

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #1

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

- 3.3d.** [21-410](#) Creation of a fee to use on-street parking spaces in the Downtown Parking District for outdoor dining platforms

Ward(s): Ward 1
Councilor(s): Stapleton
Neighborhood(s): CANDO
Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed fee for the Sidewalk Caf /On-Street Platform Program.

Attachments: [Public Comments received.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

- 3.3f.** [21-421](#) Managed Temporary Camping.

Ward(s): 8
Councilor(s): Lewis
Neighborhood(s): West Salem
Result Area(s): Safe Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to establish a managed temporary camp at the 2700 Wallace Road NW parcel, within the city-owned commercial retail zoned portion.

Attachments: [Wallace P&R Site Plan v2.pdf](#)
[Public Comments received by 10:00 a.m. 9-27-21.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

- 6.e.** [21-420](#) Recommendations from the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on park usage and permitting of events at City parks.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: [SPRAB Action Sheet, 9/9/2021](#)
[Park Usage and Permitting Subcommittee Report, 9/9/2021](#)
[Public Comment received.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

From: [Adam T. Shupe](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Re: Fee for Restaurant Outdoor Dining
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:06:32 PM

~Salem City Council Members

I would like to express my sincere disappointment that the Council is considering charging our local business owners for the continued use of street parking areas for outside dining.

As the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, all of our local businesses are continuing to feel the pain of reduced traffic and increased regulations. To help levy against loss of business, the city graciously allowed for restaurants downtown to utilize former parking spots as outdoor dining areas. This decision was paramount in helping these businesses to survive and to allow Salem's residents to have a somewhat normal dining experience downtown.

That the Council is now considering walking back that gracious act by charging those same businesses for that space while we are still in the throes of the pandemic is unconscionable. Please consider allowing our Salem restaurants to continue using those spaces as they see fit until the pandemic is completely over.

Adam T. Shupe
Salem Resident~

From: dianashupe@yahoo.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: NO on charging restaurant a fee for outdoor dining
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:24:52 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I was very disappointed when I read that the Council was considering charging local restaurants a fee and limiting their outdoor dining areas that take up parking spots. We have all watched our local restaurants struggle through this pandemic. Many of them had to close completely and we lost some of that culture from Salem. Outdoor dining was sometimes the factor that saved these businesses and families. Salem should be doing everything we can to support our small business owners instead of adding more expense to their operations.

My self and my family and friends are not comfortable dining indoors and we only patron businesses who have outdoor dining. Our COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths were recently the highest they have been since this nightmare pandemic started and I know many many people who will not sit indoors to dine for that exact reason. Many of these businesses will not be able to afford this inappropriate fee and their business will again suffer.

I think it is outrageous to create any more hardships. I beg you to not hurt Salem businesses anymore than they already have been.

Sincerely,
Diana Shupe
Salem Resident

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From: [Amy Capps](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp on Wallace Rd
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:50:40 PM

As a resident of West Salem I am very opposed to the proposal of a homeless camp on Wallace Road. This location is extremely close to our homes, churches, and local schools. Not only will this camp be unsightly and seen from a busy road, the location is a safety issue for children attending school nearby as well as the homes and apartments that are adjacent to the empty lot. Please do not approve this issue.

Thank you.
Amy Tippetts

From: [Anna Featherstone](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in W Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:41:19 PM

Hello:

Not sure why there were weren't any public notice signs put up on something so expensive that negatively affects the entire residential area around the Wallace/Brush College intersection.

It seems like something much more permanent & helpful could be done with \$96,000 per month. Do the tax payers living in this area need to pay this and watch their property values go down?

What will the city be providing to the current tax paying residents to prevent increased crime & trash in this area?

Where will these people go after this 'Temporary' location is closed? Or after spending \$96,000 per month for however long, will the city decide without voter input that this will become a permanent location at a continued \$96,000 per month?

What services are available in this area to help these people find permanent housing as well as drug/alcohol/mental health services that they need? Wouldn't it be a better use of money to either have permanent studio apartments built or to put people up in existing apartments that already provide water/sewer/garbage services as well as heat?

Will the people living in these temporary shelters be required to pay rent out of their monthly disability or social security checks?

This idea does not seem to be well thought out at all, just rushing to put a bandage on a problem that has been years in the making.

Anna Featherstone
503-884-3829

From: [alanholland2](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Meeting Sept 27 question
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:54:48 AM

Please ask:

Is it understood that ongoing management of the proposed housing is NOT to be done as a religious proselytizing opportunity and no religious requirements can be imposed?

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Alyse LaMonte](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Project on Wallace
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:04:57 PM

Hello-

I saw in the newspaper a plan to build a homeless encampment at 2700 Wallace Road in West Salem.

- 1.) The resources for the homeless are also downtown. ARCHES, HOAP, UGM, etc. Why would we place it so far away? Especially for the aging homeless population targeted?
- 2.) To piggyback off that- A food desert is defined as at least 100 low income people living in an area at least 1/2 mile from a grocery store. In essence you'd be 2/3 of the way from making an instant food desert (linked to poor health outcomes) in an area already with low income residents in nearby apartments/housing. This does not make sense unless the intention was to shove them out of sight and out of mind. How horrible of a plan to just shove them out if the way without a realistic way for them to get easy access to food.
- 3.) Traffic is bad on Wallace during commute hours. Placing an aged homeless encampment down a stretch of heavy congestion is asking for people to die from delay in care.
- 4.) How are we vetting who is housed? This is near schools and apartments. How are we going to ensure the safety of children?

I'd like to urge you to take this off the voting table for now. It is not a logical placement. They NEED a safe place to be. But they also DESERVE to be set up for success which means proximity to services, groceries, etc. They deserve decent EMS response times. Kids deserve to be protected. And the economic impact of putting a homeless encampment in this location should be considered.

Have other locations along Lancaster and near downtown where resources can be found nearby been vetted?

Thank you for your time,

Alyse La Monte

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: camp in west salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:22:17 AM

From: ANN LYGSTRAND <annlyng@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:06 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: camp in west salem

I AM LIVING IN SALEM TOWNE ON WALLACE ROAD AND VERY UPSET AND AGAINST MAKING A HOMELEES CAMP.AND I HOPE YOU FORGET ABOUT THIS.I AM GETTING AFRAID I HAVE TO MOVED AND SO IS MANY OFF THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE THERE IS RETIRED OLD PEOPLE .WE WILL HAVE ROBBER AND HOMELEES PEOPLE WALKING AROUND HERE.i FEEL SORRY FOR ALL OFF THEM ANSD HOPEFULL THERE IS A BETTER PLACE FOR THIS TO BE BUILD.WE JUST NOW ARE GOING THRU HERE IS SALEM TOWNE AFTER SOMEBODY SET THE MAIN BLVD ON FIRE AND OVER 100.000 IN DAMAGED PLEASE VOTE NO NO THIS MAKE ME SICK THAT I HAVE TO MOVED IN MY AGE THANK YOU ANNELESE LYGSTRAND

From: [andria otjen](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed camp west salem
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:57:54 PM

I live at 1781 van kleeck ct nw, Salem Oregon 97304. I am writing to oppose a homeless camp in my neighborhood. I believe this is a poor location for a camp. The location is within a neighborhood close to schools and a assisted living facility. This location is not near services or basic necessities. Campers wouldn't have access to food or services.

A better location could be found. Using a city owned park would be a better solution.

I strongly oppose the camp.

Thank you, Andria Otjen

From: [Amber Sarapin](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless camp on Wallace Rd
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:38:32 AM
Attachments: [fact sheet .pdf](#)

Hello Salem City Council members,

I would like to submit input for the proposed managed campsite to be set up on 2700 Wallace Rd. I have heard from many residents in West Salem that they are concerned about the location of this proposed managed campsite. The main reasons this is concerning are because:

- There are 2 elementary/ pre-schools within a mile of this location - Brush College Elementary is 0.8 miles away and Riviera Christian School is 0.4 miles away.
- Parents of school children are concerned about safety issues/ potential school lockdowns if there is violence at the campsite, also concerns about the health of children with possible spread of disease from these camps. Many kids walk to school and would be coming in close contact with this camp on a daily basis. As outlined by the attached fact sheet from OSHA, some of the key hazards of homeless camps are blood borne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials, human waste, needles and other sharps as well as aggressive behavior.
- The location of this camp is far outside of the downtown core and the resources that are relied upon by the people who would be camping here. For example, is 2.7 miles from the Arches building which is approximately an hour walk. It is a similar distance to grocery stores/ drug stores etc. for basic supplies. Most of the houseless population relies on walking/ biking as a form of transportation.
- The speed limit on Wallace Rd by the proposed site is 45. With 60 campers coming and going by foot and bike on a daily basis it is also very dangerous to the campers to be traveling next to Wallace on a daily basis. Some of the campers may have mental disabilities/ impairments from substance abuse that make this even more dangerous.

I know the City of Salem is limited in options as to how to help the houseless community. However, there have been solutions suggested in the past by the private sector, such as the Hopecrest Project that would provide far superior support to this community. I have attached an article from KATU news on this proposed project that outlines the City Council took no action on this project in the past. Why not revisit it? There was much community support including funding and volunteers. I have also attached an article from Statesman Journal stating that the proposed site would have been able to help 800 people at a cost of \$3 million per year (which was planned to be paid for through private donors). This works out to be \$3,750 per person per year. The proposed campsite on Wallace would cost taxpayers \$96,000 per month or \$1,152,000 per year to help 60 people which equals \$19,200 per person per year just to shelter/ manage the campers. Hopecrest proposed to not just shelter but also offer services to reintegrate houseless people into society.

I suggest the City of Salem cancel plans to set up the managed campsite on Wallace Rd and revisit talks to convert the former Hillcrest Facility to a shelter. If we combine resources from the City and the private sector imagine how much farther the emergency funding could go? The houseless community could potentially be fully supported in a way that offers them dignity and a chance at a better future instead of moving them from camp to camp and only

addressing the need for shelter.

Respectfully,

Amber Sarapin

OSHA Fact Sheet:

KATU Hopecrest Article:

<https://katu.com/news/local/foundation-considers-purchasing-hillcrest-facility-in-salem-for-homeless-housing>

Statesman Journal Hopecrest Article:

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2019/12/06/former-youth-corrections-campus-salem-homeless-hillcrest-oregon/4314978002/>

What employers need to know about hazards associated with homelessness



Oregon has one of the highest rates of people experiencing homelessness in the country, and more than 60 percent of them live in unsheltered locations. But the plight of homelessness extends beyond homeless camps to streets, sidewalks, businesses, school playgrounds, and construction sites where workers may encounter discarded needles and trash contaminated with potentially infectious materials.

This fact sheet describes what employers need to know about hazards associated with homelessness and what Oregon OSHA rules they must follow to protect their employees.

Key hazards

Bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials

Bloodborne pathogens are microorganisms that can cause serious illness or death when transmitted through blood and some body fluids. The most common illnesses caused by bloodborne pathogens are hepatitis B (HBV), hepatitis C (HCV), and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS. Even small droplets of blood can contain pathogens that could harm a worker. Other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) include human body fluids and human tissue other than intact skin.



Bloodborne pathogens and OPIM are hazards associated with living on the street, but they also pose hazards for workers. When they are working in public places, workers should always be aware of their risk of exposure to these hazards.

Employers must determine if their employees could be exposed to blood or OPIM. If exposures are possible, employers must identify the employees who could be exposed and the circumstances in which those exposures are possible. Employers must follow the requirements in [Bloodborne pathogens \(1910.1030\)](#) to ensure their employees are protected.

