

HARVEY MILK STREET

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LESBIAN/GAY HISTORY ON SW STARK STREET<sup>1</sup>

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|----|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Pied Piper                             | 1217 SW Stark                      | Oldest continuous gay bar on Stark;<br>Late 1960s-2000s   |
| 2. | Three Sisters                          | 1125 SW Stark                      | Gay bar, 1969-2000s   |
| 3. | Somebody's Place                       | SW 11 <sup>th</sup> north of Stark | Popular gay bar in early 1980s  |
| 4. | Nortoria Hotel<br>[now Mark Spencer]   | SW Stark and 11 <sup>th</sup>      | Dr. Marie Equi and Harriet Speckart<br>lived here 1909-1911   |
|    | Same                                   |                                    | Bruce Stone, arrested in Vice Clique<br>scandal in 1912 [an early gay<br>"witchhunt"], lived here   |
| 5. | Music Hall nightclub                   | SW Stark and 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Opened 1937; by 1947, featured<br>female impersonators; gay night<br>club; very popular with large gay<br>community created by shipyards and<br>other workers in WWII; closed down<br>by Mayor Dorothy Lee in 1950s as<br>part of anti-vice efforts |
| 6. | Riptide<br>Reopened Roman's<br>Riptide | 949 SW Stark                       | 1965-1969<br>1970-73  |
| 7. | Benson Hotel Bar                       | SW Stark and Broadway              | 1966 in Damron Guidebook  |
| 8. | The Hotel Oregon                       | SW Stark and Broadway              | Dr. Marie Equi's apartment in 1920  |
| 9. | The Imperial Hotel                     | SW Stark and Broadway              | Popular social venue for gay<br>men; associated with Vice Clique<br>scandal of 1912   |

<sup>1</sup> This is a partial list that is ordered geographically. It is based largely on material in Tom Cook, *1999 Portland Gay History Walking Tour*, at <https://www.glapn.org/6045walkingtour.html>, accessed 3/16/2018. See also, George Painter, *The Vice Clique: Portland's Great Sex Scandal* (Portland, Oregon, 2013); Michael Helquist, *Marie Equi: Radical Politics and Outlaw Passions* (Corvallis, Oregon State University, 1915); and Peter Boag, "'Does Portland Need a Homophile Society'? Gay Culture and Activism in the Rose City between World War II and Stonewall," *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 105:1 (Spring 2004), 6-39.

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June 14, 2018  
City Hall Hearing  
Portland Oregon

I am in support of the naming of Harvey Milk Street.

My name is Suzanne Hale, and for nearly 24 years I have owned and operated the world famous diner, The Roxy, on SW Stark Street. Along with my staff, led by April Shattuck, we have gathered hundreds and hundreds of signatures in favor of this petition to change the name. Our customers supported this wholeheartedly as well. Even the tourists who could not sign it. Our staff and customers also generated hundred of letters in the successful campaign to release the Harvey Milk Stamp, which was unveiled at the White House, due in large part to the efforts of the International Court System, of which I have been a member for several decades.

We could not be more honored to have our address become 1121 SW Harvey Milk Street, Portland, Oregon. Harvey Milk is an icon not only to the LGBT community, but to seniors, immigrants, and all disenfranchised peoples. That is who we are in Portland.

The current name, Stark Street, represents a history that does not represent us. Benjamin Stark was the original landowner for which the street is currently named. Benjamin Stark was an unapologetic racist, a known advocate of slavery, opposed public schools, and fought in the Rogue River War, which slaughtered Indigenous Americans in the 1860's.

150 years of honoring bigotry is enough. Let us join the elite few cities, who are enlightened, and look toward a future that celebrates the best of us. Please vote to allow SW Stark Street to become SW Harvey Milk Street.

Thank you

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To Portland City Council & Portland Bureau of Transportation:

Working countless hours to capture perfectly Harvey's message of hope for the movie *Milk*, I came to understand what kind of effect that message can have on people. He gave a voice to people, life to spirits that are all too often shaken & trod upon. He spoke truth to power, inspired strength, and united people through their blossoming conviction & self-worth. In times like these, we must take definitive steps that illustrate our community values & our commitment to them – through art, legal protections, & public displays that affirm the goodness & the humanity of the people around us.

