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Parks are for everybody. This has been noted by councilperson Hardesty. I agree, parks are for everyone to use in a day-use fashion. Just as I would not be for a private company occupying any space on a semi-permanent basis (or group of companies swapping out), I do not endorse any citizens or group of citizens to be able to do that. Do not mistake this for a lack of empathy for those experiencing homelessness. Part of the reason I moved to Portland was that it was a city that did not throw those unlucky folks out of their borders to 'fix' the issue. This solution proposed however, is a compromise that suits no one and works for no one. We need actual city organization and fixes for this. Sites with regular trash collection, proper restroom/shower facilities, and other basics for people is needed. This is just a lazy and poorly planned response to the issue. Let's get real and do something big and bold to help the problems our homeless folks have, not the half-measures proposed here. They don't do anything besides let 'leaders' say they did something. Let's go!

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