Sources of bloodborne pathogens and OPIM include:

- Waste receptacles used by the public, which may contain needles
- Hidden needles discovered during routine cleaning
- Medical events involving blood and other human body fluids



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- Laundry that has been contaminated with blood or OPIM, or that may contain needles

Required training: Employees who could be exposed to bloodborne pathogens or OPIM must receive bloodborne pathogen training when they are first hired. The training must be conducted during working hours and at no cost to the employee. Training must be repeated at least once a year. Keep training records, containing the training date, training content, name and qualification of the trainer, and the name and job title of the trainee, for three years. See [Bloodborne pathogens, 1910.1030\(g\)\(2\)](#), for more information about training requirements.

Human waste

Human waste – feces and urine – is not a bloodborne pathogen unless it contains human blood. However, human waste is a potential source for other viral and bacterial diseases, and also a serious health hazard if it contaminates drinking water. Workers should take proper precautions when cleaning up human waste:

- Put on disposable gloves.
- Solid waste: Scoop up solid waste using a disposable scoop; deposit the scoop and waste in a plastic garbage bag.
- Liquid waste: Pour absorbent material, such as kitty litter, onto liquid waste, or use paper towels to soak up the liquid; use a disposable scoop to put the material in a plastic garbage bag. Pour 10 percent bleach solution onto all contaminated areas of the surface. Let the bleach solution remain on the contaminated area for 20 minutes, then wipe up the remaining bleach solution.
- Disinfect all nondisposable cleaning materials, such as mops and scrub brushes, with 10 percent bleach solution and let them air dry.
- Remove disposable gloves and place in a plastic garbage bag with other soiled cleaning materials.

- Securely tie the plastic garbage bag and discard in a regular waste bin.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds.

Needles and other sharps

Workers should know how to handle and dispose of needles and other sharps they find in trash receptacles, parking lots, public restrooms, and on sidewalks. Improper disposal raises the risk of exposures to other workers and the public. Take proper precautions when handling needles and other sharps:



Sharps disposal **incorrect** (above): Container is not sealed.

Sharps disposal **correct** (below): Container is sealed and properly labeled.





- Use tongs, pliers, or a “trash grabber” to pick up sharps.
- Drop sharps in a puncture-resistant leak-proof container.
- Close and seal the container.
- Write “SHARPS. DO NOT RECYCLE” on the outside of the container.
- Dispose of the container properly. It is against the law to throw sharps in the garbage, even if they are in a secure plastic container. Drop the container in a sharps box or take it to a hazardous waste facility.

Aggressive behavior

Employers should have a [violence prevention program](#) that includes information on how their employees can recognize situations involving homeless people who may become hostile. Employers should also provide violence prevention training to all employees so they know how to respond to such situations in ways that minimize their risk of injury.

What workers may be affected?

Any time that workers interact with the public or work in public places there is a potential for

exposure to infectious materials and other hazards associated with homelessness. Workers who may be affected include:

- Construction workers
- Janitors
- Law enforcement and security officers
- Restaurant workers
- Teachers
- Transit workers
- Workers at volunteer organizations

What personal protective equipment is required?

Employers must determine if their workplaces have hazards that cannot be eliminated or controlled without personal protective equipment (PPE). If there are such hazards, employers must:

- Select the PPE that protects their employees from the hazards
- Communicate their selection decisions to each affected employee
- Ensure the PPE fits each employee
- Require employees to use the PPE when they are exposed to the hazards

Examples of PPE that workers might need for cleaning up hazards associated with homelessness include:

- Disposable N95 respirator
- Protective eyewear
- Hypoallergenic disposable gloves

If employees could be exposed to bloodborne pathogens or OPIM, employers also must provide (at no cost) PPE that does not permit blood or OPIM to pass through to or reach the employee’s clothes, skin, eyes, mouth, or other mucous membranes.

The hazard assessment must be certified.

Employers must prepare a document stating they have completed the hazard assessment. The document must include:

- A heading stating the document is a “certification” of the hazard assessment
- The name of the workplace evaluated
- The name of the person certifying the hazard assessment was completed
- The date of the hazard assessment

See *Personal protective equipment*, [437-002-0134\(1\)](#) and *Bloodborne pathogens*, [1910.1030\(d\)\(3\)](#) for more

information about PPE requirements.

What first aid supplies are required?

First aid is emergency care provided for injuries or sudden illnesses before emergency medical treatment is available.

Employers must provide first-aid supplies that are readily available to employees based on the types of injuries that could occur. First-aid supplies must be stored in containers that protect the contents from damage. The container must be clearly marked and must not be locked. See [437-002-0161](#), *First aid*, for more information.

Employers are also required to provide appropriate PPE for employees who are expected to give first aid and have exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials while using first-aid supplies. See the requirements in *Bloodborne pathogens*, [1910.1030\(d\)\(3\)](#) and [1910.1030\(f\)\(3\)](#) for more information.



From: [Annette Simons](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Wallace Road Home less shelter
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:36:30 AM

I feel this is the wrong use of money for a serious problem.

1. The zoning is WRONG.
2. This location is miles from any services like food, health, social/mental/addiction services and help.
3. This is costly for a TEMPORARY solution.
4. California and Orego have been using Federal funds for the last 18 MONTHS to BUY motels, SRO hotels and apartments to permanently house the homeless. The government funds buy the properties, turn the management over to nonprofits to provide social services. The cost to build NEW is 2 to 4 TIMES the cost of building new units plus is NOW not 5 years down the road. A win-win-win plus a save-save-save for ALL. Where has Salem been during this valuable 18 month time? Heads in the sand or ????. PPP (piss poor planning) with hurried solutions does NOT produce good results but ppp (piss poor products).
5. A win-win-win for zoning, location, proximity to services and PERMANENT housing is to buy an existing motel along Hawthorne or Lancaster Aves or wherever.

BTW I have contributed over \$1000 annually each to United Gospel Mission and Marion County Food bank so I do support helping those in need. I hope and pray my money is used to help and benefit those in need, Be responsible and spend this money responsibly.

Thanks for your service.

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Annette

From: Chris Hoy
To: Gretchen Bennett
Cc: Dan Atchison; Steve Powers; Amy Johnson
Subject: Fwd: homeless camp on wallace rd NW
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:25:06 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: BRIAN AZULE <mjazule@comcast.net>
Subject: homeless camp on wallace rd NW
Date: September 26, 2021 at 9:23:27 PM PDT
To: "jlewis@cityofsalem.net" <jlewis@cityofsalem.net>
Cc: "vnordyke@cityofsalem.net" <vnordyke@cityofsalem.net>, "choy@cityofsalem.net" <choy@cityofsalem.net>, "jgonzalez@cityofsalem.net" <jgonzalez@cityofsalem.net>, "jleung@cityofsalem.net" <jleung@cityofsalem.net>, "ystapleton@cityofsalem.net" <ystapleton@cityofsalem.net>, "landersen@cityofsalem.net" <landersen@cityofsalem.net>, "lphillips@cityofsalem.net" <lphillips@cityofsalem.net>

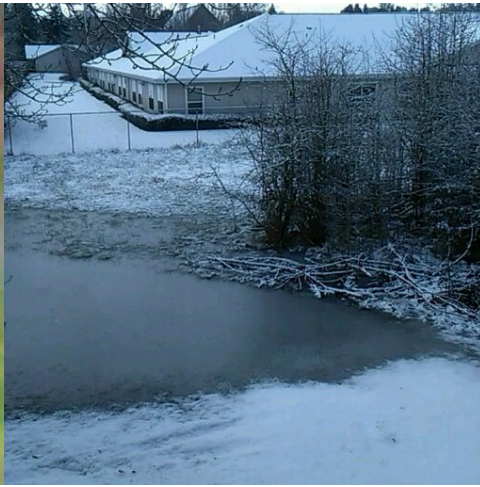
Hello Mr. Lewis,

I wanted to share with you my environmental concerns regarding the proposed tent city at Wallace Road.

- 1) This lot is prone to flooding and becoming a marshland during the rainy season. There is usually 3 to 8 inches of standing water in that lot and the surrounding grass areas.
- 2) During the rainy season Gibson Creek rises and backs up all the storm drains in the area, included our parking lot and the parking lot at the proposed location. Then it drains back into Gibson Creek as it recedes. I have concerns how the tent city will impact Gibson Creek and surrounding watershed.
- 3) There are pairs of ducks that have made this area a nesting spot for at least 15 years. I am very concerned about the wildlife and I believe that wild ducks are protected under federal law. I have attached a photo of the ducks in the pond that forms every year in this area.
- 4) I believe the homeless do need to be housed somewhere but I believe the reasons above should make it clear that the lot on Wallace Rd is unsuitable for a tent city, if city still thinks that plan should move forward then the EPA should be contacted and an environmental study should be conducted before any work is done on this lot.

I have lived at 2719 Wallace Rd NW for over 15 years. Please feel free to contact me at 971-388-7449 if you have any questions regarding this information.





From: [Bob Herzog](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 5:55:59 PM

The proposed temporary homeless camp is too close to Salemtowne a 55+ adult community, one block away and an elementary school also only one block away. The threat of homeless people invading our community is very real and troubles a lot of us.

It is too far from health and addiction services.

How will this camp be managed? Will there be an onsite manager? Are there going to be increased police patrols?

Will the city have garbage and trash pickup more than once a week?

Since Salemtowne is in Polk county has the county given the city permission to build the camp?

We already have a rodent problem in Salemtowne and any added trash and garbage will only increase this problem.

The idea of using this space is very unwise.

Bob Herzog

3104 Oakcrest Dr NW

From: [Bernadette Molina](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Camp on Wallace in West Salem
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:00:16 PM

Dear City Councilors,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed homeless camp on Wallace Rd across Plaid Pantry in West Salem. This is not a good location for this camp due to the close proximity to a preschool/elementary/middle and high school. The irrational history of mental illness associated with homeless people may endanger young children and students who attend schools close by the proposed location. I highly urge you to please vote NO against this measure. Please consider the children when voting for this measure. Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Bernadette

From: [Barbara Stitzel](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Homeless Camp
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:16:43 PM

Isn't West Salem it's own city? How on earth did this proposal for a Homeless Commune on Wallace Rd ever come to the City Planning and Official's minds?

Why would you consider the most affluent area of Salem to build a Homeless Camp? Do you care what that will do to housing values in our community? Home owners work extremely hard to afford a home in this area. We contribute a exorbitant amount of income to local businesses. Our property taxes are the highest in Salem. Therefore, homeowners should have a vote regarding this matter! No sensible person who owns a home in West Salem would be in favor of this proposal.

Building a Homeless Community on Wallace Rd will create even more congestion of traffic. Wallace Rd is already an overused thoroughfare! Lacking a badly needed bridge going into NE Salem/Keizer, Wallace Rd will be pushed beyond measure due to increased foot traffic on and near the roadway.

A Homeless Community should be near resources; Gospel Mission etc.

Disgusted in West Salem.

Registered voter not in support of this horrible "plan".

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Coleen Barbee](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Shelter on 2700 Wallace Road
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:47:58 AM
Attachments: [Homeless Situation.docx](#)

Please see the attached concerns:

Coleen Barbee & Len Farn

1698 Nut Tree Dr NW
Salem, OR. 97304
coleenjb@gmail.com
520-405-4160

September 26, 2021

RE: Homeless Shelter on 2700 Wallace

I am very concerned about this.

1. The \$96,000 monthly cost - is this for electricity, water, food?
2. Every business in town is advertising for help - why can't they go to work, like everyone else? Why are we supporting this homeless situation by giving them free room and board?
3. You say you are using federal funds - yet where do you think our tax dollars are going?
4. Are you checking each person - for things like - Covid testing, drug addicts, previous criminal activity - rapists, murderers, perverts?
5. What about animals - who is going to control the animal waste and the animals running free?
6. How are you providing personal waste - garbage & bathroom facilities?
7. If they are mentally incapable - why don't you put them in mental hospitals?
8. How are you providing security for our neighborhoods?
9. How about transportation - are you providing that also?
10. Why can't the Fairview facility be used - as you already have plans for it?

