

# Homeless Against Homelessness in America

- Giving a Hand up, Not a hand out
  - [hahanow.org](http://hahanow.org)

# Introduction

- We are composed of houseless, formally houseless and veterans focused on locating a safe place to rest for the unhoused community. We and our Local Leaders have a mutual desire to come together and discover new ways of helping our fellow citizens in Portland, Oregon. By creating a dignity village style location, we believe this can be done at little to no cost to the city and help end houselessness. Right now in Portland, there are up to 1500 people that have no place to sleep, especially couples and folks who have animals. They have no right for a safe and secure place to rest their head, or store their belongings. There is no place for people who live in their vehicles, who need a safe place to park.
- Seattle and Eugene, have allowed faith based organizations to have both tent cities and car-camping on their properties. Why is Portland so far behind, when we are usually the one at the forefront of the issues?

# We

- Portland, Oregon

- Can Do

Temporary place to sleep and secure belongings while providing services

- Location

- NW 6<sup>th</sup> and NW Flanders

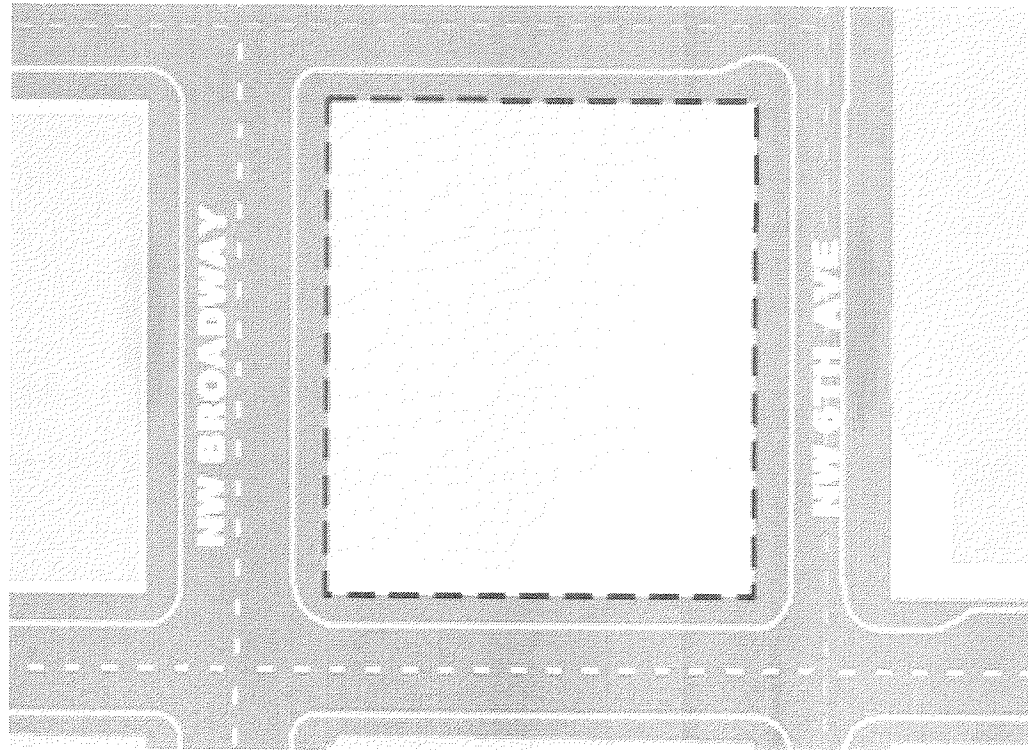
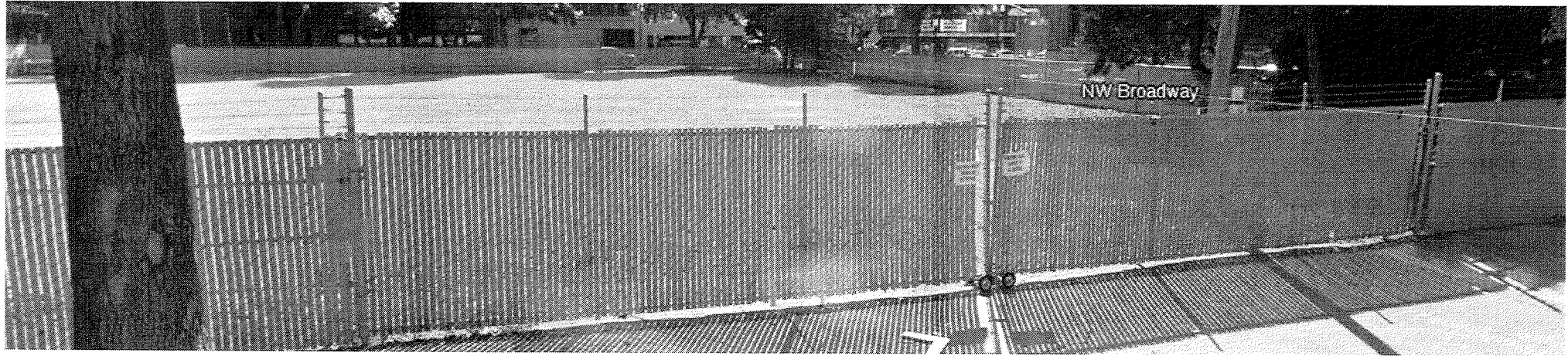
- We will provide this service at no cost to the city or county

