

Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee Agenda

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 5:30pm

Council Chambers, City Hall

Councilor Belinda Ray, District 1, Chair

Councilor Brian Batson, District 3

Councilor Pious Ali, At-Large

1. Announcements
2. Review And Approval Of Minutes From The June 26, 2018 Meeting

Documents:

[HHS PS MINUTES JUNE 26 2018 DRAFT.PDF](#)

3. Staff Overview Of Homeless Services Center Site Recommendation And Answers To Committee Questions From 6/26 Presentation.

Documents:

[INITIAL COMP PLAN ASSESSMENT RE HOMELESSSERVICECENTERS.PDF](#)
[CITY STAFF RESPONSE TO HRC LOCATION QUESTIONS FOR 7.10.18.PDF](#)

4. Public Hearing On Homeless Services Center Recommended Site (1145 Brighton Avenue) And Required Zone Change.

• Rules for a Public Comment are Available Here:

[HTTPS://WWW.PORTLANDMAINE.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/6136?FILEID=33387](https://www.portlandmaine.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/6136?fileid=33387)

Documents:

[ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.PDF](#)
[RULES FOR A PUBLIC COMMENT.PDF](#)
[ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT JULY 10 MEETING.PDF](#)
[ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT JULY 10 MEETING - BNA-BARRON CENTER SITE SUPPORT LETTER.PDF](#)
[UPDATED ORIGINAL PUBLIC COMMENT.PDF](#)

5. Next Meeting: July 17, 2018

The meeting can be watched online via livestream: www.portlandmaine.gov/livestream

Keep up to date with the new shelter design and planning process at the City's and Bayside Neighborhood Association's websites:

www.portlandmaine.gov/shelterplanning

<https://baysideportland.org/category/shelter/>

**Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee Minutes****Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 5:30pm, Council Chambers, City Hall**

Committee Attendance: Councilors Belinda Ray, Chair (District 1), Brian Batson (District 3), Pious Ali (At-Large)

Councilor Attendance: Jill Duson (At-Large)

City Attendance: City Manager, Jon Jennings; Mayor, Ethan Strimling; Director of Health and Human Services, Dawn Stiles; Assistant City Manager, Mona Bector, General Assistance Program Manager, Aaron Geyer; Shelter Director, Robert Parritt; Director of Social Services, David MacLean; City Planning Director, Tuck O'Brian; HR Director, Gina Tapp

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Announcements

Paid sick leave would only be discussed if the Homelessness Services Center agenda item concluded before 7:00 PM; due to time, paid sick leave was not discussed at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approval of June 10, 2018 Meeting +Minutes:

Chair Ray announced that Paid Sick Leave would
Councilor Batson moved to accept the minutes and the minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Homelessness Services Center.

City Manager, Jon Jennings – After researching all viable areas throughout the City, the Baron Center Campus was chosen; this was considered after the rezoning process that occurred last year.

- Rezoning must happen for this parcel.
- It will be based on a best practices model for emergency shelter with wrap-around services.
- Community partners will deliver services directly at the center.

Director of the Oxford Street Shelter, Robert Parritt

- Rob gave an overview of the history of the shelter
 - Current Shelter
 - Dormitories over three floors
 - Exterior Bathrooms
 - Storage
 - New Model: consolidated Services
 - Dormitory on one floor
 - Community engagement
 - Wrap Around Services
 - Volunteer Opportunities

- Rezoning will allow the City to best serve the community while addressing community concerns
 - Transportation
 - Isolation
- Current Services
 - Housing
 - Paramedicine
- Expanded Services
 - Healthcare
 - Medical Care
 - Substance use
 - Dental
 - Assuage predatory behavior targeting shelter guests; large portion of the people who congregate in front of the shelter do not stay at the shelter or access services
 - Storage
 - Community partners will deliver services at the shelter
 - Campus has a modern design
 - First floor dormitory
 - Raised beds (no more mats on the floor)
 - Clear site lines for safety
 - Second floor office and services space
 - Transportation
 - Infrastructure investment to make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly
 - Crosswalks
 - Bus stops
 - The Comprehensive Plan encourages the decentralization of services to help fight stigma and help integrate individuals experiencing homelessness with the surrounding communities

Tuck O'Brian – Zoning

- D5 to D4 Map change
 - Clearest solution
 - Buffers

Police Chief Sauschuck – Security Impact Analysis

- Bayside
 - Arrest and incident statistics viewed as a systems level issue
- Barron Center and Loring house
 - Building Infrastructure
 - PD would be heavily involved with planning for safety including a possible satellite police station.
 - The comprehensive model addresses the issues stemming from the concentration of services in Bayside
 - Community Policing
 - City owned property allows more agency and speed in security solutions.