From: [cori.criss](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Against the potential homeless camp at 2700 Wallace
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 5:57:01 PM

To whom it may concern:

I live at 2954 Oakcrest Drive Northwest and I am writing this email to discourage the potential homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Road and/or cancel the project without additional research.

Here are several reasons why this is a very poorly thought out idea:

- West Salem already has a problem with the camp at Wallace Park. That should be better managed before a new plan is sought out.
- The plan has no details on necessary sewer, water, food, etc. Where is this detail?
- This is far from the needed mental health and addiction services in the city and food and water.
- The proposed operating cost (I believe at \$1,600 per person monthly and this doesn't even consider site preparations or buying shelters)) is significantly more than the monthly cost of a good apartment. While this may be grant money, spend it properly.
- The recent Salem Satisfaction survey reports that residents do not feel the city is headed in a good direction - this project will further increase that sentiment.
- Traffic on Wallace Road is not designed to manage pedestrians even with the new sidewalks.

Sincerely hope you will reconsider and definitely do more research prior to approving this.

Regards, Cori Criss

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Cherylrg@icloud.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:08:05 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Cheryl Gesner
Your Email	Cherylrg@icloud.com
Your Phone	503-871-2540
Street	3308 Oakcrest Dr NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Please NO on the proposed temporary encampment on Wallace Rd. And Brush College. One-on a main thoroughfare into our city Two- cost is very high for something that is "temporary. ". This money could go a long way towards more permanent housing. Three-we live in a very well maintained 55+ community. We already have issues with theft within the neighborhood. This will get worse with the proposed encampment. We've worked hard to live in such a nice community. I would consider traveling to McMinnville to shop in order to avoid the encampment.

This email was generated by the dynamic web forms contact us form on 9/27/2021.

From: [Candice Molina](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Agenda items Managed homeless camping location
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:47:48 PM

Dear City of Salem,

Please rethink the location of your newly proposed managed homeless camping. Only 2 blocks away, my children ages 3 and 5 attend school and my 96 year old Grandmother lives at the assisted living facility. I've always thought of my neighborhood in West Salem as a safe place for me to raise my family, but having a managed homeless facility that close to home changes many factors. For the safety of our children and families in West Salem, please do not use this city property for the homeless.

Sincerely,
Candice Bartlett, resident of West Salem

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cheryl Turner](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Enabling homeless problem
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:55:56 PM

I am a Salem resident and the answer is a strong NO to homeless camp. For 96,000 a year, put the displaced people in a hotel permanently, or better yet, set the camp up in one of your back yards. Or better yet, buy one-way tickets to California to completely ruin that state.

Seriously, STOP YOURSELVES! If you can't fix the problem, STOP enabling it. Stop allowing our once-beautiful town to be hostage to this problem.

When is this going to end? Giving aid to those down and out but working to climb out of their bad circumstances is the right thing to do but enabling drug addicts and the mentally ill by building and maintaining camps at the tax payers' expense is the wrong thing to do.

If you must, put the 96,000 towards therapy and an apartment for mentally ill or rehab for the drug addict who wants it and jail cells for those who don't.

STOP ENABLING. I was in a a midwest state last month - not one homeless camp. Reason? Not the weather. No enabling. Food for the hungry? Yes, but no enabling. Wake up representatives! If you can't fix the problem, stop making it worse. If you must, buy a hotel but don't add more mess to our once beautiful town, our once beautiful state. You will eventually regret it.

Cheryl Turner
[541-591-1753](tel:541-591-1753)

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From: [Debi Farrand](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed NW Salem Temporary Shelter for unhoused individuals
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:22:19 AM

I feel this site is too close to apartments that contain children and could be a potential hazardous to their health and safety with all the debris and substance abuse that comes with these facilities. The location is not close to any services besides the Plaid Pantry so where are these people going to find food and medical services? Wallace Marine park seemed like a better option especially now with rainy season starting there will be no sports activities in the park or on the playgrounds. Please do not consider this spot for this purpose.

Sincerely,

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Debi

From: [Dolores Harnett](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:12:33 PM

I am strongly opposed to the purposed plan to establish a temporary homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Road NW. I know that many people feel they must do something to help the homeless but doing the wrong thing like this is probably worse than doing nothing at all. These are individuals with individual needs not a herd. Their individual problems would be compounded by following this plan. The 96,000 monthly dollars that would be spent would be better spent providing 60 people with an apartment. Maybe two people to an apartment. Following the purposed plan to build a temporary camp would likely cause further problems and result in a very costly failure that would cause a decline in optimism and an even stronger sense that this city is heading in the wrong direction. Thank you D Harnett.

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Dee Harnett McMinnville Oregon

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Placement of homeless people at or near Salem Town.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:23:17 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Peck <donwpeck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:44 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Placement of homeless people at or near Salem Town.

It is terribly upsetting that you would even think of allowing a homeless encampment near elderly, retired, senior citizens. Most, if not all of them, worked their entire lives until they were able to retire to this location where they felt safe and secure. Now you have the gall to even think about sending homeless persons to their neighborhood which for the most part are not clean...live in in unsanitary conditions...aren't vaccinated against the Corona Virus...don't care to wear masks...and have been documented to be the cause of a lot of burglaries among other things. These seniors deserve better!!! Take a close look at the senior's homes...they are clean...neat...respectful places to live. Don't destroy what they've worked their whole lives for and allow someone who has no respect for their property...doesn't care to work...would rather stand on a street corner and beg for money and food to ruin their lives. It is not fair!

Respectfully submitted, Donald Peck

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dale Smith](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in West sale.
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:48:43 PM

I Dale Smith have a real concern as to why you would even consider putting a homeless site in this location in West Salem, there are two schools with in a very short distance as well as it will be in community setting where it will affect the home values as well as put the community at risk for theft and other safety problems. There are no devices except a 76 has station with in a few miles. I am very disappointed that the city council would even consider this location next to the homes and the schools as these site will hurt the community and great more problems than it will help. Why are you considering this location.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of dj@salem1f.org
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Contact the City of Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:12:43 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	DJ Vincent
Your Email	dj@salem1f.org
Your Phone	5039492124
Street	1336 Heather Ln Se
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>Seeing to make a 3 minute public statement at the Council meeting tonight. Church at the Park (C@P), serves the unsheltered in the Salem area. C@P was formed in 2007 to interact in a relational way with people who experience homelessness. As the Capitol of Oregon, Salem is a central hub in the State for those who experience homelessness, incarceration, and mental illness. C@P has three functioning priorities: Collaborative Navigation, Workforce Development, and Emergency Sheltering. We demonstrated three theories at the Oregon State Fair Groups Pavilion at the Beginning of this year. We believed if we formed organized and managed camps we could provide Safety, Sanitation and Support for transitions to housing. Oregon State Fair Grounds 113 Served Total Housed - 10 Total Reporting Jobs 21 Portland Rd old DMV we call the "Village of Hope" Total served: 85 Total housed: 9 Total reporting jobs: 16 Waitlist numbers for PDX: 357 Total (196 shelter; 68 safe parking; 93 both) The Council will consider authorizing city staff to allow temporary managed camping on city property at 2700 Wallace Road NW for individuals experiencing homelessness. The property is vacant and adjacent to the Oregon Department of Transportation's Wallace Road Park and Ride lot. It has room for about 60 campers, and individuals age 55 and older would be given preference. City staff estimates it will cost \$87,000 to get the site ready, \$150,000 for micro shelters and \$96,000 a month for operations. American Rescue Plan Act funds are available to cover most of it, but additional funding may be needed for the micro shelters.</p>

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From: [Eileen Gottschalk](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public Comment to City Council Re: File #:21-421 Version: 1 Managed Temporary Camping
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 1:04:53 PM
Attachments: [As a resident of Salemtowne.pdf](#)

Thank you for reading my attached comments regarding the proposed Managed Temporary Camping in West Salem.

With Kindest Regards, Eileen Gottschalk

As a resident of Salemtowne, I respectfully request that you find another location to establish a homeless encampment. The site proposed is very close to the retirement community of Salemtowne. Residents here are elderly and on fixed incomes. Our HOA fee is kept low because most functions at Salemtowne are handled by volunteers. Our only paid staffs are Office/Bookkeeper and Grounds Crew and they need to rely on volunteer help. Unlike Gibson Creek by Bonaventure, we don't have the ability to increase security.

In July, part of our Community Building was heavily damaged by fire of suspicious origin and it requires a complete rebuilding. Over 1/3 of our building will be unusable for approximately one year. Overseeing the reconstruction and insurance reimbursement has become a full time job for a group of volunteers meeting weekly now due to the amount of work required. We don't have the funds to hire a professional to do the work. Because the fire alarm system was damaged, the fire dept. requires us to have a fire watch at all times when the building is being used. We cannot afford the \$60 an hour that a security service quoted so we are staffing the fire watch ourselves from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Although we pay \$14/ an hour, we are having difficulty getting enough volunteers (residents only) who are willing and able to serve. Any groups hosting activities after 5 pm such as Ping-Pong, card games, or potluck dinners must supply their own unpaid fire watch by persons who are prohibited from participating in the activity being held. Our regular activities, so vital to the well-being of our residents, are quite limited now, our volunteers are being stretched thin, some of them will be leaving soon to winter in warmer weather. This is a very stressful time for our aging community.

Just prior to the fire, we found out that a good-hearted but misguided woman here was inviting homeless persons into her condominium unit and she was giving them a tour of our members-only community buildings. Since the tours were given, there has been a noticeable uptick in petty crime in our community. The police were called a few times due to this woman being caught in petty thefts. She kept a dilapidated RV in our storage lot (since removed) that was sometimes occupied by homeless persons. A few RV's in the lot were broken into at the time. They were damaged where entry was gained but almost nothing was stolen. One evening our volunteer lock-up person found non-residents with a decrepit RV attempting to hide in the storage lot and the police were called. One resident here reported that cushions from her patio chairs were stolen in the night, another reported two folding lawn chairs stolen from his yard that same week. At the time of the fire (around 1 am) this misguided woman needed to be rescued by the fire department from a second story porch near where the fire started. She was treated for burns. Why she was on that porch, which was under repair and thus not usable, at 1 am is very suspicious. Residents here were not told the outcome of the police or fire department's investigations. The establishment of homeless camp just a few hundred feet from Salemtowne would greatly increase the already unacceptable number of crimes here.

Therefore, you can see why many residents here are in fear of a homeless invasion. Rumors are rife; residents are reporting "suspicious" vehicles that look like they "don't belong here". Some suggest installing security cameras at multiple locations, license plate readers at the entrance, and other such ideas that we cannot afford and would not provide any real deterrence to homeless persons. The only response to resident's fears of "invasion" would be to post at least two volunteer security guards at access points to Salemtowne during the wee hours. That is too much to ask of our elderly residents who are certainly not equipped to respond to any potentially dangerous altercations.

Additionally, businesses sometimes drop off young people to go door-to-door soliciting real or scam services, saying they are working at a neighbor's home when they are not. From January 2018 to March 2021, a full 32% of "crimes" reported to the police were "Fraud by Deception/False Pretenses", "Fraud – Impersonation, Credit Card/ATM" and "Scam by Internet/Phone". Residents here are very vulnerable and gullible and are viewed as easy marks.

When seniors move into this community, they want to feel that they are in a safe, secluded neighborhood. The predictable loss of property values here pales in comparison to the stress that would be placed on current residents, many of whom already feel they "cannot afford to move." I implore you to consider the well-being of vulnerable Salemtowne residents and reject the Wallace Road site.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Gottschalk, 3305 Walnut PI NW, Salem OR 97304

From: [Esther Mangini](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:38:24 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am quite worried about your plan to bring a homeless camp out to West Salem. We have just moved out here this past summer because we used to live downtown and saw what happened to that area when people were just allowed to live/sleep, etc wherever. It got to the point that I was not comfortable walking alone in that area and I have so enjoyed being able to walk by myself out here.

