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Message	<p>Tonight is your night to finally undo all the problems you and others in this community have created by pandering to vagrants. Our downtown, once booming and industrious, is now a ghost town, inhabited by nothing more than vagrants cruising around looking to pitch a tent and set up camp, leaving their debris and feces laying around. And have you people already approved showers, toilets, and lockers for these people? It is long overdue for you to pay attention to the majority of us in this town who vote and pay taxes. We do not want our money going to support these endeavors. In fact, we need to make this a place where vagrants will not want to come or stay by providing none of these things and closing sidewalk use to them also. These vagrants are a blight on our community and a benefit to no one. And in case you don't get it yet, these people, by and large, are not homeless--they are vagrants by choice. They don't want to work or do anything productive. They are part of the entitlement crowd, just wanting more and more and doing nothing to contribute to this city. Yes, we have our truly homeless, but the majority of these folk are not. For once, stand up for businesses and people in this city and end this pandering to vagrants.</p>

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**Cc:** Steve Bellshaw; Kathy Sime; Norman Wright; citycouncil  
**Subject:** FW: Opportunity for Salem Homeless to find "Purpose" at Hope Crest  
**Attachments:** Document4.docx

**Good Evening, Chuck-**

**We pray the council finds a meaningful and successful path in your “Sidewalk” discussion tonight. As you heard me mention recently, an ordinance must be enforceable over long term; not just overnight. The Golden Rule must prevail on both sides.**

**To that end, a proposal is currently in process to revive the Hillcrest facility for the purpose of helping the Salem Homeless. That is not just a roof and food; but a facility where they may enroll and practice learning self-discipline on the path to be reintegrated into the workforce.**

**Additionally, it could serve as solution as to what to do with Homeless that are not illustrating good manners in public. Rather than an attempt to place short term in jail, they could enroll at Hope Crest and find their own long term solution and purpose in their lives.**

**Please review the attached business plan and visualize the benefits this may have to reducing, rather than growing, the downtown homeless problem.**

**Thank you.**

**Gene Pfeifer  
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## HOPE CREST (Hillcrest) vision for “Homeless Husbandry”

### OPPORTUNITY TO FIND PURPOSE: A NEW SOCIAL FIELD

### SYMBIOTIC POTENTIAL SOLUTION FOR HOMELESS WITH WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN RESULTS FOR SALEM, OREGON

### CURRENT BUSINESS PLAN OUTLINE for HOPE CREST

#### TOPIC OUTLINE:

#### I) SALEM HOMELESS SOLUTION IS STAGNANT:

Downtown, retail Salem has become a magnet to the homeless because of a basic human need, “food”. Sympathetic and responsible charitable organizations and members of the community have been providing this essential for a number of years. Unfortunately, this resource has become a draw for even more homeless who are in desperate situations. Some without basic shelter must even wait for the temperature to drop to 27 degrees before they are accepted into a shelter.

This being the case, in an urban center that has inadequate restrooms even for the general public, unhealthy conditions prevail on sidewalks and store entries because of no alternatives in emergencies that are the product of “food”. Retailers and shoppers are discouraged by the stigma harmful to a declining local economy. A half dozen downtown brick and mortar restrooms within current building faces, supported by Urban Renewal funds, would be a beneficial solution, even for retail shoppers.

Though the numbers have grown in excess of hundreds of homeless, politicians have become focused on providing “sustainable” apartments or tiny homes as solutions. These shelters cannot even accommodate a small fraction of the numbers; but in themselves proliferate the problem. Because the homeless, becoming accustomed to their 15% standard level of living, become accustomed to the handout, and be a perpetual drain on society. Yes, rather than a sustainable solution, by just providing free housing with no obligation or responsibility, the problem of homelessness would be thus “sustained” and continue to be stagnant.

## **II) WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION?**

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Upon interviewing the mentally and physically Salem homeless, even if hobbled, the common theme is the lack of resources that may routinely accommodate a method of integration back into the work force. Even a part time job, or jobs at minimal wages. They often refer to finding a “gig”, a job that probably does not provide social security and is often cash under the table. Additionally, it may be illegal.