Committee Questions

Chair Ray outlined the expectations of the meeting and the following meeting:

- Committee Questions June 26, 2018
- Public Comment July 10
- First zoning votes possible on July 24th

Councilor Batson has concerns about transportation, that the Center would rely heavily on the Metro.

- The shelter already transports shelter guests with City Vehicles
- Accessibility: How accessible is the Metro and Huskie Line?
 - Logisticare
 - Shuttle Service
 - stops at each provider throughout the day
 - Reliable Schedule
 - Coordinated with the H.O.M.E. Team
 - When Milestone is full, how will intoxicated individuals access transportation? Staff will transport via City-owned SUV
 - How will transportation changes and systems be conveyed to the public? House meetings and outreach
- Which service providers were informed of this recommendation
 - Amistad
 - Shalom House
 - Healthcare provider to open clinic that serves guests and public
- There are elements that would exist no matter where the shelter is located
- No services would be cut off;
 - How many shelter guests were referred to the Barron Center and Loring House directly from the shelter without a healthcare provider making the referral
- What conversations have occurred with businesses in the area:
 - No official agreements at this early stage but informal conversations have occurred with the Home Depot.
- Councilor Batson asked for other descriptors of the Center plan and the Com Plan.
 - Integrated facility that weaves community into service delivery.
 - Exploring more efficient delivery of services
 - A scattered site model does not integrate like the integrated best practices model does
 - Connectivity
 - One Portland Concept: fair and equitably share resources across the City, not just the Peninsula
 - Is this specific to the Barron Center Campus
 - The Brighton Ave Infrastructure Improvement: \$500,000
 - Pedestrian and bicycle safety infrastructure improvement
 - Husky Line
 - Public and Private funding sources including a reserve of savings from other projects
 - These improvements would occur regardless of where the Center is located.

Councilor Ali asked for a comparison of scattered site model versus a comprehensive model.

- Scattered site is significantly more expensive and logistically complex
- Staff will share the analysis with the committee
- Costs? All programs are grant funded based on performance measures

- Start-up costs
 - less due to City owned land
 - Financing model will be a public private partnership
- Councilor Ali asked Chief Sauschuck: A constituent has reported to Councilor Ali that Children in Sagamore village have been breaking into cars.
 - Kids break into cars all over the City; they haven't specifically collected that information
- Potential Community Policing Satellite
 - 10% of shelter population lead to a majority of service calls (Police and Medical)
 - Nearest community policing center is in Sagamore village based on CDBG regulations
 - A satellite office makes sense for community policing and enforcement
 - Satellite is being used as a general term; There is a potential for a community policing officer or coordinator
 - Regardless of the land is owned by the City, community policing
- Chair Ray asked Rob to speak to the character of the shelter guest in light of the location allowing guests easier access to employment with surrounding businesses.
 - Most individuals stay for less than 30 days: circumstantially homeless
 - Many work full time
 - The remaining guests require more intervention as compounding vulnerabilities such as persistent mental health or substance use disorder led to them entering and remaining in homelessness.
 - Chair Ray asked Rob to explain how the new center won't share the issues experienced in Bayside
 - Lack of control of surrounding property – City will own the land
 - No privacy – space for people to relax and not be on display or accessible to drug dealers and human traffickers
 - Interior courtyard allows for outdoor relaxation without the above stressors
 - Have the changes made at the shelter had an observational impact on shelter guests (24 hour services, storage, bathroom)
 - Qualitative observation improved affect
 - 1 FTE Street Outreach bringing people in and connecting them to services
 - Community Health Clinic
 - Health clinic would be on the second floor and have a separate entrance for the public. (medical, dental, mental health)

Mayor Ethan Strimmling –

Best location for the community served, not the best location of the options available

- Map on of Baron Center Campus
 - Corner of Home Avenue and Brighton Avenue
 - Utilized parking behind prosed location
 - No City owned emergency adult shelter other than the Family Shelter would remain on the peninsula.
 - Should there be an emergency shelter downtown?
 - Many people are housed and sleep downtown due to the concentration of services
 - Historically the concentration of all services can trap people downtown
 - Without being routed downtown for services, guests will have greater agency over their time