I also am wondering how you plan to take care of them - food, water, medicine and the programs that they need. It is not convenient to any of those things!

Please reconsider this plan !

Thank you,
Esther Mangini

From: [Faith Gerber](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Rd.
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 6:35:45 PM

To the City Council of Salem:

I am the principal of Riviera Christian School at 1650 Brush College Rd. NW. Our elementary school and child care center is located less than half a mile by road from the location of the proposed managed homeless camp. For a pedestrian taking shortcuts, the distance is barely a quarter mile, according to Google Maps.

I realize that Salem needs to find better solutions for the homeless. However, those solutions cannot come at the expense of the safety of nearly 200 children. The children of Riviera Christian School and Childcare, from ages infant to 12, are outside multiple times throughout the day, all year long. Our staff are fully occupied with supervising their activities and interactions, and they cannot be expected to negotiate with people who are very likely to wander through during recess, PE and lunch breaks.

I urgently request that the location at 2700 Wallace Rd is NOT used for this purpose, due to its very close proximity to many children in West Salem.

Thank you.

Faith Gerber, RCS Principal



www.rivierachristian.org

Office: 503-361-8779

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Property on Wallace Rd
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:48:05 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Gloria Adamson
Message	There are other places in South Salem better qualified to house homeless and to find jobs for them. We are living on small incomes in west salem at Salem Town. The association of Salem Town doesn't have the knowledge as to how to protect the elderly against the homeless population. It will lower the property values of us and west salem. Please.. Use some common sense.

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From: [Gregg Buyser](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fwd: Homeless camp
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:01:04 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Lou B <loubuyser@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 26, 2021, 5:03 PM
Subject: Homeless camp
To: A Gregg <gdbuys469@gmail.com>

City of Salem Oregon City Council. To whom it may concern in regards to a decision to place a homeless camp off Wallace road Northwest it's a very serious concern to residents residing in Salemtowne a 55 plus community where there are a lot of very vulnerable senior citizens that would be at risk with that type of housing so near. This would also be a serious risk to all the children and the people living in apartments and homes close to the surrounding area. These type of camps should be placed in industrial areas or areas totally away from any housing developments apartments or where children and people reside. There is plenty of property outside the areas of neighborhoods where these types of camps can be put. The state has slowly closed down all institutions that take care of the mentally ill and they have no means to care for such persons and a lot of these homeless people need that type of care. The city could do much better by opening up institutions to put these people where they can get care and help. Makeshift homeless camps near homes apartments and neighborhoods is not acceptable. I come from seven generations of oregonians from this area and it is disgraceful to see what our city has become. We are in desperate need of better leaders and management of our city and our state.

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of gfooster580@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Managed Camp at 2700 Wallace Road
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:27:52 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Grant and Amelia
Your Email	gfooster580@gmail.com
Message	<p>City Council, I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the proposal of the managed homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW. I suspect that if you actually talked to anyone who lived in the neighborhood you would hear from residents that they DO NOT want a camp near their home. I know you have seen the despicable state of downtown. It seems to have started to get better but for the past two years it was a stain on Salem's reputation which appears to me to have been done under the guise of compassion. Make no mistake, it was far from compassionate. To allow for people to live on the streets in conditions which pose a human health hazard and to expose not only those individuals but every other person who walks by is a mistake. This also applies to the city parks where the homeless population was allowed to live. To say businesses and individuals have been negatively impacted is an understatement. Crime rates have increased. I know of two shootings which have happened in homeless camps within the past year. You remember the shooting which took place under the I-5 overpass at Market St. NE and I am sure you are also well aware of the more recent shooting at a managed homeless camp in which a homeless individual shot a gun through an RV with children inside. Not to mention the somewhat recent robbery of three teenage girls at Riverfront Park by two homeless individuals at gun point. Ask Roth's how they have appreciated having Wallace Marine Park open for camping. Just last week I invited a friend who was visiting from Utah to have lunch downtown. As we walked into the restaurant I had to move out of the way as a homeless woman was screaming and threw a beverage at another homeless man walking by. Some of the spatter got onto my jacket. I don't care about the jacket, but I was embarrassed at the state of the city I have lived in my whole life and have dedicated my life to improving. Our children go to school at the nearby Riviera Christian School. Frankly, I cannot believe the city would even consider putting a managed camp so close to a school. I am very supportive of managed camps. In fact I believe they are far more compassionate than simply allowing people to camp on the streets and in parks without proper facilities. However placing them near residential areas and where children congregate is a HUGE mistake. I am very appreciative the city has taken action to clean up the parks and it appears they have begun to have an impact. I am also very grateful to not see a large swath of sleeping bags and debris lining Rite Aid downtown, not to mention watching people smoke meth and change their clothes on the sidewalk. I value this city and I know you do, which is why I know you do what you do. Please DO NOT allow for a managed camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW. Sincerely, Grant and Amelia</p>

From: [JOANNE ALEXANDER Owner](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed homeless area on Wallace Rd
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:18:20 AM

Go back to the drawing board! The cost per person i.e. \$150,000 per month divided by 60 people = \$2500 per month! And all you get for that is a tiny hut? What a waste of money. Not to mention the cost of site preparation. The City could have avoided lots of homelessness if they hadn't focused on "help the hardest to place" in their rental assistance program and instead focused on the easiest to place thus serving way more people.

Wouldn't it be better to build ...say 60 studio apartments - 3 one or two story buildings with 20 units apiece. Then take the homeless that have enough income to pay the electric bill. (Extra ceiling insulation could help keep down heating bills) That could house more than 60 people since some units would have double occupancy.

The money should be prioritized to help first the people who are homeless because they lost employment due to lockdown layoffs or perhaps seniors.
Think about it. Sincerely, Joanne Alexander

From: [James Bartlett](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: NO on proposed camp on Wallace Rd
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:24:39 AM

City council members,

I write to you this morning to urge you to vote NO on the proposed managed camp at 2700 Wallace Rd NW. This is not even remotely close to a feasible solution or improvement to a growing problem in Salem and will only take the problem from bad to worse. The City needs to find an alternate location that makes more sense for everyone involved.

It's wrong for the campers:

This location would put the campers at an extreme distance from all other services provided to them not only making it more difficult to access but along a busy and high speed road putting them and drivers at increased risk.

It's wrong for the community:

The planned camp is within 425' of a school putting kids in unnecessary harm both emotionally and potentially physically by what they will undoubtedly observe or God forbid something worse happens. It is within 130' of a retirement facility subjecting our senior citizens, parents, grand-parents to the same concerns and it is a mere 10 yards to the closest apartments, this is unacceptable.





Thank you,

James Bartlett

From: [Jillian Barnhart](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment on proposed homeless camp in west Salem
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:03:57 AM

Hello. I would like to express my family's concerns regarding the proposed homeless camp in West Salem being discussed on Sept. 27.

We live less than a mile from the proposed site of the camp in West Salem and our 3 year old daughter attends Riviera Christian School, a mere block from the proposed site. We moved to the area 6 years ago and were told it was one of the safest areas in Salem with virtually no crime. Over the last few years as the homeless were allowed to camp in Marine Wallace Park and other areas of West Salem, we have seen crime sky rocket in our neighborhood. We have personally been robbed several times (our storage room broken into, tools and furniture stolen as well as our cars broken into and items stolen as well as credit cards stolen and used). I am a member of the neighborhood app, Nextdoor and daily, there are posts of robberies in West Salem and a general feeling of threatened security due to the homeless who have been allowed to stay near our homes.

I am actually well-versed on the subject of homelessness, I worked for many years for homeless shelters in Arizona and on skid row in Los Angeles. I have seen first hand that just giving people a place to stay is not a feasible solution. These people need to be offered programs where they can get clean from addictions and receive job training and education to be able to become participating members in society and get off the streets for good. The amount of money proposed for this homeless camp could provide real help and training for many more than the proposed 60 something people this camp would house.

Having worked in shelters in other areas, I have to say that I've made the alarming observation that many of the homeless here in Salem are not elderly or down on their luck, but they are younger people who have chosen this lifestyle due to addiction which predisposes them to steal and potentially harm others.

Because of this and the visible downturn in safety in our neighborhood recently, my family is adamantly opposed to this proposed camp. I look forward to joining the meeting on Sept. 27 and would like to see the following addressed:

- Will thorough background checks be done for residents to rule out violent and sexual offenders?
- How will the camp be monitored/policed?
- What are plans for cleaning and sanitation?
- What promises can be made regarding the safety of our neighborhood and children?

Thank you.

- Jillian Barnhart

9/25/2021

To the Salem City Council,

Regarding the proposed managed campsite at 2700 Wallace Rd NW in West Salem, I believe I speak for the majority of the residents in the area and object to the location of this project. This is not the right location to accomplish the goals of providing safe and temporary housing.

The site is close to a number of schools and very close to multiple apartment complexes and homes. Which brings into question a major safety concern for a neighborhood with a lot of children. I understand there is a plan for security for people while in the camp, but what about off-site?

This proposal could lead to diminished home values as well which could lead to future property tax implications for the city. The choice of the site begs the question of why this part of West Salem? It is almost to the city line boundary and a long way from other services that are located closer to the city center.

After speaking with numerous neighbors and West Salem residents not a single person is in favor of the proposed site. While opposing the site everyone we have spoken with share our compassion for the homeless population and agree it is a major issue that deserves support and action. More planning needs to go into this project to find an alternative site that does not pose as many safety concerns as the current proposal.

My family and my neighbors appreciate being able to convey our opinions on such as a consequential decision for the City Council.

Sincerely,

Josh & Crystal Cady

2738 Vick Ave NW

Salem, OR 97304

From: [Jan Darr](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp, Wallace Rd, NW Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:43:14 AM

This is a terrible proposal from the city. I am totally against it. There isn't enough information to start with and it would be a disaster for West Salem. Please strike it from the agenda. It's not wanted here nor is it even approachable. We don't need the trash, the people sleeping all day and wandering our streets all night. We don't need our kids exposed to this, especially around all the apartments on Wallace Rd. This would also reduce our property values in the area too. Thank you, Janice and Daniel Darr. 2365 Morrow Ct, NW.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jody Davis](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: bigjim.davis49@yahoo.com
Subject: Wallace Road Camp
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 3:47:26 PM

It is completely understandable that a place for unhoused people needs to be found. However, the proposed site off of Wallace Road is not the answer.

First of all, this site doesn't seem ideal. It is located in between an apartment complex and an assisted living center. Just up the road there's Riviera Christian School. The nearest store is a convenience store at the 76 station.

There must be more appropriate city owned land. Why hasn't the city proposed the following properties which are for lease or sale by the city? These properties include the Salem Business Campus with up to 42 acres at 5700 Block on Gaffin Rd SE, the Loopnet-Airport at the Salem Airport up to 30 acres, or the Mill Creek Corporate Center in South Salem which has various sites available. Why is the Wallace Road location the chosen site?

Other concerns:

- It's stated that it is a temporary camp. How long is temporary?
- Who will staff this area and keep it safe and sanitary?
- How will it be managed so there is no camp overflow into the park and ride lot?
- Who will provide the medical and social services that people need? These services aren't located in this area.
- We know crime, harassment, trespassing and sanitation issues increases around homeless camps. How will the surrounding community be kept safe?
- How will the \$96,000 per month be spent? At \$1600 per resident, where does that go?

My husband has been a West Salem resident for over thirty years. In the last two years we have had encounters with homeless people who seemed mentally unstable and it's concerning. How do we know we won't be opening our neighborhood to more of this?

Please consider these questions and consider the suggestions for other properties that are not within a neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Jim and Jody Davis
West Salem Residents

From: [Jayare Price](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Camp
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 5:26:23 PM

The homeless Camp raises fears of increased crime to a vulnerable 55+ adult senior community; Salemtowne. And an elementary School Brush College Elementary both located within one block of the proposed encampment site.

