

From: [Bonnie O'Connell](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comments on Micro Homeless Shelters
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After reading the Statesman's article on the upcoming City Council meeting regarding the above, my husband and I would like to express our support for any of the suggested properties for the shelters but especially for the Myers Farm location. This location has the advantage of a large new development where a successful design could be incorporated.

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Message	<p>Church at the Park (C@P) is collaboratively working to expand shelter sites, with the goal of operating sites in all eight wards in Salem. This month, we are presenting the City Council with four new sites. If each of the four sites is approved, 120 new shelters could be purchased and placed. The focus of our Micro Shelter Communities is the provision of a safe, sanitary, and supportive environment for guests to take the next steps towards housing and employment. With 24/7 staffing and on-site services, C@P seeks to maintain an environment of hope, dignity and holistic care. C@P staff is well-trained to support those facing the challenges and realities of homelessness. By providing a stable living environment and support, we have seen many people exit our shelters into permanent housing and gainful employment. Currently, we have 20 shelters at our Village of Hope site on Portland Road. Those shelters were purchased from Pallet Shelters, based out of Tacoma. Each shelter has two beds and a heater, which necessitates that they be in sites with power. An additional 30 shelters are located at our Catholic Community Services site. These "Livables" were designed by Russ Monk and High Impact Technologies, based out of Salem. They have twice the insulation as the Pallet Shelters and can be used on sites without power. "Livables" can also have more than two beds to accommodate families with children. We are encouraged to announce to our 250 shelter donors that we have arranged a contract with a third shelter provider. Adomo is based out of Salem and has used Russ Monk's design to create a locally sourced, highly insulated, and heated & cooled shelter. C@P believes this shelter is the model which best meets the guest's needs of durability, cleanable, and suited for all seasons. The cost of the new shelter is \$5,900. When the new sites are approved by the Salem City Council, Adomo confirms they can produce up to 5 shelters a week. I want to give testimony to the Council on the effectiveness of the micro-shelter approach to both shelter and transition unsheltered neighbors.</p>

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Church



12,000

meals provided by meal partners to unsheltered neighbors

605 households
1,945 individuals

served with a weekly food box

200

unsheltered individuals participated in keeping Cascades Gateway Park safe + sanitary through garbage clean-up



outreach team connected with 360 individuals in encampments to offer services

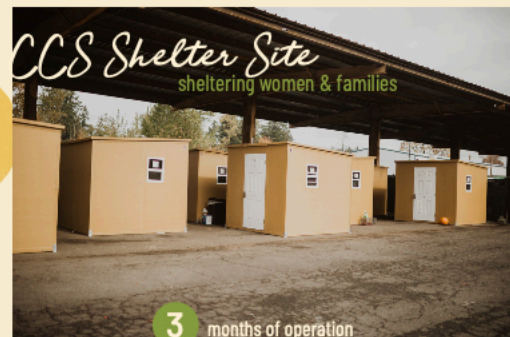
Micro-Sheltering



9 months of operation

104 people served 37% exits with a positive destination

Overwhelming Community Support! 125 micro-shelter units sponsored!



3 months of operation

87 people served (49 adults, 34 children) 72% exits with a positive destination

Safe Parking



10 unique host locations

80 people served

6 households moved to stable housing



1,300 unique individuals served

2021

126 unique individuals employed

From: [Karen Kohne](#)
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While I have numerous concerns regarding the placement of micro-shelters on the Peace Plaza, I will discuss only one herein.

The Peace Plaza is across the street from a residential neighborhood, the Gaiety Hill Historic Neighborhood. Protecting the availability of street parking within the neighborhood has been a years-long effort.

When the city installed parking meters in the Library parking garage, the residential streets became the parking place of choice for Library patrons. While those are short term stays, the day-long parking by Library staff and City Hall workers resulted in the development of a permit process. Only people who reside in the neighborhood can obtain permits to park their cars on the street or to give to their guests.

The people who would live in the micro-shelters at the Peace Plaza would live in the neighborhood so, no doubt, would be eligible for parking permits for their vehicles, campers & RV's operable or not. One need only drive by the existing micro-shelter locations to observe how many vehicles are there.

In selecting a site for these developments, I ask that the Council members consider the livability of the people who take great pride in maintaining the historic beauty of their neighborhood.

Thank You,
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