

I am Susan West, with Friends of RiverPlace and an active member of Downtown Public Safety Committee, PDNA, ONI and others. Please see information I gave you.

I'm calling upon you to subcontract with the County to **open Wapato** for our homeless, drug rehab and mental health needs, moving our most vulnerable and their services outside of the dangerous downtown area. There are 4000 on the street now and they are desperate. This move opens a management center where services and folks in need work safely together and reduce the strain on downtown.

Let's lead the nation in our efforts to manage this problem before their population doubles again.

We used to have one of the best downtowns in the world, thanks to your vision, hard work and inter-bureau cooperation. Downtown citizens want to work with you to resolve our dangerous problems: homelessness, drug addiction, sex trafficking, drug trafficking, crime, and mental health issues.

Local residents are afraid. We have had to call police and Park Rangers more than 10 times in the last few weeks for drug overdoses, public masturbating, undressing, shooting up, aggressive dogs, camp fires near dry grass, permanent camping, blocking public access on public beaches and docks and other alarming behaviors.

We daily pick up hypodermic needles, drug paraphernalia, broken beer bottles and pornography right where tourists and children walk barefoot. See my photos.

Literally every hour we walk, we have to stop and report dangerous issues. Last Wed I reported the Tom McCall Waterfront Park area. Thursday David Anderson saw a tourist with a child at that same place and he ran down to warn them to leave the area, accidently getting pricked by a needle. Besides needles and trash, he found the wallet and ID of the recently escaped inmate from Washington County. We cleaned this area as we do others, every day.

The fabric of our good city is being destroyed. The first place escaped convicts and others go for drugs or underage prostitutes is downtown PDX!

If rules and regulations are not made and enforced, respect for public officials will go downhill. We elected you to solve Public Safety problems. Let's make those tough decisions and work together.

Monday my hairdresser, Donna Harris, told me that her 24 yr old son Neal moved downtown. Within 6 months her high achieving Mormon boy was on heroin and committed suicide. Neal said drugs are on every corner and he couldn't get off them.

In Kodiak Alaska, a street alcoholic told my husband that everyone up and down the coast knows to go to PDX for free handouts and drugs.

Even though solutions are not perfect, we need to move today. **Without your further help, it is dangerous and meaningless for us to volunteer.**

We are good citizens who support you and would prefer to leave you alone to do your job. But today, we need to tackle this problem together as we did with Parks and RiverPatrol to move the polluting boats off the downtown docks.

What more can we do to help this process along?

FRIENDS OF RIVERPLACE



This award is to the best group in 3 citizen categories. The volunteers were recognized for exceptional service, innovative approaches to problem solving, recruitment, unique organizing skills.

“Thanks to Susan West, Marlon Bump and Deputy Shanks, the RiverPlace Marina is a safe place for the community to enjoy and for boaters to dock. Susan, Marlon and Deputy Shanks contacted Crime Prevention in early 2015 to start a Community Foot Patrol for the RiverPlace Marina. The public docks at this marina had become over-run by loitering, drug dealing and other problems. Community Members were feeling unsafe and increasingly frustrated by the continued violations of park rules. Susan, Marlon and Deputy Shanks were instrumental in organizing one of the largest Foot Patrols in recent times within the City of Portland. The FRIENDS OF RIVERPLACE foot patrol is thriving with upwards of 35 members. Because of their regular and random safety walks around the marina docks and area, the community can feel safer while enjoying this space.”

We would like Portland to:

- Work with Multnomah County to open Waputo for humane housing and drug treatment, creating a management center that effectively treats our vulnerable and reduces the strain on downtown.
- Increase Police walking beat and back up the officers.
- Put bright lights 24/7 under bridges.
- Continue working with other Bureaus to regulate and enforce illegal and unsafe behavior.