- Homelessness does not originate downtown:
 - 1/3 are from Portland
 - 1/3 are from other Maine Towns
 - 1/3 are from Out of State/Country
- Mayor Strimling asked staff to consider that some services would remain downtown and where would people go if stranded at night
- Services are walkable from Bayside
 - Mindful transportation logistics is identified as a crucial component.
 - What services are walkable from the Barron Center Campus?
 - Access to Day Labor on Brighton Ave?
 - Laundry and food services and case management currently available in Bayside would be replicated within the Center in a way that increases access for the most vulnerable
- Partner Agency story: An individual struggling with addiction was able to access detox and had to leave the neighborhood from the triggers
- Without buy-in from the community and community partners this initiative will fail
 - What deliverables can partnering agencies commit to?
 - What is the sustainability outlook on these services?
 - The facility resources will eliminate overhead for partners including dedicated office space.
 - Is this conversation premature and applicable to site selection?
 - The sustainability of services would determine the success of any location or model that leverages wrap around services
 - Buy-in commitment is essential but how practical is a long term contract (versus commitment pledge?)
- Shuttle Schedules should consider seasons and weather's influence on where and when people spend time throughout the city; staying up later for events and entertainment downtown in the summer
- Police – Impact Analysis
 - 10% of the shelter population prey on the remaining 90%
 - It will be observable who is and is not seeking services due to the by-name lists used to end homelessness
 - Mayor Strimling expressed concern on concentrating one socioeconomic group in a single area and if that was considered; Sagamore village is comprised of people who are housed versus the individuals in Bayside experience daily crisis in homelessness
 - low-income individuals who are housed in Public housing face different challenges than the vulnerability of people experiencing homelessness. Homelessness greatly increases subspecialty to criminal predation; this is marked by the issues in Bayside not spilling into the East bayside neighborhood.

- Rezoning
 - Ask the council to rezone and
 - Committee affirmation that this is the site of the new facility
 - Size of parcel
 - RFP process and other fiscal process details will be considered in the financial plan
 - A public-private partnership is expected as the costs are nearly guaranteed to be too much for the City to bear alone.
 - Homeless Voices For Justice is very interested and has continued dialogue with City staff
 - Healthcare providers will be invited to speak at the July 10th meeting and to provide some information
 - Councilor Batson requested information on other sites that were considered and why they are not as desirable as the Barron center campus
 - Were any of those sites cut because they were too small and would be appropriate for smaller scattered site shelters that focus on specific sub populations
 - Outreach to camps will continue
 - Costs are being determined and could range from leveraging office space for ad hoc, drop-in use or installing a permanent presence.
- Councilor Ali asked of the meeting requested by the neighborhood association is open to the public.

Chair Ray thanked the City staff who gathered data and presented to the committee

City Manager Jennings reiterated the goal is for the process to be as transparent as possible and additional meetings are welcome.

The Mayor requested that client feedback be included. Shelter staff will reach out to consumers.

Next meeting: July 10th



Homelessness Resources Center

Homelessness Resources and Services

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Shelter Client Feedback:

- Amistad Peer Survey (Will be posted when available)

Responses to Committee Questions

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<p>How many shelter guests were referred to the Barron Center and Loring House directly from the shelter without a healthcare provider making the referral</p>	<p>4 referrals to the Barron Center representing Of which single referral represented 775 Bed Nights. 9 referrals to the Loring House since 2013, representing 3,655 Bed Nights.</p>
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Access to Day Labor on Brighton Ave?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine Staffing Group • Space for group interviews and job fairs on-site using existing relationships and blueprint fostered through the HIRE program • MAS Staffing
<p>Councilor Batson requested information on other sites that were considered and why they are not as desirable as the Barron center campus.</p> <p>Were any of those sites cut because they were too small and would be appropriate for smaller scattered site shelters that focus on specific subpopulations.</p>	<p>The other locations looked at that were not as desirable due to cost, availability and/or connectivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presumpscot Street • Bishop Street • Washington Ave/Canco Road • County Way (Cumberland County Jail) <p>Size was not a factor.</p>
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What is the sustainability outlook on these services?	Refer to agencies that deliver the services outlined above.
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Does owning the land increase our ability to deliver services	Yes- Allows the HRC to partner with the Barron Center to create efficiencies.
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Will summer shuttle hours be expanded for concerts?	We are currently flexible for seasonal programming; that practice will continue.
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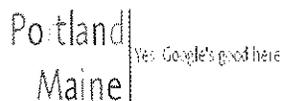
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Fwd: Homeless shelter site proposal

1 message

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Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 2:04 PM

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Cc: dcs@portlandmaine.gov, rwp@portlandmaine.gov

Dear Councilors Ali, Batson and Ray:

My name is Kristine Trogner. I'm a Nason's Corner resident and have been working closely alongside Maya Lena on the Nason's Corner Neighborhood Association. Over the past few weeks I've been reading and discussing neighbor comments/concerns about the proposed homeless shelter site on Brighton and Holm.

