

Evan Ross

Owner: Cycle Portland (a Sightseeing Bike Tour and Rental Company in Old Town/ China Town)
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Two distinct groups:

1) Oregon residents who have housing needs because they struggle with unemployment/ low income, mental health needs, and/ or addiction

and

2) Traveling Gangs.

Suggested Solutions:

Increase foot patrol in all Old Town/ China Town and adjacent public parks to build relationships and begin to differentiate those in need and those who prey on those in need.

The existing Old Town/ China Town Police office is a good resource that is already there that is being underutilized. Walking beats between the North Park Blocks and the Waterfront Park have the opportunity to use this space and activate it.

Begin consistent enforcement of existing laws regarding camping, school zone drug use, etc...

We either need more rangers in the program to be able to enforce the laws in the park, or we need to put clean and safe back in Tom McCall waterfront park. The current ranger program is not working and simply not enforcing laws in our parks is unacceptable.

Reach out to other cities that are having success with their programs and begin collaborating.

Take a look at the success that Salt Lake City has had with their programs see what tools we can use here in Portland.

Create a constitutional sit-lie ordinance based on ADA requirements:

During our stakeholder meeting yesterday it became clear that it is possible to create an ordinance to keep sidewalks clear and buildings accessible if there is the will to do it.

More aggressive Officer recruitment:

Our Police department is woefully understaffed even though we have money in the budget to pay for more officers. How can we get more citizens to want to be police officers?

Create an urgent plan and solution for indoor housing:

The current situation with R2D2 has negatively affected the neighborhood and the businesses around it. Although many seem to think that the camp has been a good neighbor, as a business owner just two blocks away I have a different opinion and would ask that the city follow through on their commitment to move the camp to a more suitable location.

Thank you for your time and your continued work on making Old Town/ China Town a safe place for Residents, Visitors, Employees and those who are most vulnerable -the population that is in the neighborhood to take advantage of the services that are being provided for them.

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Evan Ross <portlandbicycle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:52 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Request to Testify from Evan Ross

Hello, I am a downtown business owner and would like to address City Council on the topic of Lawlessness and Crime in the Old Town/ China Town Neighborhood. Please let me know when the earliest available time slot is, thank you.

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Request of Evan Ross to address Council regarding lawlessness and crime in the
Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood (Communication)

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