- We will provide daily operational services and will branch out to other homeless services for tabling at any and all events

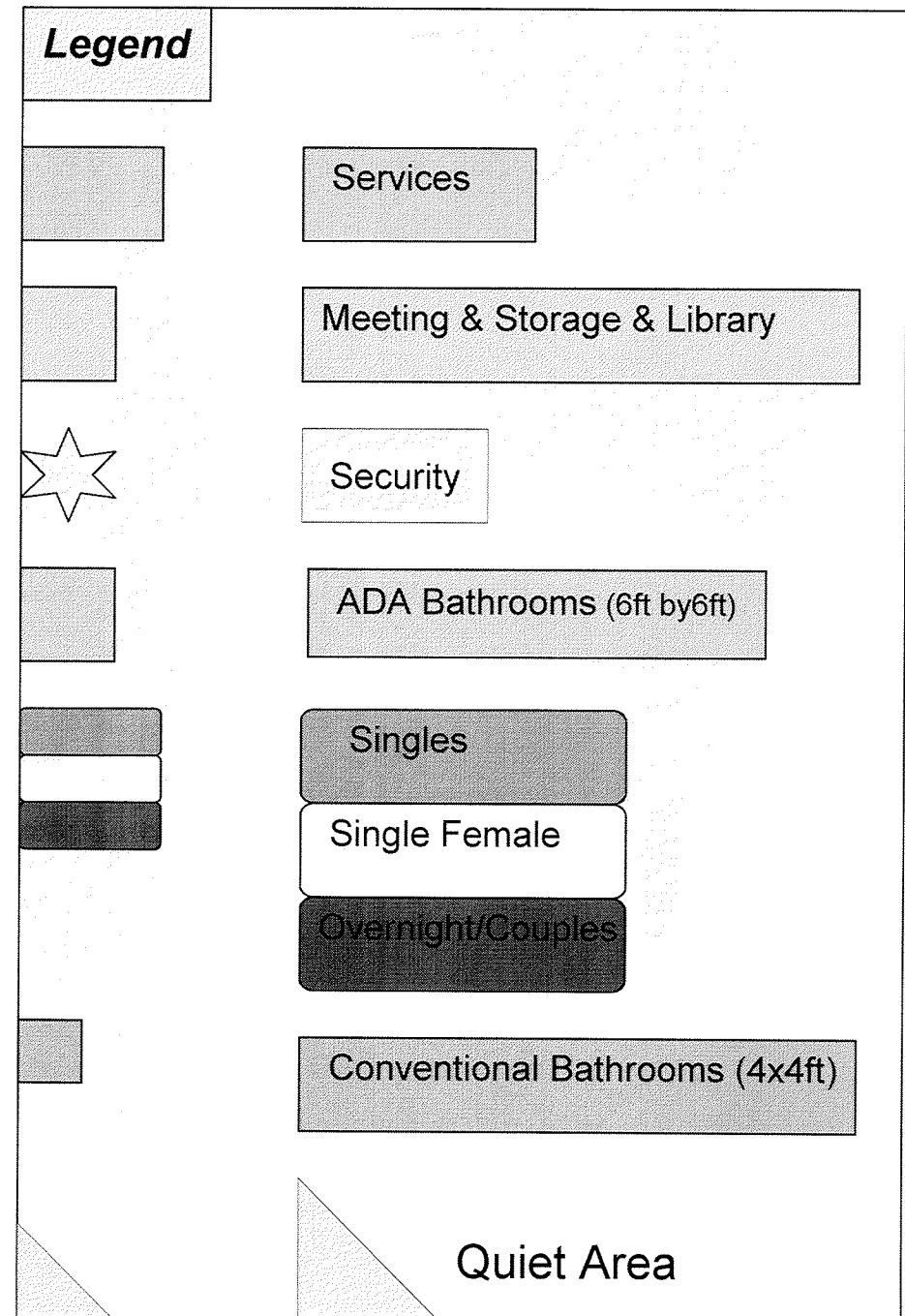
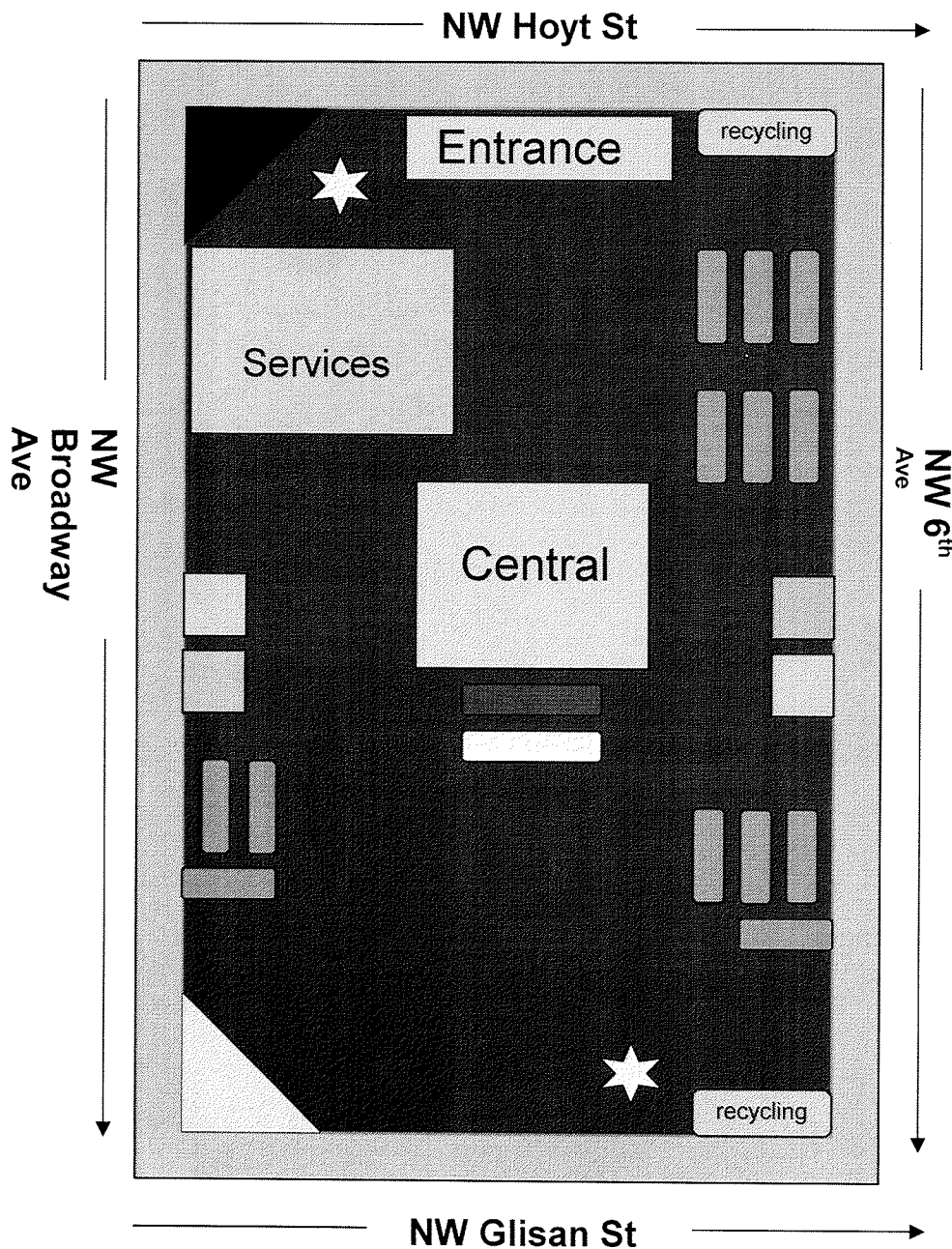
# Benefits

