From: Monica Zoltanski
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From Keri Wright:

I will not be able to be at the city council meeting this evening due to a family wedding. I do not have a grasp on the details of this rezoning request, and therefore have not been able to make an informed decision about it, but in general I would be in favor of retaining animal rights for the area. As you may recall this backfired in our neighborhood when people, acting out of fear, came up with a resolution that required only a certain amount of square footage. The homeowner complied with the letter of the law, but completely destroyed any future use by large animals. The resolution was then revised to require contiguous square footage that is required to be reserved for large animal use. I have no problem with people developing their property as they choose as long as the animal rights are still preserved for future use. The entirety of Salt Lake County and most of the Wasatch Front was developed without preserving green space, trail access, and animal rights in reasonable proportion. What we have in Bell Canyon Acres being in such close proximity to the Dimple Dell Regional Park is truly unique, but equestrian use of the park will be jeopardized if we think we can sit idly by as other horse properties are gobbled up by development. If the park ever gets to the point where the cost to maintain outweighs the benefits received by those who use the park we risk losing it and with it the uniqueness of BC Acres. It will become just like any other horse neighborhood in the valley where you have to trailer to wherever you want to ride. It is something worth fighting for with all we have, but not from a place of fear as has been done in the past, but in the spirit of inclusion and preservation which will attract far more support from the general public than anger and mean-spirited comments. We must come together to preserve that which is worth having in perpetuity for those who will someday follow and wonder why there was so little foresight. We can't allow our vision to be clouded by greed and expediency of the moment. We have an eye toward the future and be vigilant this kind of thing. Could you please make sure my concerns are voiced on the record? Thank you.