

From: [Bjorn Lauritzen](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Proposed Site for Micro Shelters
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:09:21 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a tenant of the Forum Apartment Complex. I wish to remain anonymous as I'd prefer not to aggravate any parties.

Setting up a micro shelter in the prescribed location is admirable, necessary, and a great use of land within the city. I think it would be the perfect place for micro shelters.

My fears are the following:

lack of services

lack of plumbing

exaggerated police presence

lack of upward mobility

and an increase in issues in the area due to the above.

If such a shelter is to be put in place, we MUST provide the services necessary to create the possibility of upward mobility. We need job recruiting staff, mental health professionals, and general health professionals to provide the basic building blocks to enfranchise the unsheltered. The shelters must be safe & warm. Access to services must be immediate, consistent, and affable.

There are no bathrooms on site. They will need bathrooms, showers, etc. All of these improvements must function & provide safety for those seeking shelter. (ie: they must have doors that lock, etc)

I highly recommend creating a service similar to the San Francisco Street Crisis Response Team as a stop gap measure to prevent the unnecessary use of LEOs. LEOs have an extraordinarily dangerous job. They are trained quite well for that. However, interactions with the unsheltered require a different approach. Furthermore, I'd rather have LEOs focused on violent crime rather than mental health crises. LEOs focus on violent crime is a much better use of taxpayer \$\$\$. Finally, by streamlining an approach to law enforcement, we may work towards reclaiming the respect the officers deserve due to their dedication to the community & an extraordinarily dangerous line of work.

The SF crisis response team:

<https://sf.gov/street-crisis-response-team>

I am sure there are a variety of other needs which I am not addressing. However, if these are met, I think the city will be able to mitigate any prospective increase in crime etc. We may create a safe community to reinfranchise the lost souls, and increase the stability & strength of Salem, Oregon, and, in some small way, set a positive example for the US as a whole.

Thank you for your work.

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Sincerely,

Bjorn Lauritzen

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“Everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
And no one shall make them afraid
They'll be safe in the nation we've made
I wanna sit under my own vine and fig tree
A moment alone in the shade
At home in this nation we've made”

-George Washington in *Hamilton*

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From: [Dan canales](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Micro Shelter sites
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:31:59 PM

1280 Center St.

This would be a big mistake, to an already overwhelming problem here.
Increasing the amount of street garbage, littered drug paraphernalia <needles, kits> that I normally find on a weekly basis, as I walk to work.
Not to mention the human waste I find. Open drug use.

There will be a rise in violence in our neighborhood.
Assaults, domestic police calls,
Pedestrian harassment, assaults, stalking, forced panhandling,

A Lot of elderly and young teens and children live here. Who now will be unwilling daily victims, Of this assault on our community.

\\\ BY THE WAY WHERE IS THE NOTIFICATION SIGNAGE ON THE PROPOSED SITE LOCATION> At the site and address, should be posted?..

Kind of strange.

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Dan

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of derek@agsadowski.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Opposition to Micro Shelters at Peace Plaza
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:52:58 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Derek A.Sadowski
Your Email	derek@agsadowski.com
Message	<p>A half-dozen Gaiety Hill neighbors have previously submitted numerous comments and questions via the City of Salem website section that asks for comments on Micro Shelters and specifically Peace Plaza. None of these comments or questions have been included in the exhibits listed as public testimony and we suspect our comments are being suppressed. We are unanimously and vehemently opposed to utilizing Peace Plaza as a location for micro shelters or any other housing project. Beyond the dozen reasons previously offered, the diminished property value of our historic homes will result in legal action to reverse any decision the City may make to utilize Peace Plaza for the purpose of micro shelters. We have already consulted a local law firm and are prepared to take action. We will not allow our lifelong investments in this Historic neighborhood to be diminished via this ill-advised folly.</p>

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of WillyKohne@yahoo.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Micro Home Village at Library Peace Plaza
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:18:33 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Wilmr A Kohne
Your Email	WillyKohne@yahoo.com
Message	<p>I submitted a protest letter on a webpage designated for responses to the City of Salem upcoming hearing on the micro home village at the Library. My response is not listed as an item for city council review. Thus, I will summarize here in hopes my voice is heard. My answer? NO. There goes the Library! Altho the city owns the Peace Plaza adjacent to the remodeled Library. this central location will become a travesty for the library itself, the employees of city hall and the library, and the nearby historic residential neighborhood. This village is more than (24?) little huts, but will include support trailers/tents for meals, toilets/showers, and security. It will totally transform this formerly public space into permanent housing. Hence, activists will have no place to assemble for protests! Given the small hut size for residents, it is probable that they will tire of their surrounds, migrate to the interior and use the Library as a day center. The city just got this important facility back, and this invasion will likely affect participation by the many families who venture there. Or, as observed this last year, there are many vagrants now wandering aimlessly through the residential neighborhood, looking for opportunities (to steal, vandalize, litter, and camp) on private property. A developed village of disadvantaged people will surely inspire an increase in visitations. And where is the State of Oregon in this issue? It closed the State Hospital where many of these people should have been treated. And the drugs that infect more-than-a-few will surely find their way into the village. The government always looks for solutions to problems it created. As a result, the lives of 95% of its citizenry are compromised or restricted to solve a 5% problem. These small villages will have little impact on the many-hundreds of homeless people now camped in our downtown area.</p>

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