Portland's Harvey Milk Street Project is just that. It's an opportunity, a chance for Portland to prove to the many generations to come: we see our LGBTQ peoples. We value our LGBTQ peoples. And we're enthusiastic to go on the record as a city where the message of Harvey Milk lives & resonates in our daily lives. I hope you find his message alive in yourselves today, and I urge you to vote in favor of SW Harvey Milk Street.

Gus Van Sant  
Director of *Milk*  
February 7, 2018

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Hello Council,

Please excuse me – I am very nervous & English is my third language.

I am Jean Pierre Nugloze – you may remember me from my earlier testimony in January. I am from Togo, West Africa and own a clothing store on SW Stark Street.

I moved from my home country three years ago to save my life. I was a LGBTQ activist and one of the founders of the first gay rights association in Togo. When my country passed laws making it a crime to be homosexual, with years of prison time, I sought asylum here in Portland, Oregon.

I have personally experienced the violence gay people face in homophobic places. Portland has been a wonderful place to me, but we must be strong to keep it a safe and healthy city for all residents.

Harvey Milk Street will carry a message of hope within & beyond our city, that we respect the LGBTQ community. I would be so honored to have my store on a street that celebrates humanity & diversity, and I hope you will vote in support of Harvey Milk Street.

Thank you!



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January 30, 2018

Subject: Harvey Milk Street Renaming

The Downtown Neighborhood Association is proud to support the effort to rename SW Stark in honor of gay rights activist Harvey Milk. Downtown Portland was the historic center of Portland's LGBTQ community and, in light of its history, we agree that SW Stark Street is an appropriate street to rename for a prominent LGBTQ activist.

We all have a responsibility to create an inclusive community and we understand the symbolic significance that street names have in demonstrating our community values. Renaming a street sends a clear message that the LGBTQ members in our community are important, and that we as a City value their contributions to making Portland an open, welcoming, and wonderful place for everyone.

We look forward to joining the Harvey Milk Coalition at the official renaming event!

Best regards,

Felicia Williams  
President, Downtown Neighborhood Association



**Parsons, Susan**

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**From:** ERIC MARTIN <emartin1959@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:45 AM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Subject:** #656 agenda

Dear Mayor Ted and Council members,

I don't agreed with you to renamed the street of Harvey Milk. This 'Harvey Milk' belonged to S.F. California. I am formely lived in California. Please don't bring that name to name after our street "Stark". You need to look at the history they did lot of damage to our city hall and streets. It is not worthy. Listen our community's voice. I don't endorsed this agenda. I opposed this. I don't endorsed their LGBT--requests. I highly respected them. I don't endorsed them. Even conflict their Gay Pride on our Father's Day. No respect that. I have seen them...their parade...terrible behavior acts. I have a voice to say...I opposed this ordiance today. Listen our voices. Thank you. Eric Martin





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Lisa Schroeder  
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Portland, OR 97204

May 4, 2018

Portland City Hall  
1221 SW 4th Ave,  
Portland, OR 97204

Portland City Commissioners,

I'm writing you today about my enthusiastic support for the Harvey Milk Street Project. Honoring a nationally recognized LGBTQ activist like Harvey Milk sends a powerful message: Portland is a city that values & celebrates its LGBTQ community members. Currently, there are no major features in Portland honoring known LGBTQ activists.

Renaming SW Stark to SW Harvey Milk Street would:

- Demonstrate Portland's commitment to LGBTQ equity & inclusion
- Recognize the historical & cultural significance of the downtown neighborhood to Portland's nascent LGBTQ community
- Be a strong opportunity to acknowledge additional LGBTQ icons, heroes, & symbols along the street
- Send a message of hope & acceptance to LGBTQ youth

I encourage a vote in favor of Portland's Harvey Milk Street Project as a firm step toward a more welcoming, equitable city.

Thank you,

Lisa Schroeder

Chef/Owner

Mother's Bistro & Bar

**Parsons, Susan**

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**From:** Greg Davis <heresjohny1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** Parsons, Susan  
**Subject:** renaming streets

I'm all in favor of recognizing repressed groups, important leaders, but please quite spending tax payer dollars on renaming streets. This impacts the tax payers and businesses along stark street. Pretend the money is coming from you own bank account and you're not getting raise anytime in near future and if do it's only going to cover the cost of living increase (maybe) and you had to give up something like fix pot hole to pay for it.