I worry that the city missed a valuable opportunity to present this proposal in a more positive light on the forefront with respect to the quiet neighborhood being asked to take on this huge and permanent change. This is not a three story multi-unit building being built on someone's property line with a controversial carport on street level. This plan is for 200 people to be rehomed to one residential neighborhood of primarily owner occupied single-family homes on the outskirts of the city surrounded by large wooded areas, trails and strip malls. I commend the city for its efforts in planning the new shelter and feel that the services to be provided are desperately needed and will be a positive change for this vulnerable group regardless of the location. Bayside needs a solution but I have concerns about the proposal.

My concerns about neighborhood impact are closely linked with the site's proximity to the almost 200 unit low income Sagamore Village, and the 40 unit low-income Avesta senior housing project that is in the works for Brighton Ave, just a few blocks away and set to break ground in the spring of 2019. I worry about clustering residents from one socioeconomic group into one neighborhood and the impact one will have on the other in addition to surrounding Nason's Corner neighbors. 200 new people is a significant number, and I cannot believe that the same problematic people who prey on the clients of the Oxford Street shelter will not be drawn to this area as well. I can envision how another Bayside could occur here and have concern for my Sagamore neighbors specifically, who already deal with some drug issues, crime and bad actors but have seen improvement in recent years. I fear that the city will be aiding one vulnerable group at the expense/risk of another.

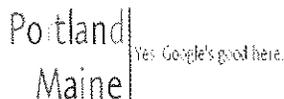
I have further concern about the proximity to the Barron Center residents, some living out their last days enjoying the side lawn, and the Loring house. A loved one of mine who passed away recently was a resident there until his passing and I can image the distress it could cause to residents, staff and family navigating the property to have the state's largest homeless shelter abutting the property. I was particularly moved by a Loring House neighbor who spoke at our neighborhood meeting about her concerns for first floor residents in her building, some elderly or disabled, and security. The Loring house is currently a 100% smoke free community,

which includes the grounds. I don't believe it's reasonable to assume that there would be no change at all for Barron Center and Loring House residents.

I appreciate the opportunity to connect and hear more. Very few concrete answers have been provided with respect to Nason's Corner impact. The site was abruptly announced, initially given an alarmingly short timeline to move this through, and neighbors felt desperate to be heard. I believe/hope that city is invested in a plan that is best for the entire city of Portland. Neighborhood impact must be a part of this process and done in a way that does not dismiss neighborhood residents' concerns.

Thank you,

Kristine Trogner



Linda Momborquette <ldm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Citizen-Sponsored Homeless Shelter Proposal (District Road)

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 1:59 PM

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Subject: Citizen-Sponsored Homeless Shelter Proposal (District Road)

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Dear City Councilors and Mayor Strimling,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

Please find attached a citizen-sponsored homeless shelter proposal that will be submitted to the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee at tonight's meeting. While not perfect, I do believe this proposal offers a compelling and thoughtful alternative to the Barron Center site. As such, I would very kindly request that you review the entire proposal when you have a chance (although I also realize you have many competing priorities as elected officials).

The proposed site is located off of District Road on 53 acres of largely vacant City-owned land near the Portland Jetport.**** Unlike the Barron Center proposal, the site complies with the amended zoning ordinance (subject to a conditional use analysis) and offers ample development opportunities and flexibility to accommodate the changing dynamics of homeless policy and best practices. It is also located adjacent to a Maine State Police facility, on an existing Metro line (Route 5), across the street from an opioid outpatient treatment clinic, and close to Spring Harbor Hospital, the new DHHS facility, and the Maine Mall commercial hub.

Please note that I have assumed, for the sake of argument, that Portland is determined to pursue a large intake shelter model, without passing judgment on same (i.e. as opposed to a scattered site model or what have you).

I look forward to a robust public dialogue regarding shelter siting in Portland and I would be more than happy to chat with any of you regarding this proposal. If nothing else, I firmly believe that the City Council should be presented with more than one proposal so that it can debate the merits of several competing proposals in a public setting.

Thanks,

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**** Please note that I am relying entirely on Portland's GIS Parcel Viewer as to acreage and title. I also spoke with Portland Public Works and they confirmed that District Road is a city street.



