encompass the areas that include the Good Samaritan Center after future developers acquire "South of Tioga" properties.

An estimated groundbreaking is 2020, with potential completion date of 2025.

South of Tioga has been predicted to triple Sand City's population, increase traffic, and raise both roof heights and housing costs.

Wiggle Time For Wonder Working!

Time still exists to submit concerns and suggestions to Sand City's city council by phone at 831-394-3054, by e-mail at www.sandcity.org or by mail at 1 Pendergrass Way. Sand City, CA 93955.

You don't need to live in Sand City to speak up.

For instance, I suggested to City Council:

"Approve the resolutions to proceed with the development contingent on an inclusionary provision for a gateway buffer zone connecting South of Tioga to the Good Samaritan Center, either as a park, or low, low-income housing development that services both the work force that will live in Sand city and homeless and/or handicapped persons, under a Sand City Housing Authority. Call it something like Good Samaritan Gardens or Good Samaritan Village."

Situated between Costco and the Good Samaritan Center, the South of Tioga project will feature at least one hotel, with hundreds of residential units and some retail stores. Boundaries are Tioga Ave., California Ave., East Ave. and Merle St.

Speaking For The Homeless And Elderly

The Monterey Peninsula's homeless community relies on Good Samaritan Center for more than just meals and hot coffee. Shower and laundry facilities are available to help the homeless stay clean and maintain human dignity.

The men and women of Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Programs (I-HELP), along with women who are guests of Gathering for Women, rely on the Good Samaritan Center to do laundry and take showers.

CeliaSue Hecht, homeless freelance writer who travels to and from Monterey, prefers taking showers and doing laundry in \$30-per night motel rooms in Nevada. She says in last week's Craigslist:

"I have a wonderful 11-year old dog, and she and I are both tired of sleeping in the car, where it is cramped and cold and not a home.

We have been without a home for almost four years now.

Just like the other 500+ women over 50 in this area without homes, we cannot find affordable housing anywhere. . .

I have had a decent job for two years now, although it is with a non-profit that just lost its funding, so my income is less than \$600 a month now which is devastating and impossible to live on.

I am happy to work (am a Writer/Editor Professional with 35+ years of experience doing newsletters, articles, books, PR, etc).

We would be happy to rent your granny unit or yurt or lot to put up a shed or camper.

Enough is enough!"

CeliaSue's blog about seniors ("Silver Linings and Gray Matters") includes an interview with me:

<https://silverliningsandgraymatters.wordpress.com>

For further information about CeliaSue see: <https://cshechtwriter.journoportfolio.com>.

Or call 702-225-8206.

Sand City's mayor, Mary Ann Carbone, who served in soup kitchens for 35 years, assured me city council is fully considering all suggestions before giving a final vote to the South of Tioga project.

She said, "The Salvation Army's Good Samaritan Center isn't going away."

In boxing parlance, that's A-Okay—for now.

Subsequent owners/developers and future city councils may bet on a Knockout bout.

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Proximity of Salvation Army's Good Samaritan Center to the South of Tioga Redevelopment Project is shown on this map (courtesy of Sand City and modified by Wanda Sue Parrott). Unlike many local homeless people who rely on the Salvation Army's Good Samaritan Center in Sand City, freelance journalist CeliaSue Hecht, shown here with her dog Cici, frequently stays in \$30-per-night motel rooms in Nevada where she can do laundry, take showers and sleep in a bed rather than in her van.

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