

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
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Testimony of Don Mazziotti Regarding the Disposition, Use and Sale of the Wapato Detention Facility

Commissioners: For the record my name is Don Mazziotti. I am a Multnomah County resident and taxpayer. I live at 1466 SW Highland Road. I am a director on the board of Oregon Harbor of Hope, a non-profit public benefit corporation established to provide assistance to the thousands of homeless people here and in the region.

As I believe the commissioners know that our non-profit board, consisting of outstanding citizens from the private, faith-based and institutional communities of Multnomah County, have submitted a proposal to you which offers the county government \$7 million dollars to acquire the Wapato facility, subject to completion and findings of a feasibility plan, to determine if Wapato could become a transformation, training and housing center for hundreds of homeless people.

We make this proposal because it offers the only firm commitment to providing public benefit to the taxpayers who have otherwise shouldered tens of millions of dollars in costs for more than a dozen years, sitting empty and unused. It is my view and that of my board, as well as the many people we have heard from, that the commission has the opportunity to make this facility into a functioning center to bring homeless people to health, safety, comfort and productivity where today we exert great and effort and resources to shelter most, while seeking to help many find alternatives.

We have consulted with several outstanding land use attorneys, including the original attorney in structuring all of the current agreements and encumbrances and they believe the cooperation of the county, city and Port can remove all such barriers.

If the commission wishes for the Oregon Harbor of Hope to go beyond our written proposal, I am prepared, today, to provide you with a specific purchase and sale agreement for \$7 million, subject only to a due diligence and planning effort, all of which we will assume all costs, including brokerage fees. We are willing to use the facility exclusively for public benefit, by aiding the homeless and providing a place for them to be while working on an individual level for every person's challenge.

As representatives of the private sector willing to step forward to address the county's gravest challenge, we urge you to accept our proposal and allow us to move forward with a Wapato public benefit plan.

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April 11, 2018

To the Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County:

I am nervous. I went to school with Deborah, and I have great respect for her. I learned a great deal in planning school from the teachings of her mother, whose legacy lives on in Portland, and the communities and housing policies she championed.

But I believe Commissioner Smith stands on the right side of history. Today we stand, as a community, on the precipice of making a great mistake. Multnomah County chooses today whether to sell the never-used Wapato Jail to a private party for private use, or reconsider its previous decision in light of both a decrease in the offer price, and a higher bid from a non-profit to convert the facility into a homeless shelter.

Homelessness and drug abuse in downtown are at an all time high. These facts are uncontested; while the population continues to increase, we as a community have risen to fund and place the fallen into shelter. We as a community have chosen to recognize the dignity of these people's lives, and choose policy responses which do not denigrate their humanity.

But as our generosity rises to meet the need, the need grows ever more quickly.

I am concerned for this city, I am concerned for my home. With Macy's leaving downtown, our anchor store gone, every day more shops are shuttered. Downtown is increasingly seen as unsafe and dirty, and fewer and fewer people choose to do business here. Chinatown is virtually dead. Competitor clusters on the outskirts of town grow, while our core rots. We might say - not here, not in Portland - but we will be remiss to ignore the warning signs before it is too late. Those who think that Portland cannot become a Detroit stand in the dark shadow of naivete.

I think the economic case for how costly our delay in meeting the rising demand for short term shelter can be made; although I am just starting to study this, I speculate that the raw numbers will be surprising to our elected officials and our neighbors. And certainly our sustainable city goals require a strong urban core.

But this place is not about money or profits at the expense of our humanity. See, we must remember that we are all on the same side here. Walking by the homeless and disenfranchised, those who feel forgotten and alone, battle drug addiction and anxiety, are malnourished or have open sores, eats at my soul every day. Taking a hardened stance is an affront to my humanity, but I know this problem is so much larger than me. Those who become homeless are there for such a myriad of reasons, and a coordinated approach by professionals far more versed than me and my platitudes here is warranted.

Having studied behavioral economics a bit, I can tell you that there is substantial evidence to show that proximity to drug use is not desirable for those trying to quit or change their life. The county has at its disposal a large facility which could house many people on a triage basis, and provide them a reprieve and an escape from both temptation and loneliness. Community driven approaches have a proven track record. Use of the Wapato facility on a first-stop basis while the city and counties locate more permanent, integrated, and lasting solutions simply makes sense.

And what's more, Harbor of Hope is knocking on our door to make it happen, and with compensation in excess of *gamed* and downright *offensive* private offers. Some say transportation is an issue, but shuttles could easily be arranged through Trimet. Some say sending the homeless to jail is jailing the homeless, but when I moved to Portland I lived in a former brothel, and it didn't feel like a brothel to me: it felt like home. The characteristics of a place are defined by the community that gives it that sense of place.

Jane Jacobs advocated for how important a sense of place is to the cultural identity of a community. She argued that the people in a city give it character. I am not arguing for a top down administrative program to keep the derelict off of the streets. Rather, the county has a significant resource which could blossom into a community of second chances. Certainly, it is not *the* solution; homeless advocacy groups are right in advocating for dispersed (not concentrated), accessible (not isolated), and permanent (not transitory) solutions. But don't let perfect be the enemy of the good. Triage housing makes sense, and it's a win-win for our downtown, our people, and the homeless who currently have to wait in line for the city to get to them.

