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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Bonnie

Last Name: Heilman

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: HI-el-man

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: Yes

Address: PO Box [REDACTED]

Neighbourhood: [Caswell Hill](#)

City: Hague

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: zoning bylaw changes

Comments:

I live outside of the city because it's more affordable, but I grew up in Saskatoon and I spend several days a week at my mom's house in Caswell Hill, helping her and doing what we can to help our family get through the housing, opioid, and mental health crisis we are in.

I'm part of a women's circle that meets once a month to talk about what's going on in our lives and our families and communities. We are the ones trying to hold together our families and our communities in the face of the housing crisis and the lack of quality services being provided to help us get through the opioid and mental health crisis. We're all so tired, and we need more help.

So we were excited to hear about the Housing Accelerator Fund. It was the first thing in a while to give us hope that things might get better. We wanted to know if the funding could help us bring some of our ideas to life for the kind of community housing that we'd like help create. So I went to the info session at the field house to gather info for our group.

When I got to the field house, I was happy to see how many people came out for the event. I assumed they were all there because they wanted to see if the HAF could help them add suites to their yards. I could hardly believe it when I found out that most people were there in opposition.

When I reported this back to the rest of our women's circle, we decided to reach out to our city councillor and to sign up to speak at this meeting. We want to make sure that people think about it from the perspective of people who can't get the housing they need - everyone from students to young families to the elderly and residential school survivors, and of course, our loved ones struggling with mental health and addictions because we aren't getting enough good services to help them. Our families are struggling. We need these bylaw changes to create more homes and to give us hope that our community will recover from this housing crisis.

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No