

Terminal 1 testimony: 9/21/2016

Using the two hands given to you to find a night's rest and safety is a natural right. Like it or not, natural rights supersede property based constitutional rights.

Even congregation is a natural right as finding safety in numbers for a night's rest, accessing shared resources, developing a sense of trust and confidence, and yes, access to mates – all are found by the formation of groups. Hundreds of millions of years evolving through group selectivity urges us to be predisposed to form and identify as groups with good reason; without the aforementioned things, we would simply not be here. I cannot think of a better definition of a need than that.

If one is not free to use the two hands given them to harvest the resources and land given all of us, to congregate, and to make for themselves then yes, homeless people are entitled to something more than being treated like a prisoner in missions.

I want the city, Homer, and anyone else involved considering why you pay rent. To me it means I have autonomy, 24/7 access, and responsibility. In missions, however both screening and accountability are missing. Hence, when someone gets drunk and damages the property or sneaks out at night to deal drugs, then 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 at night you must stay put and wait to get kicked out at 6 am. Furthermore, missions sustain themselves with money from people who never have to endure their treatment.

Being without property is not a crime. 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 outside, or to be treated like prisoners in missions. There are hundreds of day laborers in Portland and many who receive government checks, but they'll be the first to tell you that \$800/ month is not getting them their own place, food, and transportation in this town.

I mention all of this because when reviewing the Harbor of Hope website I saw absolutely no mention of things like autonomy or freedom, and they seemingly confused accountability with subservience.

***Public right of way: The public right of way under the Burnside Bridge is leased to White Stag LCC. I'd question the legality of using caution tape to block off what is a public right of way. People are going to be there because it is overhead protection from the rain. We can have them out of the way or we can have them overflowing onto the MAX stop which is a safety hazard and interferes with the usability of the sidewalks that people actually use at night downtown.

***Micromanagement of homeless: Bike police are treating homeless different than they do regular citizens. Laying down in a public park in broad daylight is no crime, and these bike cops are discriminating when taking it upon themselves to micromanage people in this fashion.

Thank you.

Wayne Wignes

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Ms. Moore,

Apologies for yesterday, I did not see the second reading in parenthesis at the end.

Are there any communication slots available for next week? If not I'll take the earliest Wednesday available.

I just wanted a chance to say what I came to say yesterday in regards to Terminal 1 and equitable housing. Attached is the testimony I sent you a few days ago.

Thanks.

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Terminal 1 testimony: 8/17/2016

- First off, there is a 250-million-dollar housing bond on the table, which will create 1300 units. Though his plans maybe changed, Homer was considering accommodating the same amount of people using less than 50 million in public funds.
 - Considering the TPI building, which is full of people for whom we pay a year of more of free rent for, and how we subsidize the rents of so many more that would otherwise be homeless, Homer is taking pressure off of this system and is perhaps saving the city a LOT of money in the long run. Thus, it is unfounded how we have been debating market rate leases. The term 'ratepayer' as it is being used is both misleading and offensive; as if *many* homeless have not paid for these services throughout most of their lives.
- An MIT economist published a groundbreaking paper a couple of years ago showing that by far the leading cause of inequality over the last 50 years has been housing. The Urban Institute recently reported that the numbers simply do not add up when trying to give everyone their own individual unit. The bottom line to me is privacy limits the number of people paying rent per square foot and giving everyone their own unit just does not work.
- So obviously, I believe in this kind of infrastructure. However, I wanted the city, Homer, and anyone else involved to consider why you pay rent. To me it means I have autonomy, 24/7 access, and responsibility. In missions, however both screening and accountability are missing. Hence, when someone gets drunk and damages the property or sneaks out at night to deal drugs, then 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 and wait to get kicked out at 6 am.
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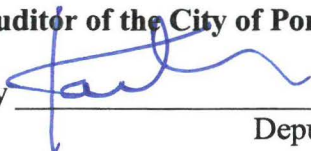
Thank you.

Wayne Wignes

Request of Wayne Wignes to address Council regarding Terminal 1 and equitable housing (Communication)

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