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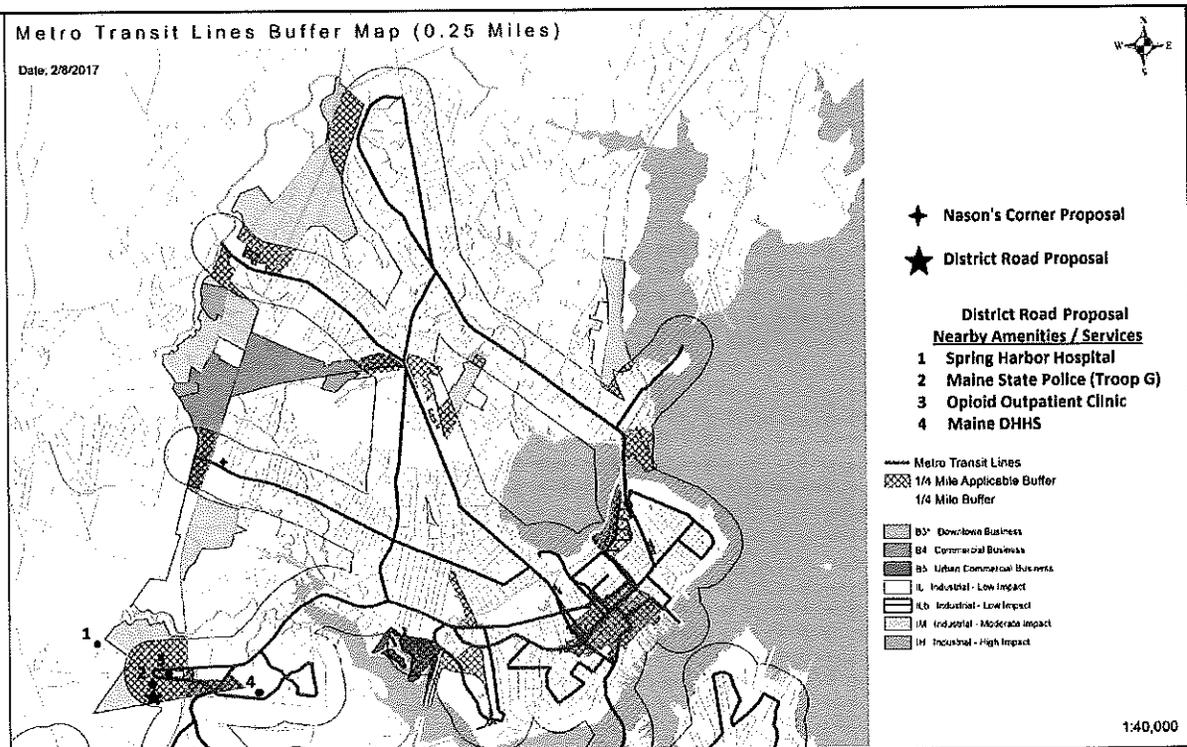
District Road Homeless Shelter Proposal

A Citizens' Proposal

The District Road Homeless Shelter Proposal is a citizen-sponsored proposal for siting a 200-bed emergency homeless shelter on a 53 acre City-owned parcel of land on District Road in Portland, Maine. The choice of location is modeled after Hope House in Bangor, which has been recognized as a "best practice" shelter by the City of Portland.

The District Road Proposal: (1) complies with Portland's comprehensive plan; (2) complies with Portland's zoning ordinance (as specifically amended by the Planning Board and City Council to accommodate homeless shelters); (3) mirrors "best practice" shelter sites cited favorably during Portland's multi-year analysis; and (4) is not located in a residential zone adjacent to a large low-density residential neighborhood. In our view, the Nason's Corner Homeless Shelter Proposal fails all four threshold issues.

The map below depicts the District Road Proposal in relation to some of the significant services and amenities nearby. The underlying map was approved by the City Council and shows where shelters may be sited based on the amended zoning ordinance. Shelters must be located within a permitted zone and within ¼ mile from a Metro Transit Line. The District Road Proposal complies; the Nason's Corner Proposal does not.



Why Not the Nason's Corner Proposal?

It Violates Portland's Comprehensive Plan

Portland's Comprehensive Plan states as follows:

"The benefits and costs of our city will be born fairly across the entire city."

Siting the largest shelter in Maine adjacent to one of Portland's largest low-density residential neighborhoods will unfairly burden the Nason's Corner community.

It Violates Portland's Amended Zoning Ordinance

Portland amended its zoning ordinance to contemplate off-peninsula homeless shelters in 2017, after several years of research and analysis. The Planning Board Report to the City Council clearly sought to prohibit shelters in residential zones and notes as follows:

"In preparing the draft amendments, staff considered whether it made sense to simply permit emergency shelters as conditional uses City-wide. However, in looking at the urban design and fabric of the other zones in the City, and the likely design of any new emergency shelter, it did not seem appropriate to site emergency shelters in other residential zones. However, group homes and other smaller-scale facilities similar in character to shelters continue to be permitted in those zones."