I like the recent news of a shelter on the west side of the Broadway bridge. It is one neighborhood solution with lasting promise of which I hope there will be many. But a solution 100 at a time is not fast enough, and does not provide the capacity that Wapato, as a community of hope, could.

Thank you for your consideration, and all board members' resolve to combat this dire issue.

Sincerely,

Peter Stiffler

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NAME: Phyllis Brudner

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MEETING DATE: 04/12/18

AGENDA ITEM # R.10 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X

NAME: Steven DeLoe

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Commissioners,

My name is Steven DeLoe. It is time to think out of the box some have created and some have fallen into. Portland has a unique and fortunate opportunity to use the Wapato facility that has everything needed to help the homeless at a much lower cost.

Wapato is once again available to use as a campus (similar to the one in San Antonio) for the homeless. It is a gift falling in your lap, a slam dunk, home run, no-brainer, an opportunity not to be missed. Time to quit saying 'no' and say 'yes, this can work'. Transportation is the only real logistic that is holding you back, so buy a couple of vans to help people get around, and a couple of golf carts to shuttle people up to Marine Dr to catch the bus, and get going on this.

The facility has everything that is needed. It is senseless and negligent to ignore this facility and not put it to use. Don't let Marc Jolin and Denis Theriault continue to lament how difficult it is to find good quality shelters with someone willing to lease property in a timely manner, while you are holding out on this one that meets all those criteria. Use the money from the new shelters planned for Old Town and on SE Foster, and avoid placing them in neighborhoods where there is so much concern and potential for negative impact.

Rough comparison of facilities.

| | Wapato | SE Foster | Difference |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Cost* | \$480/person/mo | \$1160/person/mo | \$680/person/mo |
| (rough approximation based on 10 year operation) | At less than half the cost per person, you can serve 525 people at less than the cost of the 320 beds you are trying to get in with Old Town and SE Foster, more beds less cost | | |
| Number of beds | 525 | 120 | |
| Walk to nearest Bus Stop | 4000 ft | 100 ft | 3900 ft |
| | Buy a couple of golf carts and shuttle people up to Marine Dr | | |
| Distance to Grocery Store | 5.4 mi | 1.4 mi | 4 mi |
| | Requires a bus transfer, or a walk to Powell from Foster Shelter | | |
| Distance to Downtown | 11.4 mi | 5.7 mi | 5.7 mi |
| | Most people commute further than that to work everyday | | |
| Distance to Max | 4.3 mi | 2.4 mi | 1.9 mi |

None of these distances are insurmountable, it is so much cheaper, it utilizes a facility in the way it was designed for (no renovations required), and it has a ton of additional amenities that none of your shelters have. Gym space, indoor basketball court, land for gardening, land for recreation, land for pets to run, etc.

I could go on and on, but there is already a lot of great supporting letters and articles out there. Even one from the Portland Police Association that addresses how this would help free up police resources. Please use Wapato to serve the homeless, it makes sense in every way imaginable.

Sincerely,

Steven DeLoe

5838 SE Raymond St, 97206



*Cost for SE Foster shelter based on \$177,000/yr lease, \$2,000,000 improvements, \$1,200,000/yr operating for 10 years (9.25 years occupied) (from M. Jolin presentation)

*Cost for Wapato based on \$950,000 start up, \$1,680,000/yr maint/utilities, \$1,260,000/yr shelter operations operating for 10 years (from Multnomah County analysis 01/12/2016, except shelter operations, which are approximated based on 10 staff 24 hrs/day)

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AGENDA ITEM # IV-R.10 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X-vote no

NAME: Wendy Willingham

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April 12 meeting, Wapato comments, Wendy Willingham

Dear Chair Kafoury, I and many others are astounded that you would refuse to consider using Wapato for at the minimum a temporary shelter for the homeless. Sure, it might cost some money, but we just don't have any other immediate options. Just yesterday yet another possible "shelter" project was announced, but that was only a donation and will need many more cooperative dollars from other sources. Who knows if it will even happen, or when if it does.

One of your reasons was that the residents aren't "close" to services? Set up a small medical clinic there on site, or provide transit passes. It's a short walk to the Yellow Line, then one bus transfer to downtown. Or a shuttle to downtown could be provided (work with a nonprofit or there might be businesses that would be sponsors of a bus or might offer vehicles to use).

The county wasted millions on an empty building. Why quibble about a few thousand to deal with this emergency situation? The city should join with you to assist with financing to help make it happen. Plus, you already have in hand an interested developer. (and, why should you take a \$5 million counter offer, down from \$10.5 million)

People (many of them liberal softies, like me) are getting fed up. Their children are playing in parks where there are needles on the ground. People fear leaving their homes in some areas due to aggressive campers. Many wake up to find fecal matter on their porches or in their yards. How is this fair to anyone who wants a decent quality of life in our city? And how is it fair to not provide shelter when a building stands empty?

Don't get me started on the effect on tourism. Many are shocked at our homeless situation. I was downtown yesterday and there was a tent right on the W. Burnside sidewalk. What do you think is in the tourists' minds? Hmm, lovely city, must tell my friends about it. Ha!

Multnomah County has an opportunity to be a hero and really help here. PLEASE DO SOMETHING!

Wendy Willingham

Portland, Oregon 97232