- We will help anyone who is willing to collaboratively work with our local leaders, as long as it's done in a transparent and dignified way. The space can be a working model in a centralized location for people to access services to help them in the right direction. We are here to give people a hand up, not a hand out; to help people live in a safe and dignified manner, no matter what their living situation is.
- By having a place, where people can locate social services and get the help that they need. By doing this, it will get people working on life plans that will allow them to live the rest of their lives in a safe and dignified manner. By providing computers and other resources to search out and reach out to employers and agencies, we all benefit.
- By joining all the services in an easily accessible site, it will make downtown business alliances happy by having a site that is clean and safe.
- By freeing up the sidewalks for their intended use. We can cut costs for the Portland Business Alliance and Government agencies and free up resources for other much needed services.

# Location



# Proposed Layout



# Neighborhood Benefits

- Business
  - Lower operational costs incurred
- Government
  - Possible property tax reduction
- People
  - A safe & secure place to sleep without harassment
  - Services for all people that need it
  - Helping

# Thank You

- Wade Varner (*Founder/President*)(HAHA)
  - (702) 204-5676
- Jason Kersten (*Executive/Treasurer*)(HAHA)
  - (503) 901-1780
- Karl Schave (*Secretary/IT*)(HAHA)
  - (503) 358-5830
- *Supporters*
- Art Rios Sr. (*Researcher, Advocate and Organizer*)(R2D2)
  - (503) 290-8199
- Brad Gibson (*Researcher, Advocate and IT*)(Dignity Village)
  - gibsonbc@gmail.com



**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION REQUEST  
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

Council Meeting Date: 11-7-12

AUDITOR 10/17/12 PM 1:37

Today's Date 10-17-12

Name WADE A Varner

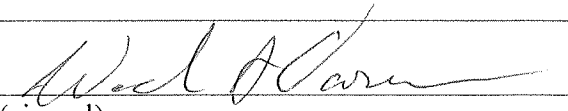
Address 333 NW 4<sup>th</sup> AVE #1011 PDX OR 97209

Telephone 702-204-5676 Email carnivorecafe@yahoo.com

Reason for the request:

to start homeless camp

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(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

*Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.*

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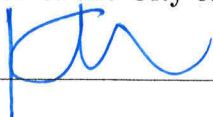
Request of Wade A. Varner to address Council regarding starting a homeless camp  
(Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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| 2. Fish                            |      |      |
| 3. Saltzman                        |      |      |
| 4. Leonard                         |      |      |
| Adams                              |      |      |