

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 694

Agenda Item	Name	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
694	Debbie Kaye	Support with changes	<p>Greetings, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. I have concerns about the Outdoor Dining Program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been research on the percentage of restaurant customers who come by car (and need to park) versus those who come by other means? I live in NW Portland where there are a great many outdoor installations particularly along NW 21st and NW 23rd avenues. Arriving by car and needing to park is often a big challenge. I no longer have bus service less than 1 mile away from my home.</li> <li>2) Observing the challenges faced by Trimet buses on NW 23rd because of the installations, I am concerned about safety, especially in bad weather.</li> <li>3. The city has done a poor job of regulating the street dining enclosures for the last 3 years, and has often been unresponsive to neighbor concerns and complaints about noise. Consistent oversight must improve with this program.</li> <li>4. Pedestrians seem to forget that they are actually in a street, and dart out from behind the enclosures, perhaps because they cannot see around them. This imperils them, drivers, buses and Portland's beloved bikes and scooters.</li> <li>5. The sidewalk tables and chairs are so often placed such as to make it difficult to walk on the sidewalk. Once people are seated, they seem to forget that they are in a public right-of-way and spread out. The restaurant management does not appear to remind them to move out of the way.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns. From the reporting, it appears that the business community has had ample opportunity to weigh in and support this extension. I just learned about the proposal and hope that you will also hear from a range of Portland inhabitants.</p>	No	08/22/23 6:06 PM

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694-3	Mary	Sipe