These are people that may even be highly educated, that made some mistakes to be in their current predicament. Most want repentance and their lives back. One 45-year-old lady recently interviewed, found walking her bike with a large and neatly packed wagon behind it, had been in prison for DUI manslaughter. She is physically and mentally healthy. She emphasized the desire to have a job, to be able to prosper with her daughter and granddaughter. To have a chance. To have meaning; to have a job; to have “Purpose”.

## **III) DISCIPLINED JOB INTRODUCTION TO WORK PROGRAM:**

Another problem with the major organization which serve the Salem homeless is the there is nothing for them to do. Union Gospel Mission, Arches and the Salvation Army provide food and some shelter. There is a turnover and limit period for shelter.

A facility is necessary that will keep them occupied all hours of the day, and encourages them to not be loitering on the streets or looking for handouts at a traffic intersection. At the same time, in a proper focused setting, there is more than enough adequate time to bring in representatives of industry and retail who may introduce their hiring needs and find those who may qualify or be mentored into their work slots.

In the meantime, besides providing mental and physical challenge, the basic needs for those unfortunate to be homeless, food, shelter and clothing, can be met.

To be initiated into a workable program would require them to enroll into and agree to a disciplined temporary form of life that would guide them towards proper life decisions and permanent jobs. Some would be qualified to be in a temporary or permanent work program in support of the homeless training facility. Others may be helpful in the coordination and operation of the social studies of “Homeless Husbandry”.

Enrollment periods may be for 6 or 12 months, etc. Enrollment is also a commitment that they will graduate and move on to afford housing with financial support from their own jobs. The momentum will hopefully rebuild their confidence, “purpose” in life, that will springboard them into improved jobs and living conditions.

#### **IV) EXISTING FACILITY AVAILABLE:**

Hillcrest, an existing 207,000 sqft State of Oregon facility is available with a rural setting; yet within the urban growth boundary of Salem. Two years ago it had been deemed surplus and the temperature maintained at 55 degrees; yet remain empty. All the amenities needed for a new form of scholastic opportunity are available (See VIII). The facility price is reasonable as well; and provides a sustainable model for this solution. However, warm and operable buildings need management, educational training, patience, moral fabric, and a purposeful organization which already has these social and educational needs in its vision.

#### **V) NEW NON-PROFIT HAS PURPOSE AND VISION:**

Just three miles from the Hillcrest facility is an existing higher education model university than could provide the go power and fulfilling vision to both help the area homeless, and stabilize the school’s foundation purpose, well into the future.

Upon review of possible curriculums, there are multiple educational disciplines which will be benefited by this symbiotic association. Care and inspiration for the homeless will alternatively open a new chapter of understanding and ministry to those who become lost in life’s complexities. For instance. Why does this couple now prefer to live in a cold wet tent throughout an Oregon winter? Why does this young man become claustrophobic living in a building? Why does this man, who has been a successful professor in a university, now only want to garden? How do we help one’s pain, finding forgiveness for past harm to their family?

#### **VI) INTELLECTUAL GROWTH AND HUMANITARIAN GAIN vs FINANCIAL RISK:**

During this current time when new demographic phenomena are testing the financial survival of all churches, universities and successful charitable non-profits, care must be taken to enter upon a new, or specialized, form of educational study that this paper is calling, “Homeless Husbandry”. What benefits will it bring? Will

it help stabilize our responsible role in the current testing of society's moral and economic turmoil?

**The following conditions and criteria need to be met to support the invitation for all charities entry into making the proposed venture successful:**

The facility will be purchased and remediated by private funds.

Any interest cost reimbursement will come through a separate Foundation.

“Triple net”, maintenance and insurance, will come through the Foundation.

Items necessary for the sustainable need of the homeless, their share of food, bedding, laundry, and proration of heat and lighting, will come through the Foundation.

Improvements and expansions will be prorated as to areas of benefit.