The Nason's Corner Proposal is located in an existing residential zone, at the gateway to one of Portland's largest single family residential neighborhoods. It is plainly in violation of the amended zoning ordinance and the spirit of the Planning Board Report.

It Bears No Resemblance to the "Best Practice" Sites Reviewed

On June 10, 2015, Maine State Housing Authority provided the Shelter Planning Task Force with 3 "best practice" shelter models. They were as follows:

Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS), Burlington, Vermont

- Scattered site high-barrier shelter system located in Downtown Burlington with the largest shelter having 36 beds

The Road Home, Salt Lake City, Utah¹

- Large low-barrier single shelter located in Downtown Salt Lake City with 1,100 beds

Hope House (Penobscot County Health Center), Bangor, Maine

- A 54-bed, low barrier shelter located next to the Bangor International Airport, with an additional 48 SRO transitional housing beds and a medical clinic on-site

The Nason's Corner Proposal bears no resemblance to these sites. We understand that shelters in Boston have been reviewed as well but, to our knowledge, none of those shelters have been publicly identified. We also question whether any are in residential zones, on residential streets, or next to large low-density residential neighborhoods.

¹ Since the presentation, The Road Home has come under severe scrutiny for escalating crime and disorder in the neighborhood.

Why Not the Nason's Corner Proposal? (Cont.)

Shelters Should Not Be Sited Near Elementary Schools

The Nason's Corner Proposal is sited less than 500 feet from the Boys and Girls Club at Sagamore Village, just over 1,000 feet from the wooded areas of the Amanda C. Rowe Elementary School (formerly Hall Elementary School), and approximately ½ mile from the Breakwater School, which is another school with elementary-age children.

In the most recent year analyzed (2016), 84% of shelter clients reported substance abuse issues (which would equate to ~168 individuals based on a 200-bed shelter). As such, the opening of a 200-bed homeless shelter in Nason's Corner would create one of the largest illicit drug marketplaces in the State of Maine practically overnight. Siting this facility so close to a public elementary school is simply inappropriate, no matter where in Portland that may be. We acknowledge that some residents of Bayside are quick to note that some Bayside schools suffer from similar issues.² We agree. They should not.

Please note that our primary concern is not with the shelter clients themselves, but with the criminal opportunists that prey on the ~168 individuals suffering from various substance abuse issues. Nason's Corner is a diverse urban/suburban landscape with many dimly-lit residential streets, retail back-alleys, receiving docks, woods, trails, and other difficult-to-police nooks, crannies, and dark corners. It is naïve to think that there will be no meaningful increase in neighborhood criminal activity – and there are several studies that indicate that homeless shelters generate a sustained increase of localized crime. It is inappropriate to site a low-barrier shelter next to an elementary school, especially when there are more compelling alternatives like the District Road Proposal.

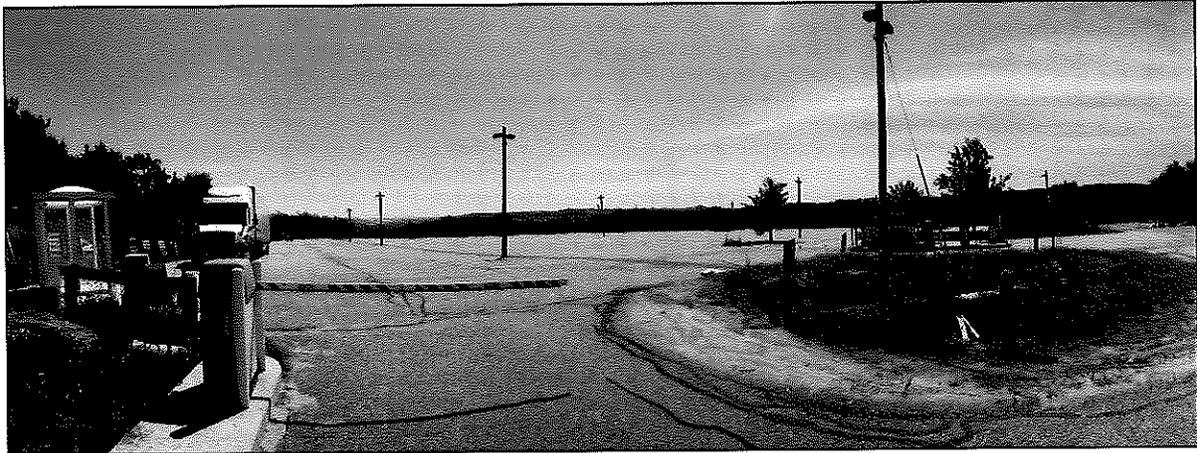
Shelter Clients Should be Protected, Not Tempted

The last place one would site a sober house would be next to a liquor store. Similarly, the last place we would expect to site a shelter with ~168 clients suffering from substance abuse and opiate addiction issues would be in Nason's Corner, which is a urban/suburban landscape that is incredibly difficult to police – so difficult, in fact, that for a long time it was home to the largest homeless tent encampment in Portland.

