

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Moore-Love, Karla
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Hales, Charlie; Fritz, Amanda; Fish, Nick; Saltzman, Dan; Novick, Steve
Cc: Finn, Brendan; Wiggins, Rachael; Broughal, Justine; Salazar, Goldann; Quitugua, Betsy; Gleason, Megan
Subject: FW: Is this relevant [enough] to the agenda this upcoming week?
Attachments: wayne_w_testimony.docx

Testimony from Wayne Wignes for this week's second reading item #957.

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Subject: Is this relevant [enough] to the agenda this upcoming week?

Terminal 1 testimony

- First off, there is a two hundred and fifty million dollar housing bond on the table which will create 1300 units. Homer is going to accommodate the same amount of people using less than fifty million in public funds. Consider how we offer homeless a years' worth of free rent in the TPI building, and how we subsidize the rents of so many more who would otherwise be homeless. Homer is taking pressure off of this system of offering everyone their own individual unit by any unsustainable means necessary and in the long run is saving the city a LOT of money.

If the numbers reported by the Oregonian were correct and this place could operate off of 132,000/ month then charging just the 700 on the transitional housing side \$200/ month would make it more than break even.

Thus it is stupid we're debating market rate leases. The term 'ratepayer' itself is both demeaning and misleading; as if many homeless have not paid for these services throughout most of their lives.

- Separately from this, I very support the preservation of this type of infrastructure in the river district as group identity, confidence, culture, community, as well as a place that is within reach where you can clean up and find a safe and warm nights rest can all be important things when in this situation.

However, consider why you pay rent. It means you have autonomy, 24/7 access, and responsibility. You go through applications to determine whether you would be a responsible tenant, and when you cause a disturbance or damage the property you get evicted. In missions however both screening and accountability are mostly missing. Hence when someone gets drunk and damages the property, or sneaks out to deal drugs these things backfire on everyone. Suddenly no one can be there during the day, full grown adults are given a curfew, and when you come in for at night you must stay put until getting kicked out at 6 am.

Though missions are necessary, what is missing is an effective filter capable of differentiating between those who need help and those who simply need options. Right now our options are to pay more than we can afford for our own unit, to be criminalized and on the run outside, or to be treated like prisoners in a mission. I hope the city, homer, and anyone else involved in running the campus consider this in regards to both the mission and transitional housing side of this campus.

As a homeless man, I would really only trust the place if and when it is offered as an honest rental. I don't want your help or charity, I want options and my own freedom.

MIT graduate has shown the primary cause of inequality over the last fifty years is housing.

Washington post reports the numbers simply don't add up when trying to offer everyone their own individual unit.

The bottom line is privacy and offering everyone their own individual unit limits the number of people paying rent per square foot.

Thank you.

Wayne Wignes

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From: David Walls <david-walls@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 3:38 PM
To: cctestimony@Portland.gov; Commissioner Saltzman; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Novick; Hales, Mayor; Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Re: Feasibility study of mass shelter should include all options

Follow Up Flag: PRINT FOR ITEM 957
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Dear Portland City Council,

I apologize for the multiple emails, but wanted to follow up after receiving a response from Commissioner Saltzman who stated that the Council has done it's due diligence by reviewing over 120 possible sites to provide services to the homeless. It was stated that the majority (but not all) of the sites were ruled out. Certainly there are viable alternative that may be a better option for services to the homeless than terminal 1.

I am wondering, **if the city is prepared to apply for a grant to research shelter options for the homeless, why is the grant strictly limited to a feasibility study at terminal 1 and forgo any opportunities for alternatives that may provide better options for homeless services?** Since Homer Williams has generously offered funds to assist Portland's homeless, surely this offer is not contingent on a single site, but is meant to truly address core issues causing homelessness.

I ask that the grant request not limit the study to terminal 1 and include and review of additional sites that could provide services to the homeless for the best possible outcome.

Sincerely,

David Walls

From: David Walls <david-walls@msn.com>
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Subject: Feasibility study of mass shelter should include all options

Dear Portland City Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments regarding the Council's consideration of authorizing a grant proposal of \$100,000 for a feasibility study of a mass homeless shelter to be located at terminal 1. The proposal limits the study to the Terminal 1 site. If Portland is considering a mass shelter as an option for Portland's homeless, **a study for a mass shelter should include an impact analysis with multiple site options to ensure that the shelter will have the best chance of success.** Authorizing a study to consider only one possible location not only limits the probability of success, but ignores the financial, community, environmental, health and safety considerations of such a massive project.

Additionally, the analysis is limited to the study of mass shelter. The study should include an analysis of other options to the mass shelter. Would funding smaller, resource focused shelters and housing opportunities be a better use of these funds? I know of no business that would undertake such a large project, without a thoughtful analysis of options and urge the City Council to act in the best interest of the community in which they serve and ensure that a feasibility study for a mass shelter include multiple options for consideration.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns in greater detail should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Walls
Portland Resident

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From: Debbie Hutchins <debbiehutchins@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 4:17 PM
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Subject: Re: TERMINAL 1 - MUBARAK???

Mayor Hales et al ...

Okay, so we are going to "try it".

Do you think we should be "trying it" with Ibrahim Mubarak in a leadership role? Media reports Homer is "talking to him". His conduct in the meeting today was far from stable and his temperament questionable. His accusation loudly directed to a single mom testifying that she is teaching her child to be prejudice was way out of line and I was VERY concerned when, my daughter, Avery Hutchins, was called up to testify at the same time he was. A belligerent man who thought it appropriate to use foul language in a child's presence. Avery ad libbed the part (though true) about her mom not writing her speech. She told me she added that because she didn't want him accusing me of teaching her to be prejudiced too. She was poised but told me she was actually quite nervous, because of his demeanor and language.

I don't know who will be in charge of staffing the shelter, but I can tell you as a Riverscape resident I feel even more concerned if Mubarak will be in charge. He gives the impression he will have ZERO concern for his neighbors.

Good luck to you all.

Debbie Hutchins

On Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 4:41 PM, Debbie Hutchins <debbiehutchins@gmail.com> wrote:
 Dear Mayor Hales and Mayor Elect Wheeler:

First, thank you for your service to our city.

I am very concerned about what appears to be an ill-conceived plan to use Terminal 1 as a homeless shelter.

Why not Wapato?

- 1) Wapato is designed to house people with, beds, toilets, kitchens, etc.
- 2) Wapato doesn't suffer from DEQ issues
- 3) Wapato isn't near a family neighborhood
- 4) Wapato has already been invested in by tax payers, why not use it?

It seems that the difficulties that San Antonio's "Haven" has experienced are being overlooked. Citing form several articles I have read on the topic:

45 suicide attempts in two years. The Willamette River and railroad tracks are awfully dangerous for mentally challenged, suicidal homeless persons.

178 calls regarding thefts. There is a very active family community in nearby Pacifica, Riverscape, and Waterline.

1,877 police responses in that two year period?

Please don't "**experiment**" with the safety of our most vulnerable citizens or our nearby residents, young and old.

THANK YOU for reading and see you tomorrow!

Respectfully,

Debbie Hutchins