**Apparent financial and scholastic benefits to participants:**

Meets Mission: leadership; mentoring; community engagement; outside classroom experience; missionary work

Provides some dormitory space for students, especially those working with these social issues.

Dormitory income may be received; yet cost impact will be way less due to no new building cost amortization.

Room for expansion of programs, thus enrollment income.

Room for alternate sports programs, or schedule conflict avoidance, without new building cost amortization.

Exciting programs and activities not provided elsewhere.

“Homeless Husbandry” not provided elsewhere.

Closer to airport and freeway.

No conflict with other regular social operations.

Volunteer satisfaction with affirmative, hands on, results

Mental and drug evaluation and statics ongoing.

Strengthens leadership.

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Direct and measurable spiritual and social outreach.

**VII) SCHOLASTIC CURRICULUM THAT RELATE TO USE:**

Biology

Criminal justice

Psychology Counseling

Forensic Psychology

Family studies

Health education

Physical education and health

Faith ministry

Intercultural studies

Heredity disorders

Family disruption

Autism

Mental illness

Criminal justice

Political science

Liberal arts

Music

Health science

Mechanical arts

Construction arts

Master of public administration

Problem management

Secular leadership

Spiritual leadership

Leadership management

Master of counseling

Medical science

Dental science

Art of beautician

Sustainable homelessness avoidance

Willful homelessness

Homeless mental fatigue

Art of self-discipline

Positive thinking

Workplace integration

Study of homelessness

Economy versus environment

Tent living versus conventional

Robotic industry future impact

Hiring: older seasoned versus young educated

Drug and mental illness solutions

**VIII) CURRENT HILLCREST FACILITY AMMENITIES:**

207,000 sqft buildings.

Administrative building

Security fencing: control entry and exit

Large open lawns

Security tunnels between buildings

All mechanical systems working

Classrooms

Dormitories

Smaller sleeping rooms

Large stainless-steel kitchen

Very large freezers and coolers

Large dining

Large gymnasium

Library

Stage

Woodshop

Mechanics shop

Maintenance shop

Weight room

Softball field

Soccer field

Volleyball sand

Horseshoe

Outside basketball

Heated outdoor swimming pool

Emergency power generator building

High capacity water tower

Two separate houses

44 acres with trees and open space

Availability for tent occupants

**IX) DRUG AND MENTAL ILLNESS, another phase, NOT IN THIS PROPOSAL:**

Obviously, there are many homeless, perhaps 40 percent who will never graduate from this enrollment and discipline proposal, which provides the support for many homeless to get back into a reasonable normal life, supported by their own work ethic.

Thence, that leaves the void that requires a compassionate institution. Currently public bodies are avoiding this obligation and, in this opinion, will fail to do so relative their appetite to build expensive, not fiscally responsible, buildings which emphasize form, rather than function.

That model then, and not being satisfied in this proposal, will be that economical building institutions be provided by the private sector, using private funding, and be supported by funds for operation by the private and public sectors. Hence, perhaps 3 to 4 times as many of those burdened by drugs or mental illness may be served with the same volume of public funds.

**X) CONCLUSION: PROMPT DECISION NEEDED:**

Relative to the current unseasonable cold, it is unfortunate that this Hillcrest facility is not already available for the sustainable path of the homeless to find an awarding status in the work force. The delay in the possibility has been that the facility had been “under contract” with the State, with an investor system motivated by development profit, and over a period of approximately 60 days. Care must be taken that this great social opportunity for a sustainable solution is not lost to “development”, In other words, to be torn down, demolished, and build new; thus unaffordable for this needed purpose.

The relative cost to initiate the proper and long-term beneficial use of Hillcrest for the homeless is one 20<sup>th</sup> (1/20) of what it would cost to build new.

A possible appropriate name for the facility would be “HOPE CREST”.

To stay ahead of “development”, consensus to commitment to purchase this project is recommended yet this week. A period of perhaps 60 or more days may be available to confirm the details while “under contract”.

