

Public Comment 4/14/22

I see that there is a resolution on the agenda concerning a contract from the county supporting “Greater Adult Neighbors DBA Arcadia Residence’s” application for licensure as an Assistive Living Program. Is this the same Arcadia on Carrier Street in Liberty which was an Adult home in the past? After googling Arcadia Liberty, I see the current ads for Arcadia advertising itself as “set in a charming residential neighborhood,” which I think most people would agree is a little misleading. In years past, Arcadia Adult Home provided a notoriously low standard of care for its residents. Having gone myself to the physical address yesterday, I saw that the building is now remodeled as part of Ahava Medical and Rehabilitation Center, but the building is not labeled as Arcadia anywhere on the outside signage. There has been quite a lot of talk on social media about the miserable, unsafe conditions of those county residents who are currently living in emergency housing, and even given that the Department of Family Services is attempting to cope expediently with the high numbers of those homeless, as well as large waiting lists for those in need of assisted living, I’d like to hear some assurance that those who are responsible for the quality of care in this county are looking deeper than the pictures the management of Ahava or the ACC may post on social media. I’d like to hear some assurance that management of Arcadia has changed and improved before the county rubberstamps approval of their application. Can we the public please get a little more information before you all blindly vote in favor of this resolution? Thank you.

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