

My work experience includes an almost unparalleled professional resume as a project manager and problem solver. I have worked both domestically and overseas on million dollar projects that demanded the highest craftsmanship possible.

When I decided to get to know my neighborhood better, I joined my neighborhood association. I have lived in Concordia since 1995.

After joining the Board, I said I was there do whatever they needed. Some one did come up to me to say, "You know, you look smarter than that."

I was asked to edit the local paper, Concordia News. There is no better way to get to know your neighborhood than doing this job.

CNA asked if I would be the representative on Alberta St, the city was asking for volunteers from the neighborhood assoc. to join Friends of Last Thursday.

Sit in on the meetings and report back. That was my agenda. I wasn't there out of any idealism, or thinking there was money to be made.

The Friends had spent a few months being internally contentious. When the divisive people left, the group that remained was handed a set of instructions to fulfill.

It went something like this:

City official: "See that hole over there with Last Thursday sticking out?"

Volunteer: "Yeah."

CO: "Look in the bottom."

V: "Oh. I see the City and OLCC."

CO: "They dug that hole."

V: " They dug that hole?"

CO: "Yeah. Can you get them out?"

V: "Yeah."

A year into my representation, I was asked to become the liaison to all of the city agencies, attend the meetings and police roll call before the event.

This fit my skill set. I looked at this job as reconciling the unique needs of each agency, the event itself and the impact problems through out the neighborhood. I put my personal phone number out. Call me with your problem and I will meet in person.

Little did I know that I would become one of the top managers of the second largest event in the city.

After the LT season in 2012, this group devised plans to solve all of these needs. I was proud to be a part of this solution. I didn't want this type of boorish behavior in my neighborhood either. I was puzzled by OLCC's unwillingness to address the behavior that results from selling as much alcohol as they can.

In January of 2013, we were told that the mayor's office was no longer going to staff the monthly agency meetings. By now we had worked with these agencies. We went to each one with our new plan, PBOT, County Health, and the police. Every where we were met with congratulations, your plan will make it safer, more efficient and help the event survive while allowing these agencies and the event to meet the goals set out.

Sounds pretty successful for a volunteer group that was given a pretty sticky problem?

Then we met with the new mayor and his entire staff. We were originally tasked by the city to figure this event out and solve the perceived problems. So, here we are to make that presentation,

Start a non-profit to run the event and attract people who were good but wanted a little more structure than Friends, we had met with people who could offer long term financing so we didn't have to beat the weeds for money, even though we had pared the expenses down to \$4k per month. We had proposed to an ad agency to re-voice the event and reached out to artists and organizations to help us turn the event back to more art. We were confident that we could accomplish all of this by the beginning of 2014. A self-sustaining event, a nonprofit to run it, a jewel of an art event. We qualified for the permit. And ran the event for one month.

After the May event we did not hear from the mayor's office until 7 days before the June event and the phone call from Mr Stover made such unattainable and un-reasoned demands, complying would have more than doubled our overhead, seven days before the event. Not one minute of consultation with Friends took place before these demands were set out.

Five months in to his term and the mayor knows so much that he doesn't even bother to consult with those that have been on the job for four years.

In the last two years of the mayor's involvement, not one problem has been mitigated.

They haven't lived up to the standard set by the volunteers, much less the standard they used to run us out.

*I was told by Mayor Hales that it's not about good management it is about politics.*

This volunteer group set up at the city's request has now been spoken about as a criminal group illegally managing an event by hostile take over. (what cares I for praise?)

When did this hostile take over occur? When the City ask for neighborhood volunteers to stand up, was that the hto?, when that volunteer group qualified for the city issued permit. Was that the hto?

When the mayor made such unattainable and unreasoned demands on the volunteers that they had no choice but resign, we certainly could come close to fulfilling them.

aside: the City hasn't either. Was that the hot?

When in 2014, the city announced a meeting to let the neighborhoods know their policy for LT, Mr Stover spent 20 minutes explaining how he has figured out how to order portapotties from his cubical and is now known as the portapotty king of city hall. And I thought, we are screwed.

There is no plan.

You might ask, where did we go wrong? I have asked that.

Why the kick in the volunteers' faces by the mayor and his project manager?

Why do they and their spokespeople continue to lie and spin stories about the volunteers?

Is this what other volunteer groups should keep in mind will happen to them?

What is the point of treating a volunteer group that stepped up in their neighborhood when asked, in such a shabby fashion? Is it the only way they can defend this last class management style in my neighborhood?

What?

I don't know how to get the numbers, but I guess that the city is making about 500 times more money from the resultant tax base that exists on Alberta because of Last Thursday's effect, than the cost of the event, even at the exorbitant waste of money by the current managers.

Nobody comes to Portland saying they just have to attend the next street fair. They come looking for Last Thursday, the last free performance stage, currently under demolition by the mayor and his staff.

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I would like to reserve a time to speak to the City Council on Oct. 8, 2014.

Topic: Last Thursday's effect on NE Portland.

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