**XI) COMMUNITY SUPPORT:**

Please contact us with problems, ideas, interest in serving or volunteering, and with funding. Immediate and initial funding needs are about \$30,000 above commitment. A web site with the name “Hope Crest” will be provided soon; as well as a nonprofit certificate for your donation benefit.

Please share and forward this “Hope Crest” vision and solutions for the downtown and the homeless with the rest of the Salem area community.

Yes, participation by other charities is needed and welcomed.

Thank you.

Gene Pfeifer

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“More for the Money”

Technical advisor: Courthouse Square (Cherriots) for \$24 million versus \$65

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Message	Comments for tonight's City Counsel meeting

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# The Tragedy of the Homeless

Opposing Sit-Lie Ordinance



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## Our community feels helpless and under siege

People who live and work in the downtown area feel unsafe, not knowing which homeless may pose a danger.

Homeless feel worthless and little to no dignity.

Homeless feel safer downtown.

## Take the Homeless away

The use of public land when perceived negative externalities exist.

Where can homeless be?

## Salem is not alone

- Cities throughout the U.S. are experiencing an increase in people without homes who are interacting with fellow citizens in the “commons” (common areas). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development statistics showed nearly 554,000 homeless across the country in 2017.

# Where do the homeless go?

- The homeless, too, are drawn to the commons.
- They see it as a living space (which includes spending daylight hours socializing, resting, reading, sleeping, entertaining themselves, and relieving bodily functions).
- Where the behavior breaks down and where it can become frightening is in aggressive panhandling, living in public, intrusions into personal space, unkempt appearance, and outbursts which are very different from the way people normally look and act when out in public.
- To say the least, the problem is profoundly complicated.

We simply do  
not have  
enough beds  
or mental  
health care

- They also have legal rights that allow them to ask for money, and if the city doesn't have enough beds, to sleep on the street. (The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal recently ruled that unless beds are available, it is "cruel and unusual punishment," violating the Eight Amendment, to prosecute people for sleeping on the street.)
- On the other hand, homeless behavior often deviates from social norms.



## The Homeless are our Neighbors

The homeless population consists of very different kinds of people:

- resident homeless,
- mentally ill homeless,
- substance abusers,
- adult and youth transient homeless.

Many need social services assistance:

- shelters, hot meals, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, medical and dental services, and overnight parking for those living in vehicles.

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But what about sit-  
lie?

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We must figure out how to ensure their rights while preserving the sanctity of the “commons.”

- Can the City of Salem collaborate with private parties, businesses? Can they lead the discussion? Work outside the lines?
- We did not want a tent city, but we have one.
  - Can we create safe sleeping areas?
    - Keep populations under 20-persons?
  - If we force the homeless to move on, where will they go?
    - Into the neighborhoods
- Many, many people, business owners, philanthropists and churches want to help. Would the City be willing to work with all the stakeholders to produce real solutions?
- What can we do right now?
  - Bathrooms?
  - Garbage service?
  - Safety patrols?

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Chamber to  
Testify in  
Support of  
Sidewalks and  
Public Spaces  
Ordinance  
Monday Night  
at Salem City  
Council  
Meeting

- Following a vote of unanimous support for the proposed Sidewalk & Public Spaces Ordinance by the Salem Chamber's Public Policy committee, the Board of Directors unanimously endorsed support for the ordinance at the 11/20/19 Board meeting.
- The Chamber's position of support of the ordinance acknowledges that safety and security of employees and customers is essential for economic sustainability for our downtown businesses.
- Further, the Salem Chamber remains committed to partnering with social service providers and agencies, the Good Neighbor Partnership effort, engaged nonprofit organizations, the Main Street Association and all concerned citizen and advocacy groups as we collectively tackle this complex community crisis.

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In the meantime ...

- 86-year old woman is on the streets, sleeping in a parking garage. Arches voucher for three nights runs out. Dogooders paid for hotel room until a lower bunk was opened at Simonka. I know this story.
- Grandma is homeless, sitting on the curb.
  - She has no place to go
- *There but for grace*

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- Sit-lie is a solution for nothing.

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Until there is a place

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