Accordingly, we believe Nason's Corner provides the kind of access and cover that will make it a paradise for drug dealers and a nightmare for those ~168 shelter clients fighting the temptation to use. At the end of the day, someone who is addicted and needs to satisfy that craving will go to great lengths to do so. We believe that Portland has a responsibility to make it more difficult for those ~168 individuals to connect with the criminals who seek to prey on them. As such, the shelter should be located in an environment that is easy to police and monitor, which Nason's Corner is plainly not.

² We note that elementary-age children at Hall are much more vulnerable than the high school students at Portland High. However, the Boys and Girls Club of Portland is located in Bayside, which does attract young children and we agree is a cause for concern.

Why the District Road Proposal?³



Issue	District Road Proposal	Nason's Corner Proposal
Complies with Comprehensive Plan?	X	-
Complies with Existing Zoning Ordinance?	X*	-
Modeled After a "Best Practice" Shelter?	X	-
Ample Room for Future Development?	X	-
Not Located within ½ Mile of Schools/Daycare?	X	-
Not Located within a Residential Zone?	X	-
Not Located Next to Residential Neighborhood?	X	-
Safe, Easy to Monitor Location?	X	-
Single Point of Access?	X	-
Located Near Existing Law Enforcement?	X	-

* Complies with Portland's Zoning Ordinance as a conditional use

³ We are not necessarily convinced that a single, large, intake shelter is the right policy for Portland. However, for purposes of formulating a proposal, generating discussion, and ensuring that the City Council is provided with at least two competing shelter proposals, we have assumed that a single, large, intake shelter is the direction Portland would like to take. Our proposal is not perfect, but we do believe it is quite compelling – and significantly more compelling than the Nason's Corner Proposal.

Why the District Road Proposal? (Cont.)

District Road Proposal Summary

The District Road Proposal calls for siting the new emergency homeless shelter on 53 acres of City-owned land located off of Congress Street near Skyway Drive. The site complies with Portland's amended zoning ordinance, parallels the Hope House in Bangor, is not located within or near a residential neighborhood, advances Portland's "Housing First" initiative, and, in our view, complies with the Comprehensive Plan.

The current site consists of vacant land, a large, rarely used parking lot, and a Portland public works facility. It sits adjacent to the Maine Turnpike Authority building, which doubles as the headquarters for Troop G of the Maine State Police. It is situated close to regional transportation options (Route 5 of the Metro), and is otherwise located near DHHS, Spring Harbor Hospital, and an opioid outpatient treatment clinic (Health Care Resource Centers – Portland). It is close in proximity to the Maine Mall commercial hub, offers views of the Western Promenade over the Portland Jetport runway, and, with 53 acres of land, provides ample opportunities to add future services, transitional housing options, or other amenities to the site. Moreover, the site has a single point of access (off of Congress Street) next to a significant Maine State Police presence, which will deter criminal opportunists and make it easier to police, monitor, and manage.

Modeled After Hope House in Bangor (A "Best Practice" Shelter)

The District Road Proposal is modeled after Hope House in Bangor, Maine, which is located in a very similar commercial/industrial area adjacent to Bangor International Airport. Hope House consists of 54 emergency shelter beds and 48 (recently added) single room occupancy ("SRO") transitional beds. The District Road Proposal provides Portland with a tremendous amount of site control and flexibility in order to add or alter amenities, add or alter services, or diversify on-site housing options.

Advances and Prioritizes "Housing First" Principles

The only policy that has been shown to impact homelessness in any meaningful way is a "Housing First" policy whereby a shelter's primary focus is to transition shelter clients into permanent housing situations as quickly as possible. Once housing insecurities have been eliminated, the primary focus then turns to offering other supportive services.

As such, Portland's new shelter should be focusing on (1) providing a safe, temporary environment for shelter clients, (2) rapidly transitioning shelter clients out of the shelter and into permanent housing situations, and (3) minimizing distractions that might interfere with these simple points of focus. We believe that the District Road Proposal advances these "Housing First" principles by facilitating an overall safer shelter experience and reducing unnecessary monitoring / policing / disturbance issues that are unrelated to (and distract from) the stated "Housing First" policy embraced by Portland.