Many questions arise. How will the proposed encampment be managed? Will there be increased police patrols in Salemtowne which has already had some run ins with homeless people?

Homeless Camps bring trash, garbage brings rats how will the camp be kept cleaned/monitored?

The proposed location is not a good choice.

Judith Price
3094 Oakcrest Drive NW

From: [JEANINE PRUETT](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Housing
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:49:25 PM

I am writing with great concern of the discussion on a 55+ homeless facility in West Salem. First it is close to a grade schools and 2 senior communities less than a half mile up the road. These are elderly people, many living alone and already have concerns from theft to SalemTowne community hall being set on fire. Are there going to be city staff and police living there to monitor these people, cleaning up the mess, which is disgusting. I know there are other areas and mental hospitals you could spend the money on and not just push the problem that hasn't been dealt with to another site. Stop with the hand outs, make rules for them to be clean or kick them out, get them jobs thru training and mental help in a hospital with professional. Salem is an embarrassment and becoming unsafe. PLEASE don't put these people in a facility in West Salem. This isn't going to fix it, its not money spent wisely and needs to be reconsidered. Please keep the seniors safe and allow them to live without fear. Thank you for your consideration.
Jpruett

From: [Jeff Rehder](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Managed Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:30:38 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jeff Rehder, my wife and I have been living for almost five years in Brush College Heights approximately 1 mile from Wallace Road. We are STRONGLY AGAINST the proposed location of the camp for multiple reasons:

1. West Salem does not have any of the required resources to support this group of individuals, and to help the re-enter the workforce and economy. There are minimal jobs, mental health facilities, rehabilitation facilities, transportation, affordable housing, and any of the other needs to help these individuals re-establish themselves in the community and economy.
2. We have always felt safe in West Salem. My wife feels comfortable going for walks and runs by herself, however we will not feel safe if these high risk individuals are inserted next to our home and community.
3. Building on #2, there are two elementary schools less than a half mile from the proposed location.
4. Allo of the above reasons, as well as the devaluation of homes and property in West Salem will cause masses of affluent families and individuals to move away from this region or area. My wife and I don't even have kids, and we would definitely be considering moving to a safer area if this were to come to fruition.

We feel the money being proposed to build the camp would be better served by being allocated to the resources included in #1. If a camp is desired, I am not sure why a better location, outside of the affluent areas of Salem would not be a better fit to avoid disruption of families and the community; from my perspective it seems as though near Lancaster or near the airport would provide better access to jobs and be more central for job-related resources, mental health, affordable housing, etc.

Thank you for your consideration with regards to tonight's meeting.

Kind Regards,
Jeff Rehder
jeffreymarkrehder@gmail.com
503.964.9015

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Placing homeless next to retirement community.
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:23:35 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Rendon <debrapeck@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:02 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Placing homeless next to retirement community.

You closed two homeless camps in Salem because of the increase in garbage, fires, theft, destruction of property, infections, body lice, drug addiction and overall violence. Your answer is to move the camp next to a retirement community who already have problems with their health. I am sure you won't be making the homeless take the coronavirus vaccine. This is going to cause a lot of deaths in the elderly living in that community from the increase in disease they will get from the homeless. Past experiences show they invade surrounding neighborhoods and elderly are easy prey. Looks like Salem will end up in the national news cycle when it's learned that you moved homeless from downtown because of the problems they caused and then moved it next to the weakest part of our society.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Janet Wilson](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed unsheltered west salem
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 5:31:08 PM

In a word, No.

I have no desire to live among the filth, trash, and crime that come with the unsheltered people of this city. We all live away from town for a reason. Partially to avoid these things.

And, this is way too far from services for the homeless, those that need those social services.

If that city owned property isn't useful for anything else why do you think it's useful for transient living. It's not.

If you open that to homeless expect higher calls for police and medical services to that area. You don't have the resources to give west salem.

Essentially, no. They don't belong in west salem

Thank you,

Janet Wilson
Brush college resident

From: [Kathy Haines](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: For Monday's Council Meeting: Citizen and Homeowner Concern
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:37:29 PM
Importance: High

For Resolution 3.3f, File 21-421 "Managed Temporary Camping" in West Salem...

VOTE NO!

I am a homeowner off of Brush College in West Salem. Multiple times daily, I drive through this area. My child attended Riveria Christian School at West Hills Community Church for 6 years. I frequently do business at Plaid Pantry and Roger That BBQ. My family does proactively choose **not** to do business or frequent parks/public areas in other parts of Salem that have homeless and those that approach us panhandling due to major SAFETY concerns for myself and my children.

Serving the underserved community is something I do concern myself with. I am a monthly sustaining donor to several organizations, including Salem Dream Center and Liberty House.

The proposed plan is not the answer!

The area in question and the entire pathway from that site to downtown services are family neighborhoods. Your plan to put a homeless camp in an area will absolutely have an adverse effect on what is currently a clean, safe, and desirable place to invest in a home. The result to that area will be LESS SAFE, LESS WELCOMING, AND LESS LIVABLE!

There currently are not homeless camping in that area, nor down the corridor of Wallace Road, so it would seem that the only reason that it is being considered is simply that it is an available property and the City has some temporary federal money to spend.

It's difficult to make an argument against helping the homeless without sounding heartless, but you the City Council have an obligation to support and protect the almost 170,000 other citizens which make up this community! Placing homeless camps in established healthy neighborhoods is a failure in that obligation.

Sincerely,
Katherine Loos Haines
618-534-1541 mobile

From: [Kurt Harnett](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Camp
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:04:54 PM

Salem City Council,

I would like to express my disagreement with the recent proposed Homeless Camp located in West Salem.

First I feel like to put all these people together, who already have a range of issues, including mental illness and addictions, would only compound the problem.

Second the proposed area is separated from goods and services, as well as, public transportation.

Third I feel that the proposed camp would bring problems unforeseen to the very stable community of West Salem.

Please vote no on this proposal, and consider other options to use taxpayer funds to solve this urgent need.

Thank you, KURT C. HARNETT

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Kurt Harnett McMinnville Oregon

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of pink229158@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 3:19:12 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Kelly Jones
Your Email	pink229158@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039105636
Street	3006 Twin Oak Place Northwest
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Outraged by proposal of homeless camp in West Salem. The homeless do not like or follow rules. This area is close to grade schools, Salem Town retirement, and neighborhoods. West Salem is one area not unendated with homeless, please don't encourage this.

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From: [Kelly Jones](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 3:15:29 PM

Why is it we don't get to vote on this?

Why not put this \$ into mental health

West Salem is one area not inundated with homeless, why bring them here. They don't like rules, and will now be close to grade schools, Salemtowne, and neighborhoods.

Very disappointed with our city council.

Please reconsider this

Kelly Jones

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Response to City Council Proposed Managed Camping
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:22:29 AM

From: Kathi Lavier <klavier1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:23 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Response to City Council Proposed Managed Camping

From: Katherine and Carl Lavier, 1651 Almond Lane NW, Salem, Oregon 97304 PH: 951-282-4377

The Proposed Site is 3/10th of a mile from the Senior Community of Salemtowne. That is just 528 yards!!! This community has no guards and is not gated.

* Demographics of Salemtowne Residents:

Approximately 700 Senior Citizens- Many not able to defend themselves from intruders.
Many with a lifetime of jewelry and other valuables.
They [we] live in a senior community for support and safety.

* Perceived demographics of the homeless populations:

Mental illness
Drug addiction
Opportunistic survivors
Predators

* It seems that the city is trying to move the homeless out of their line of sight to a residential area with schools, residential homes and a large senior community.
What about our property values?

* Is there a benefit to Marion County to move this population to Polk County?

* The proposed site is zoned Commercial, it should be illegal to use it for Residential purposes.

* The amount of money proposed to deal with only 60 homeless individuals is enormous when there are hundreds or thousands of homeless people in Marion and Polk Counties.

* What is the plan for those not served by this encampment. \$1,600 per person per month for "operations" on top of the startup of \$237,000 seems ridiculous and will not even put a dent in the total problem but will have a very negative impact of many tax paying, voting and law abiding citizens!

From: [Kari Mollgaard](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Encampment
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:49:27 PM

I would like the council to know my concerns about an encampment on Wallace Road.

1. **Safety** concerns for children and seniors in this quiet residential area and the possibility of increased crime, theft and trespassing. We are already seeing an increase in thefts from our homes from a small encampment behind our housing addition. Will there be increased police patrols?
2. I don't believe this area is **zoned** for residential/multi family housing, but for commercial retail
3. The occupants would be far removed from services, would they not be better served in the downtown area. **Mental health issues, addiction issues** all raise great fears in our community.
4. How will water, **sewer**, electricity, food be provided. The biggest concern would be the health concerns when proper waste disposal is not available. We have seen how they don't respect anything just by all the trash and human waste around them in many areas around Salem, why would this be any different.
5. I see nothing in your site plan for **restrooms**
6. Could this same encampment be erected in the **park by the bridge** so they can still be close to the mission and other needed services? No one must use the park any way as it is too scary to think about enjoying.
7. When you say **temporary**, is that to mean temporary housing for them, yet the encampment will stay permanently as long as there is a need?

We worked hard our whole lives to be able to retire in a nice quiet well maintained community, it does not seem fair that our property values will decline because of a city coming in and building such a monstrosity and eventually using our tax dollars to maintain it.

Please find another solution.

Respectfully,

Kari Mollgaard
West Salem, Salemtowne Resident

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Homeless Encampment
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:22:44 AM

From: JANICE PADDOCK <janicepaddock@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:47 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Proposed Homeless Encampment

One can only wonder how many of the City employees responsible for this decision live in the vicinity of the proposed encampment. My guess would be -- zero!

The homeless situation everywhere is a serious problem -- for the cities and neighborhoods directly affected and, of course, for those who are homeless. Their plight is tragic, regardless of the reason for it. Many say that it's because they're drug users. Probably some are. Whatever the cause, and whoever's to blame, it's a problem for everyone, not just those without a home.

However, to place an encampment in a quiet residential neighborhood for a group that has no sense of responsibility and trashes any areas where they congregate, is unthinkable. To even consider locating such a group near a community of senior citizens, who are especially vulnerable, is beyond comprehension. And, the City needs to reconsider any such plan. There have to be areas less sensitive and more suited to a settlement such as the one proposed. Perhaps in the neighborhoods of those doing the proposing.

Janice Paddock

From: [Keith Riggs](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [budgetoffice](#)
Subject: Comments: temporary managed camp in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 2:42:54 PM

I wish to have the City Council consider the following points when studying the proposed establishment of a temporary homeless encampment at 2700 Wallace Road NW.

