

Helping Kids

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The Human Condition

- We need love
- People need to give and receive love
- Caring builds individuals, family, community, world

Lonely Children

- Some parents are too busy working to have time for children
- Low pay, long hours, two jobs
- Single parents have even less time
- Grandparents often too far away
- Abandonment is the worst form of child abuse, even beyond incest
- Unloved teens act out, drop out, go to jail

Helpful City Program

- “Community Centers” provided free after school care
- Joint program of city government and school board
- Started in Sioux Falls in 1970's
- Quite popular

Upcoming Change

- Community Centers will no longer be free
- City will save short term cash
- Expect enrollment to decline
- Expect more troubled kids
- Expect long term social and criminal expenses to increase

Recommendations

- Maintain the free program
- Care about poor kids
- Reduce future crime by promoting mental health today

Finding The Money

- Stop tax subsidies for rich developers (Foundation Park TIF was \$100 million)
- No more parking garages that cost 2.5 times what they should
- Don't build heavily subsidized sports arenas (city planning a baseball stadium in River District)

Finding More Money

- Stop subsidizing affluent disperse housing (suburbia)
- Stop subsidizing expensive unwalkable development with its racial and economic segregation
- Stop taking property taxes from poor dense areas (and the rest of the city) to support suburbs
- Gradually include maintenance cost in property tax
- Reduce taxes on dense development
- Encourage mixed use higher density development

Revenue By Usage

	LOW DENSITY	MEDIUM DENSITY	HIGH DENSITY
RESIDENTIAL	 -\$1,381	 \$1,498	 \$3,061
MIXED-USE	 \$2,540	 \$3,515	 \$10,472
COMMERCIAL	 \$551	 \$9,614	 \$12,051

See Strong Towns youtube video “Suburbia is Subsidized: Here's the Math [ST07]”

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