8.12.15

This is the children's Poetry Beach (near the Marriott Suite Hotel, in front of David Evans and The Strand) It is currently a drugging, drinking, open fire, camping haven. Broken glass, excrement, big dogs, drug needles, meth baggies, beer bottles and trash are picked up daily by our volunteers. Campers have aggressively verbally attacked both myself and Parks Maintenance people. All of our surrounding area on the waterfront is as bad. On this day there were 2 groups of toddlers (18) from nearby day centers, plus tourists, teens and local residents that were in danger and scared away. **Help us make downtown safe again!**

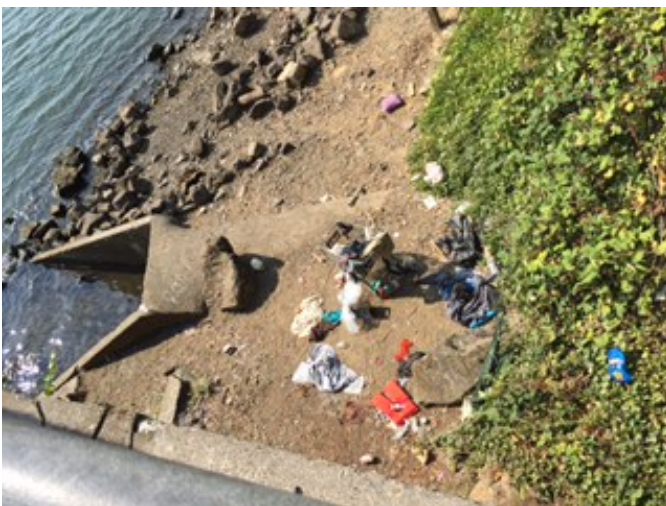


To the left of the bushy tree is the exact spot of an open fire last week. Upper right is the open gas can there all week. There were 3 open fires last week (that I know of) during our Oregon Drought and near dry grass. This is against burning regulations and dangerous. We called both non-emergency and Park Rangers (who came) but no one put out the fires.



Last Wednesday, (8.12.15) at the north end of MCall Bowl, there were 3 permanent campers with a big dog right by the walking path near the river. They had a huge mess all the way down to the beach. It was too dangerous for us to clean up but I saw 7 board paddlers with bare feet come close to the beach and stood by to warn them if they disembarked. There most likely was excrement and needles. It horrified people that walked by. We reported it to Parks.

The next day, volunteer David Anderson walked by and saw the same problem with there was a mom and a 5 yr old on the beach by the trash! He yelled at them to leave and as he went down to evaluate the situation, he was pricked by a needle. (He is seeing a Dr) The shore was full of needles and junk. He found ID that belonged to an escaped Washington County inmate. He cleaned part of it and is returning for the rest.



Everyone knows to go to downtown PDX along the Esplanade for quick and cheap drugs.

It's alarming for women and elderly to come upon someone's bedroom and big dog by a path in a park!!

Thank you for changing policy, coordinating Bureaus, making and enforcing regulations to make Downtown Portland safe again.

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From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Aug 19 Public Comment
Attachments: Testimony Susan West City Council 8.19.15.docx

Karla

Thank you for your direction. Attached is my testimony for Wed, Aug 19. Topic: Downtown Public Safety. It is 4 pages in Word.

You can send it the Councilors for a digital copy and I will bring 7 color copies.

Thank you
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From: Moore-Love, Karla [mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Subject: RE: July 29 Public Comment

Hello Susan,

Sorry, I should have let you know the details for testifying at City Council:

- Communications are the first item on the official agenda and we start at 9:30 a.m.
- Chamber doors open at 9:15 a.m. No need to sign in as you are already listed on the agenda. <https://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=26997>
- You will have three minutes to address the Council but you may also submit written material, please provide seven copies.
- Communications allow the Council to hear of issues that interest our citizens but does not allow an opportunity for dialogue.
- Council takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd floor, Council Chambers.

Please let me know if you are not able to keep this appointment.

Regards,
Karla
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Moore-Love, Karla

August 19

From: Susan <susan@bluemoonastrology.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: July 8 Public Comment

Hello Karla

Please put me down for Public Comment on July 8. I would like to discuss downtown partnerships for Public Safety.

Thank you

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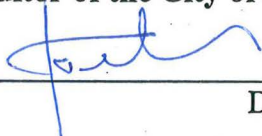
Request of Susan West to address Council regarding downtown partnerships for
public safety (Communication)

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