- The published plan does not describe how food, water, and sewer will be provided.
- The plan raises fears of increased crime in a quiet residential neighborhood. How will these fears be addressed?
- The location is far from necessary mental health and addiction services.
- The \$96,000 monthly operating cost, at \$1,600/person, is more than the cost of a very good apartment. Taking 60 people off the street and renting them an apartment instead of keeping them in micro-shelters might produce a better result.
- The City of Salem - Satisfaction Survey reports a steady decline in optimism and a greater sense that the city is headed in the wrong direction. Adopting this plan will increase that public sentiment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Keith Riggs
1886 Woodstock CIR NW
Salem
cell: [541-680-1044](tel:541-680-1044)

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of kimberlylarraine33@hotmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: proposed homeless camp on Wallace road
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:37:11 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	KIMBERLY SEYBOLDT
Your Email	kimberlylarraine33@hotmail.com
Message	<p>The location of the proposed camp is unwise both because of the number of children living in apartments nearby and because of the vulnerable population located in Salemtowne just a few blocks up the road. Many of Salemtowne's citizens are well above 55 years and we are already seeing a problem with homeless people trying to camp out in the underbrushes and down in our storage. We were recently told in our block meetings that there is only one police officer per shift for our area. Several our residents are "Snowbirds" which also makes their homes more at risk with what the City of Salem is proposing. Keep in mind that there is very little surveillance in Salemtowne and we have well over 400 homes ripe for homeless people to try to enter. This camp needs to be away from here and for all of my reasons mentioned. Kimberly Seyboldt</p>

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From: [Karen Sjogren](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Road
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 6:16:43 PM

Please accept this as my public comment on the proposed camp, which I oppose. I would like to simply add my name to the excellent comment submitted by Jim and Jody Davis; I agree and incorporate by reference every point they made. I and my neighbors have tolerated the camp at Wallace Marine park for over a year so I know the Davis' points are valid. Please check out the other locations they have mentioned which do not utilize green space, are closer to needed services, and not in proximity to schools or churches. Also the development of this site is way too expensive. I daresay the city would not be spending this kind of money if it were not coming from federal funds. The duration of this camp and its construction are also too permanent in nature, giving the occupants a feeling of entitlement which will make it much more difficult to move them out eventually. Camps are not a good idea in general due to the garbage generated and cost of cleanup. I just talked to a parks employee about getting the mattress off the railroad trestle that's hanging over a wetland, and have spent several hours removing hundreds of cigarette butts from around the benches in Wallace Marine. SOLV helped out today. There are still people living in the north end of the park. Let's do better for both the public and the homeless by putting them in real housing, especially as the rainy season approaches. For this amount of money other alternatives are surely available.

From: [LA](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed West Salem Managed Camp
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:31:34 PM

I am writing to record concern about the proposed West Salem Managed Camp. My understanding (Salem Reporter article) is that the camp will house people in micro homes for up to 60 people- preference given to those who are 55 and older.

My concerns are the following:

1 This plot of land is next to 2 large low income apartment housing complexes. Children play outside every day- actually often using that asphalt to ride their bikes and play hoops as there is little outdoor space in the complexes. A settlement of that size- no matter how well managed would affect the quality of life for those near by. Yes- there will be a community cooking and seating area- but people will be coming and going, sitting outside their small little residences, receiving visitors , walking their dogs etc.

2 It's an inappropriate project for the target population. Many seniors actually have small social security checks- not enough to get an apartment- but enough-with a subsidy half of what this costs (\$1600 per person if 60 residents) to actually afford one of the apartments next door to this site. Many seniors are slowed down enough that they wouldn't cause trouble living alongside others- what they need is financial assistance, assistance moving and setting up their households, and regular supervision to receive the support they need to establish a suitable routine. I'm not proposing that we move 60 people into those apartment complexes, communities do better when they are diverse- housing projects of the past were disasters.

3- If the city has no use for that land- a small childrens park, boys and girls center and a retail store to allow for the residents of all those nearby apartments to shop at more than a plaid pantry would be a better use of the property.

Lee-Anne Bentson
5680 Wallace Rd NW
503-585-9141

From: [Linda Blanchard](#)
To: [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: Homeless
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:34:17 PM

City council of West Salem,

My name is Linda Blanchard and I am a West Salem resident. We moved to this area for peace, quiet and safety in about 2003. Since moving here we have seen a lot of changes, and some of them are not good, and some are not at all safe.

It has come to my attention by a friend in this area that the city council has the homeless on the agenda for a location to gather and reside near other residents here in West Salem. We residents feel this decision should be removed from the agenda because of inadequate information.

This is a complicated issue and needs to be addressed, obviously, but safety to the residents should be of up most importance.

Thank you for your time.
Linda Blanchard

From: [Lindsey Poytress](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fw: Concern: Houseless proposal on Brush College
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:41:56 AM

Good Morning

This is my public comment regarding the issue of the houseless camp being proposed near Brush College St. Due to inadequate information, the information provided did not mention if these are vetted houseless. How can I be sure in a neighborhood so close to many schools and churches that these houseless aren't prior sex offenders being brought into the neighborhood. How can I be sure that this won't bring in other crime & loitering. Who within the city, if approved, is going to take responsibility when this does happen because inevitably it will. Would anyone on this board who votes for it allow this into their neighborhood? Just because this is a last ditch effort due to this being the last piece of useable land known doesn't make it right. This being proposed as a temporary situation is simply a lie and will end up being permanent. Just like two weeks to flatten the curve, no one believes city/state officials anymore due to their past.

Please as a concerned citizen who owns property in this area go back to the drawing board.

Thank you,
Lindsey Coleman
760-912-6874
lepoytress@yahoo.com

From: [lucky.coyne](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Healthcare and the homeless..
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:28:46 AM

As a retired medical social worker I am especially concerned that we address healthcare needs & not ignore needed backup services.

This relates to the Safe Camp
planned for 2700 Wallace Rd.
as a first step to diminish the volume of our unsheltered.

Here is the crux of the essential elements for the plan to work.

1. Learn what other west coast cities have done in similar encampments. No desire for reinventing the old wheel.
2. Devote that camp to 55+ with medical issues linked to local facilities like W. Salem Clinic.
3. Set up bus route changes to allow transit to downtown so new residents are not stranded. Two times daily a run can bring folks with med appts to clinics. Let's consider unused school buses.
4. Screen potential residents for drug use. Disqualify those who show symptoms. Local theft threats are linked to addiction.

Not to total population of those unsheltered. Intelligent minds will refuse to fall for stereotypes!!!

Safeguards are imperative...

Btw I once did graduate work in urban development which likely influences my thought process.

So I try to remain calm and not erupt with angry emotions. I am seeking a middle ground to an issue that merits sensitivity.

B. Lee Coyne//Salem towne

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Lexie Lon](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 2:40:15 PM

Please do not put a homeless camp in the west Salem Wallace Road area, I live in the apartment complex right next to the proposed area... I am a single mother with a 7 year old son. I do not want to fear of sex offenders and drug users or violence around my child. These children should feel safe in their environment. They like to play outside, this will trap them indoors, this is not fair. Please protect our kids and do not put a homeless camp near us.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lee Ann Nail](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Object to Managed Camp in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:15:27 AM

Hi,

I am a social worker and strongly object to the proposed location of the Managed Camp for 2700 Wallace Road in West Salem. The location is nowhere near a grocery store, medical or mental health services. It is also a block away from a retirement community of 400 homes which, when canvased yesterday, expressed fear, shock and in some cases terror that a development like this would be undertaken. Many of my neighbors here live alone in their 70 and 80s. I ask, on their behalf, that another, more logical and functional location be established for the Managed Camp.

Lee Ann Nail, LCSW

From: [lane.nebeker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed Managed Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:13:52 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

Far away from medical help. Far away from extra resources. Far away from an area with stores. Close to schools. Close to apartments. Close to parks. Does this sound like an ideal location for a managed homeless camp?

We have hardly any information on what this camp is or how it will be run. Yes, we know there will be 30 dwellings. Yes, we know that it's supposed to be for those 55+. Yes, we know there will be some services available directly on-site. However, there are many more questions for each of these little pieces of information. Questions such as:

- How will the rest of the funds for the camp be raised (there is currently not enough money to even build what is being proposed)?
- Specifically, what kind of services will be provided?
- How does the (hopefully high, according to the little information I've been able to find) temporary homeless population turnover affect safety?
- How will the homeless get around? Will they be bussed? Will they have to walk (this location is far away from everything and those over 55 probably wouldn't want to be walking very far)?
- Are they expecting to put 2 people in a shelter since there are only 30 micro shelters but they are looking for 60 people?
- What happens when the 55+ category is filled and they still have empty shelters? Who fills them?
- Will the homeless be thoroughly vetted to make sure there are no sexual predators since it is so close to many schools, apartments, and parks?

These questions are just off the top of my head, listed in about 2 minutes. If I have this many questions I can come up with in the amount of time I'm supposed to be brushing my teeth, how many more things are unanswered that we haven't even considered? Why do we *need* a managed homeless camp in each ward in the city? West Salem is so far away from the rest of the city. There are other areas that are much more conducive to assisting the homeless, and these are where we need to focus our attention. There is not enough information, but more importantly, there is not enough local support or benefit to the homeless on the outskirts of the city of Salem. However good intentions may be, West Salem is not the place for a managed temporary homeless camp.

Sincerely,
Theron Lane Nebeker

From: [Linda Spansel](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Public Comment, West Salem Managed Home Site
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:47:33 AM

Dear Council Members,

I would like to submit comments on the proposed Managed Home site in West Salem that I believe is on today's meeting agenda. I'm concerned that there was no notice posted on this project at the site and the lack of efforts to inform residents before the Council moves on a decision. Many of us have concerns we would like addressed before the Council considers this project a done deal, for example: 1) Seniors, really? For the money, wouldn't a hotel or apartment be the better option for this age group if this project really is a transitional effort? 2) Homeless housing in a residential area far removed from services more easily accessible from downtown doesn't seem practical. 3) Who will be on-site managing this project? 4) Why isn't a vacant building being considered? The city has a few and should also consider the purchase of privately owned sites as well. The proposed budget should cover any renovations. 5) When the money runs out, then what?

Thanks for taking the time to read this message and addressing the concerns. As a West Salem resident I'm not opposed to providing homeless seniors housing, just want to be sure the project has some thought behind it and all available sites have been considered. L.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Luanne Whitaker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Proposed "managed" homeless camp on Wallace Road
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:41:38 PM

City Council Members:

I learned of this proposed homeless camp on 9/25 by reading a post on a community website. Choosing this location as a homeless camp would be very wrong for many reasons. The only amenity is a Plaid Pantry. Camp residents would have to go about 3 miles to the nearest grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, library and other amenities. Within ½ mile there is a 55+ community of approximately 430 homes and two elementary schools. The site is adjacent to a Bonaventure care home where currently residents enjoy going outside if they are mobile and many relatives and friends visit the residents. It seems doubtful anyone would be comfortable entering or leaving the Bonaventure facility if a homeless camp were located adjacent to the property.

Just because the Federal American Rescue Plan Act can fund a project it doesn't mean that \$1600 per month should be spent per person to provide housing that would have to be developed. There are so many other locations that would be better choices for the development of a "managed" homeless camp! Hopefully the City of Salem and the State of Oregon can collaborate and make use of vacant land owned by the State of Oregon. The former Hillcrest Detention facility sits empty. The former Fairview Home has at least one building that exists and stands empty. There are many acres of land around Oregon Correctional Institute that are unused. There is vacant land around the Prison on State Street and the State Hospital on Center Street that could be used. The former Kmart store on Mission Street sits empty and should be strongly considered for purchasing. Purchasing a hotel or motel that doesn't need \$87,000 for site preparation or \$150,000 to purchase "microshelters" and is doubtful it would cost \$1600 per person per month!

Please remove this item from the September 27 agenda to allow notification to area residents and to consider other locations.

Thank you.
Luanne Whitaker

From: [Salem Planning](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Contact Planning - PAC
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:25:18 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

This question was submitted to Planning, and I will respond regarding the zoning. I believe it should be included as testimony for Council tonight.

Thank you.

Pamela Cole

Planner II

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net <noreply@cityofsalem.net> **On Behalf Of** whitaker62@comcast.net

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:41 PM

To: Salem Planning <Planning@cityofsalem.net>

Subject: Contact Planning - PAC

Your Name	Luanne Whitaker
Your Email	whitaker62@comcast.net
Your Phone	503-689-1429
Street	1875 Woodstock Cir NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	How is it possible that the City of Salem can plan to locate a homeless encampment on City owned property on Wallace Road NW that is not zoned for single or multiple family residences? I believe it is zoned for Commercial and Business use.

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From: [Marybeth](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp in West
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:31:06 AM

I beg of you go reconsider Wallace / Brush College are for the intended homeless relocation/camp.

There are not facilities this far out, it will increase theft, garbage and move them away from being able to walk/bike to necessities provided to them.

Thank you,
Marybeth Cardenas
West Salem resident

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of hpalmer176@aol.com
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:31:49 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Mary Palmer
Your Email	hpalmer176@aol.com
Your Phone	5035079734
Street	3315 Walnut Place NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I am opposed to the authorizing city staff to allow temporary managed camping at 2700 Wallace Road, West Salem, I live at Salemtowne and this will significantly affect our community both visually and emotionally. There are lots of single people here who would feel threatened by the presence of campers in our community. Please consider other places.

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From: m.vorderstrasse
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: m.vorderstrasse@comcast.net
Subject: Opposed to Housing homeless in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:24:51 AM

West Salem has already been home to hundreds of homeless people at Wallace Marine Park..we shouldnt have to be the dumping ground for people the city council cannot find a place for...we have already done our part. House the homeless in the central city where the services are such as Marion Park.

Sincerely,
Mike Vorderstrasse

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Michael Warwick](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:13:32 AM

I don't understand the City's approach to resolving the homeless crisis in Salem.

With all the land available, why not Declare the city limits a homeless free area. Acquire some land outside the city (or maybe the city owns some land not being used), provide tent housing, shelter services, medical, and necessary support services and move the people to this facility for help and rehabilitation. Yes, there are definitely expenses involved, but the reduction in cleanup costs, drug use and crime may more than offset the expense. I am sure that businesses and residents (especially families with young children) would rejoice with this action. It might even revitalize the downtown area and bring more activity and sales to businesses. You might even be able to get medical facilities and business to donate services and monies to aid in this effort. Currently you are ignoring 90% of the people for 10% of the problem.

[Michael Warwick](#)
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[503-689-1285](tel:503-689-1285)

[331 Silver Hills Circle SE](#)
[Salem, OR 97306](#)

From: [Patrick Carney](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: proposed west salem camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:33:06 AM

My name is Patrick Carney, me and my family are west salem residents and oppose the proposed homeless camp @2700 wallace rd nw. Without laws, we as a society are doomed to chaos...the laws have been abandoned and the homeless, or street people problem grew out of our leaders doing nothing. Now it is literally whack a mole around town...clean up rite aid block, they move to the parking structure...clean up the parking structure, they go to the park, etc, etc. Temporary camps are never the solution. The word temporary should be replaced by permanent solutions. The street people situation has destroyed the city- and now they want to spread it around to all outlying areas. I am not in favor of any temporary camp in salem or west salem.

Patrick Carney
Loan Originator
NMLS #273179
Blue-inc Capital
NMLS #196864 ML # 1456

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From: [Patrick Featherstone](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless camp to be placed on Wallace Rd in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:23:36 PM

Salem City Council:

As a resident living near Wallace Rd & Brush College Rd, I only found out today that without notice or resident input, a homeless camp is being planned for the parking lot at this corner. And at an incredibly huge cost of \$96,000 a month!

This location is very distant from any available services. Seems like the former Kmart parking lot near the new homeless services building on 22nd St SE. the Arches parking lot where many are already living, or a vacant lot on Front St near both the Salvation Army & the new UGM would be much better locations.

1. Instead of buying temporary micro shelters, 2 bedroom apartments could be used with 1 to 2 people in each bedroom.

Apartments already have running water, heaters, flush toilets, laundry facilities & garbage service.

There are no toilets, heaters, laundry or garbage at the Wallace Rd parking lot. How is sewage & garbage going to be handled?

2. Most of the homeless people I know receive \$800 a month is social security disability. Will the tenants in a homeless camp be required to pay rent to help offset the \$96,000 monthly cost?

3. Where is the \$96,000 monthly payment coming from? Taxpayers? If taxpayers, shouldn't we be allowed to vote on this since it will negatively affect our property values?

4. What is the 'temporary' time frame? Why is all this money being spent for temporary when an apartment building would be there for years. It would be cruel to let people live in a microshelter temporarily then make them move again. A better understanding of the time frame would be helpful.

5. If microshelters will be used, it seems like a more permanent location near services would make more sense - including from a fiscal standpoint - than a temporary location.

6. What type of increased police presence will be added to this area to address the crime, theft & garbage that seems to collect around any homeless encampment.

Thank you,

Patrick Featherstone
503-884-1340

From: sdfarrell53@aol.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Temporary Managed Shelter
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:33:58 AM

City Council of Salem,

After reading of your ideas of constructing a managed temporary shelter for approximately 60 homeless campers at 2700 Wallace Rd NW, we are concerned about a number of factors which will affect these campers and potentially our lives as residents of SalemTowne.

The proposed location is far from needed mental health and addition services as well as transportation options.

The proposed plan raises fear in our quiet residential community of increased crime. We have personally been victims of a residential burglary where we lost \$1000's of dollars of property and a feeling of security in our home. How will this potential of increased crime be prevented?

The published plan does not address how food, water and sewer will be provided to these temporary campers.

The \$96,000 monthly operating cost, at \$16,000 per person, is more than the cost of a very good apartment. Taking 60 people off the street and renting them an apartment instead of keeping them in micro-shelters would produce a better use of city resources.

Thank you for reconsidering this outrageous plan and devising another plan more suitable for the needy homeless of Salem.

Sincerely,

Pat & Sally Flores
2866 Oakcrest Dr NW
Salem OR 97304

sdfarrell53@aol.com

503-763-2654

From: [Peter Gottschalk](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: "Council Letter"
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:56:15 PM
Attachments: [Council Letter.pdf](#)

Please see attached regarding Monday's City Council meeting and present it to Council members.

Thank you

Peter Gottschalk

FROM THE DESK OF

PETER GOTTSCHALK

September 26, 2021

Salem City Council

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed homeless camp in West Salem, which you will be discussing this evening.

I live in the Salemtowne retirement community, about a tenth of a mile from the site of your proposed camp. This summer, a misguided resident here decided to befriend some homeless people. She gave them a tour of our facilities and sheltered them in her RV in our storage lot, without the Board's permission and against the rules of our HOA. Subsequent to that, we have experienced a rash of thefts from RV's and homes. There have also been a number of automobiles in the community that have had their catalytic converters stolen from them.

These incidents have been a cause of great concern among our residents, many of whom are quite elderly and living alone. Our residents are worried, and I believe justifiably so, that this proposed community in close proximity to Salemtowne will cause a marked increase in the incidents noted above. In addition to that, there is the likelihood that we will encounter these people begging at the entrance to our community daily as we come and go. They will be free to wander our streets, perhaps with an eye towards discovering easy pickings for a late night return. For many of our residents, the only exercise they can enjoy is to walk our quiet streets, The prospect of encountering these homeless people on their walks will dissuade many of them from going, which will prevent them from their normal socialization and increase their feeling of isolation as they will remain in their homes.

I beseech the Council to abandon the plan to locate the homeless camp at this location and seek a more appropriate site. I would suggest looking at industrial parks, as they are not normally in residential areas.

Sincerely Yours,

Peter Gottschalk

From: [Patricia Grimmert](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Temporary Manage camp at 2700 Wallace Rd NW
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:51:49 PM

I am concerned about having a managed camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW. I live in Salemtowne which is only .4 mile from that location. I know that the Paradise Island Park community had a lot of vandalism and theft when there was a camp nearby. I do not want that to happen to Salemtowne.

Where are these people going to get the services they need? What about transportation to town? There is not a grocery store nearby so they will have to go someplace to get food. As more houses and apartments are built in this area, the traffic on Wallace Rd. has increased. There is a bicycle lane, but it still is not that safe for bicyclists, especially at night.

Has someone done a study of this site for the purpose of turning it into a managed camp? If so, I would like to see a copy of it.

Pat Grimmert
503-585-1664

From: [Penny and Denny Laughery](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Shelter Wallace Road / Brush College Road
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:23:05 PM

This is a very bad idea for several reasons.

1. The federal money could be used to help actually help the people with mental health issues, training for work, for evaluating why they are on the street in the first place.
2. The location is far from servicers for food, UGM, ARCHES, and other places that provide help.
3. The location is just down the road from an over 55 community that could be entered and the citizens taken advantage of by the homeless.
4. This does nothing to solve the problem.

From: [Ronda Blacker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Camp in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:23:40 PM

Is it possible that the City Council is unaware of the composition of residents in the area near the proposed homeless camp? There is a Senior Assisted Building directly located nearby the proposed site. In addition, there is Salemtowne, a 55+ community, with many people unable to protect themselves, people fearful of crime, drugs, and exposure to trespassing.

Pushing this plan is anathema to me. How uncaring to propose a location that would place the homeless at the doorstep of older citizens that just want to live out their years in peace.

Other options should be pursued.

Ronda Blacker

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Ronda Blacker

From: [Robert Haines](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: "Managed Temporary Camping" in West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:28:04 AM

With regards to Resolution 3.3f, File 21-421 "Managed Temporary Camping" in West Salem...

VOTE NO!

It is not the obligation of the City of Salem to house the State's homeless population! The City has limited resources, and the City already has services and housing for the homeless. Increasing the available housing will surely draw in the homeless from all over. How much of the current homeless population is already from out of town?!

Additionally, the location being considered is in conflict with the needs of the homeless. It is on the edge of town, far away from any established services.

The location being considered is in conflict with the citizens of the community. The area in question and the entire pathway from that site to downtown services are family neighborhoods. Your plan to put a homeless camp in an area will absolutely have an adverse affect on what is currently a clean, safe, and desirable place to invest in a home.

It's difficult to make an argument against helping the homeless without sounding heartless, but you the City Council have an obligation to support and protect the almost 170,000 other citizens which make up this community! Placing homeless camps in established healthy neighborhoods is a failure in that obligation.

Robert H
West Salem, Oregon
Ward 8, Councilor Jim Lewis

From: [Robert Haines](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-27-2021 Public Comments
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:25:46 AM

With regards to Resolution 3.3f, File 21-421 "Managed Temporary Camping" in West Salem...

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

The area in question and the entire pathway from that site to downtown services are family neighborhoods. Your plan to put a homeless camp in an area will absolutely have an adverse affect on what is currently a clean, safe, and desirable place to invest in a home. The result to that area will be LESS SAFE, LESS WELCOMING, AND LESS LIVABLE!

There is not currently homeless camping in that area, nor down the corridor of Wallace Road, so it would seem that the only reason that it is being considered is simply that it is an available property and the City has some temporary federal money to spend.

It's difficult to make an argument against helping the homeless without sounding heartless, but you the City Council have an obligation to support and protect the almost 170,000 other citizens which make up this community! Placing homeless camps in established healthy neighborhoods is a failure in that obligation.

Robert H
West Salem, Oregon
Ward 8, Councilor Jim Lewis

From: [Rodney & Robin Peacock](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City Council proposal for homeless encampment in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:16:35 PM

We are completely outraged that you would consider proposing a homeless camp Right Next Door to Salemtowne senior community.

An encampment this close to a residential community will certainly devalue property and just your discussion has seniors in our community frightened and considering selling. If you lived in this community, you would oppose just as we do so please, no moral outrage.

We have already experienced a higher level of transients using private property and there have been petty thefts of items geared to transients. We are already burdened with damage to our facilities, due to a suspicious fire. We can't expect police patrols to protect us as they have "higher priorities" on the east side.

The infrastructure at this part of town is not conducive for foot traffic and is far from mental & medical health and addiction services.

I'm certain that estimated tax payer dollars would be better served by renting apartments if this is truly a temporary project. There has to be a better solution.

If the City Council is determined to create a Homeless Camp, we would hope you would find property close to industrial area to lease, or even state land which is currently not being utilized, ie state hosp grounds, etc. We would not wish this next door to any residential area such as ours.

Sincerely,
Rodney Peacock and
Robin Peacock

From: [budgetoffice](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Homeless Shelters - West Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:19:24 AM

From: Rex Turner <rextuner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 6:13 PM
To: budgetoffice <Budgetoffice@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homeless Shelters - West Salem

I am opposed to the proposed location on Wallace Road as well as spending this money for micro shelters. The proposed site is too far from needed services, too close to a vulnerable Salemtowne population, and the expenditure proposed could fund a lot of decent apartments for these people, as well as job training to help them off the support system.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Rex Turner
541-591-1738
Salemtowne

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
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From: [m.vorderstrasse](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Housing the homeless in west Salem
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:46:20 AM

Housing the homeless in west Salem is an outrageous idea! We've had them in our parks & on our downtown west Salem street corners pan handling. Make room for them in Central Salem where the services are...I don't want their tents & tarps & garbage that goes with them in my backyard! One can't drive through west Salem now with out seeing them...don't give them an invitation to invade our neighborhoods w/ the crime, drugs & garbage that come with them.

Sincerely,
Ramona

Sent from my Galaxy

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Sueb@onlinenw.com
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:14:35 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Susan Brewer
Your Email	Sueb@onlinenw.com
Your Phone	5034091951
Street	4250 Deepwood LN NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>It is my understanding that the city council in it's infinite wisdom is considering a homeless camp on Wallace Rd and Brush College. Now this is near or should I say at the area of multiple apartments with children and elderly. We all know about the increase in crime and risks. There's only one police officer assigned to West Salem so who's going to care for this arrangement and address the issues which come with homeless people. The distance to social services is too far for them to go to. And remember the near by school I am totally against this for all these reasons. There is a park which can be used for this on commercial street where they would be closer to care and support. But what's the long term goal. How about buying the old Statesman Journal building and convert. That would give people a roof over their head and a place to live Susan Brewer</p>

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From: [SALLY DALKE](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless Encampment at Brush College/Wallace Rd
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:14:52 PM

To Salem City Council:

I am very much against putting a homeless encampment at Brush College and Wallace Road. This would be put close to apartments, Church, pre-school and Christian School and elderly community which concerns me for the safety of those in close proximity.

I am concerned about the cost of this solution. \$96,000/month for 60 people seem like alot.

This location is quite a distance from mental health services or any medical services.

This does not seem to be very well thought out.

Sincerely,

Sally Dalke
3008 Twin Oak PI NW
Salem, 97304

From: [Sarah DuVal](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Managed homeless shelter in West Salem
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:52:33 PM

As a resident of West Salem, and the Salemtowne community, I'm concerned about a significant enclave of the homeless population again being deliberately located in West Salem - who has already borne the brunt of homeless camping. Why again pick West Salem to be at the forefront? There is the entire rest of the City.
West Salem is tired of being over represented as the City's preferred Ward to relocate, stash, the City's homeless population.

Roger DuVal

From: [Shane Hess](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Camp
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 6:49:10 AM

City Council,

As a concerned resident of West Salem, I oppose placing a managed camp for the homeless in West Salem at the proposed location which is residential and close to schools. I agree on the need to provide services to the homeless but this location is not ideal and a new location should be sought that is not in residential areas especially near schools and one that is ideally near services.

Thanks

Shane Hess

From: [\[redacted\]](#)
To: [\[redacted\]](#)
Subject: Schedule Document - sent from Schedule
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2021 9:42:00 AM
Attachments: [Schedule Document on Sep 20, 2021 at 9:42 AM \(77 KB\)](#)

Re: HOMELESS TO WEST SALEM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 at 6:00pm

NO

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE HOMELESS TO WEST SALEM. HOMELESSNESS JEOPARDIZES OUR LIVELIHOODS! We need our cities and parks back. Our citizens need to feel safe. Don't be like Eugene, Oregon who has the highest rate of homelessness in the whole country. Eugene seems to be spending more money to push the people deeper into homelessness.

BUSINESS OWNERS AND FAMILIES HAVE Legitimate GRIEVANCES.

THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND ITS UNFOLDING BEFORE OUR EYES! IT IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY that should be funded by the Federal Government and donations.

THE HOMELESS HAVE LEGITAMITE GRIEVANCES TOO! THEY HAVE NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND NO HOPE WHICH PUSHES THEM DEEPER INTO HOMELESSNESS.

GIVE THEM RESOURCES NOT JUST MONEY. DO THIS BY CREATING "HOPE CITY" OR "HELP CITY" THIS IS A CITY THAT IS ITS OWN CITY WITH ALL RECOURCES TO GIVE HOPE AND HELP. A CITY THAT HAS ENOUGH DISTANCE FROM SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND BUSINESSES.

GIVE THEM HOMES, FOOD, MEDICAL ATTENTION, CARETAKERS AND THEIR OWN BUSINESS VENTURES WITHIN THE CITY. ONCE ON THEIR FEET THEY CAN HAVE THE FREEDOM TO LEAVE OR STAY IN "HELP CITY".

HELP CITY COULD BE A PLACE OF STEPPING STONES FOR LIFE SKILLS, ADDICTION HEALING OR MENTAL ILLNESS COUNSELING.

THIS MEANS ANYONE SLEEPING ON CITY STREETS OR IN CITY PARKS GETS TRANSPORTED TO "HELP CITY".

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS THE IDEAS ARE ENDLESS AND CAN LEAD TO A FAR BETTER ENDING.

LET'S BE THE EXAMPLE FOR EVERY STATE. LET'S START HERE

INSTEAD OF ILLEGAL POT FARM LAND LETS TURN THE LAND INTO A "HELP CITY".

From: [Salley OMalley](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Micro Shelters Question
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:49:53 AM

My question to the City Council is the cost of \$96,000 a month to operate the new site. Can you please break down the expenses that warrant a total cost of operations at \$1.1 million per year?

Thank you,
Salley

From: [Steve Schmidt](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Wallace Road Homeless Camp
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:55:50 AM

My wife and I are residents of Salemtowne, a 55+ community near the proposed homeless camp proposed by you on Wallace Road NW.

We highly object to the camp being built at that location.

Every homeless camp in Salem has had nothing but destruction of property, filth, drugs and theft and harassment to the nearby neighborhoods.

Salemtowne is a 55+ community of seniors, many elderly singles, who may not be able to defend themselves or their property from unwanted intruders.

And as to the costs. It seems to me if you really want to house the homeless, they could be put in an apartment for about the same cost.

And, by building these camps you are not helping them to get off the streets and better themselves, you are enabling them to remain a burden and blight on the City of Salem.

The homeless have forced Nordstrom, Penneys and countless other small businesses from the downtown area, and now you want to put them near residential neighborhoods.

And no, I don't just mean 'not in my neighborhood', I mean not in any neighborhood, not in parks, not on sidewalks, not under the freeway.

Please, just do your job and clean up Salem.

Steve and Phyllis Schmidt
3386 Walnut Pl NW
Salem, OR 97304

From: [Tess](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Homeless shelters
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:01:20 AM

I was astounded to see your plans to build a permanent homeless camp in a basically residential area. My mother is a resident at Gibson Care home that sits next to it. I can't imagine these residents will feel safe walking on Brush College Rd now. My grandkids attend Rivera Christian school a block away. Do you honestly think this makes sense with small children on the block. You also have Salem Towne 1/4 mile away with many defenseless seniors. This is a huge risk and sure downfall for what is a nice area. Please Do Not allow this to happen! Sincerely Tess Bartlett

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tammy Karschnia](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Jim Lewis](#)
Subject: West Salem Homeless Camp Proposal- agenda item 3.3f
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:52:30 PM

Placing the homeless way out creates a feeling of uncaring for them, like they are “out of sight out of mind.” This will not effect the city or the council members at all.

From: [Tom Rastrelli](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 9-27-2021 Public Comments
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:19:27 PM

Dear City Council.

I'm writing with concerns about Resolution 3.3f, File 21-421 "Managed Temporary Camping."

It is a huge mistake to place a houseless community at the corner of Wallace Road and Brush College in West Salem.

How would the residents of this camp get food, water and basic support services? They would have to walk three miles into town through neighborhoods and along a very busy and highly trafficked road/highway that is almost always a traffic jam because you won't approve another bridge. Why would you put people who need major support services, especially if they are going to break the cycle of homelessness, unemployment, addiction and mental illness so far away from downtown? It makes no sense. Also, it will be extremely dangerous to the members of the camp and to those driving on Wallace Road. People will likely get hit by cars in the crosswalks on Wallace.

You will also be disrupting a neighborhood and residential area.

This is just not a good idea. There must be safer options that will be located nearby the services needed to better empower and help those who are houseless.

Sincerely,

Tom Mayhall Rastrelli
West Salem, Oregon

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of ltrssl@aol.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Contact City Recorder
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:51:36 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Larry K. Trussell
Your Email	ltrssl@aol.com
Your Phone	5033838948
Street	3164 Oakcrest Drive NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Very concerned about establishing a homeless camp at 2700 Wallace Rd. NW, we live in Salem Town and feel very vulnerable to crime in our community.

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From: [Will Cady](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [SALEM Manager](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 9-27-21 City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:48:04 PM
Attachments: [Agenda Comments CC 9-27 meeting.docx](#)

To whom it may concern,

We would like our comments added to public comment section of the City Council meeting on Sept 27, 2021, regarding Agenda item 3.3f for the proposed managed campsite at 2700 Wallace RD NW in West Salem. Thank you.

Sincerely,
William & Crystal Cady

9/25/2021

To the Salem City Council,

Regarding the proposed managed campsite at 2700 Wallace Rd NW in West Salem, I believe I speak for the majority of residents in the area and object to the location of this project. This is not the right location to accomplish the goals of providing safe and temporary housing.

The site is close to a number of schools and very close to multiple apartment complexes and homes. Which brings into question a major safety concern for the numerous neighborhoods with plenty of children. I understand there is a plan for security for people while in the camp, but what about off-site?

This proposal could lead to diminished home values as well which could lead to future property tax implications for the city. The choice of the site begs the question of why this part of West Salem? It is almost to the city line boundary and a long way from other services that are located closer to the city center.

After speaking with numerous neighbors and West Salem residents not a single person is in favor of the proposed site. While opposing the site everyone we have spoken with shares our compassion for the homeless population and agrees it is a major issue that deserves support and action. More planning needs to go into this project to find an alternative site that does not pose as many safety concerns as the current proposal.

My family and my neighbors appreciate being able to convey our opinions on such as a consequential decision for the City Council.

Sincerely,
William & Crystal Cady

2738 Vick Ave NW

Salem, OR 97304

William Joshua Cady
gobeavers_1@yahoo.com

541-207-2666 cell

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From: [Jim Scheppke](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: margosian2004@yahoo.com
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 6e, SPRAB Recommendations
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:09:28 AM

Dear Mayor and Council:

I want to thank the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their excellent recommendations to improve park usage and permitting. I agree with all the recommendations and hope they can be adopted by the Council.

I would, however, like to suggest an amendment to the second recommendation "Reporting Acts of Discrimination."

I am reminded of the incident that took place at a Riverfront Park on May 1st, where my friend Les Margosian attended a gun rights rally, (as an observer and not a participant) and was intimidated by Proud Boys who forced him to leave the event. I'm sure this was traumatic for him and totally uncalled for, since he was just sitting in the amphitheater observing the goings-on. I think what happened to Les would not accurately be termed "discrimination," so it don't think it would be covered by the second recommendation. That being the case, I would like to offer this amendment to the SPRAB recommendation for your consideration:

"Reporting acts of discrimination **or intimidation** . It is not clear what options park users have in instances in which they feel threatened or discriminated against. The City should at least be able to track such occurrences and should set up a hotline with language similar to the below that is posted at key locations in City parks.

Discrimination or intimidation: The City of Salem values all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, domestic partnership, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or source of income. If you believe that you have been ~~discriminated against~~ **subjected to discrimination or intimidation** by another park user or by a City program, activity, or facility; or if you desire further information, please contact the Public Works Department at 503-588-XXXX."

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim

Jim Scheppke, Ward 2
jscheppke@comcast.net
503-269-1559