Why the District Road Proposal? (Cont.)

Minimal Impact on Residential Neighborhoods and School Children

As the crow flies, the District Road site is located approximately 1 mile away from the closest residential building and over 2 miles away from the nearest public school (which ironically, is still the Amanda C. Rowe Elementary School).⁴ While we do not believe that shelter clients are primarily bad actors, the vast majority of clients suffer from substance abuse issues, an attribute that will unfortunately attract bad actors and criminal opportunists. As such, the District Road Proposal will ensure minimal negative interactions between shelter clients, criminal opportunists, residential neighbors, and school children, thereby reducing unnecessary distractions for shelter staff.

Complies with the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan

As noted in the Summary section, the District Road site complies with Portland's amended zoning ordinance. We also believe that the District Road Proposal complies with the equitable requirements of the Comprehensive Plan since the shelter is sited in a manner that reduces the likelihood of adverse impacts to surrounding neighborhoods.

Site Control, Flexibility, and Future Development Potential

The 53 acre site provides a tremendous amount of flexibility for any modifications that might be warranted in the future – whether that is more green space, a transitional housing complex, or additional supportive services. In contrast, the Nason's Corner Proposal is limited significantly by lot size and existing on-site improvements.

Close to Amenities and Supportive Services

As noted in the Summary section, the District Road site is close to many amenities and services, including the Metro, DHHS, Spring Harbor Hospital, an opioid outpatient treatment facility, a Maine State Police facility, and the Maine Mall commercial hub.

Conclusion

We believe the District Road Proposal is incredibly compelling and offers Portland an unparalleled opportunity to initiate a "Housing First" policy that will substantially improve the effectiveness of the services it currently provides. We also want to ensure that the City Council will ultimately be presented with more than one proposal. We look forward to a robust, transparent, public dialogue regarding the future of Portland's next shelter.

⁴ In our review, we did identify two daycare facilities within a mile radius of the District Road site. As the crow flies, The Little Dolphin School is located ½ mile away from the District Road site and Bright Horizons is located a little under 1 mile away from the District Road site. Given the safer location, limited access points, and significant size of the buffer, we do not believe this is problematic.

Why Not the District Road Proposal?

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In analyzing the District Road Proposal, we also sought to better understand why it was deemed by City staff to be less compelling than the Nason's Corner Proposal. Please find below criticism that we've identified, as well as counterpoints to said criticism.

After identifying the District Road site, we addressed the proposal with the City Manager. He indicated that he was aware of the site and confirmed that it was owned by Portland without any restrictions. As to why it was not proposed to this Committee, the City Manager indicated that the only reason it was not considered as a recommended location was due to concerns that it would be seen as "hiding the homeless." When asked about the origins of such a directive, the City Manager indicated that it was guidance provided to City staff by the City Council.

After speaking to the City Manager, we discussed the matter at length with Councilor Ray, who noted that the Nason's Corner Proposal had two other advantages (as compared to the District Road Proposal) which were that the Barron Center contains (1) a commercial kitchen (thus eliminating the need for a shelter kitchen) and (2) Portland's laundry facilities (thereby reducing transportation costs to and from an off-site shelter).

On-Site Benefits of the Barron Center

Addressing Councilor Ray's points first, we would note that the existing shelter design includes a commercial kitchen, so it is unclear whether the kitchen at the Barron Center would actually replace the kitchen provided for in the current shelter design. In addition, we would note that the additional costs of policing all of the dark corners of Nason's Corner would be far in excess of the costs of transporting laundry back and forth from District Road to laundry facilities at the Barron Center. Similarly, we also suspect that the costs of policing Nason's Corner would quickly outweigh the costs of a kitchen.

The "Hiding the Homeless" Perception

After dispensing with those two perceived benefits, the single remaining issue that appears to be holding back the District Road Proposal is a perception that locating a shelter on the outskirts of Portland is primarily an attempt to "hide" or "shame" Portland's homeless population. In our view, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, we would suggest that the "hiding the homeless" guidance is ultimately counterproductive and politicizes an issue that warrants honest dialogue, free from political catchphrases and hollow sound bites. We believe that such a concept ultimately ends up hurting shelter clients by forcing them into neighborhoods that are ill-prepared to accommodate them and related shelter services. Finally, we believe it is preventing Portland from implementing meaningful, comprehensive, and effective homeless policy.

Why Not the District Road Proposal? (Cont.)

“Hiding the Homeless” Counterpoints

First of all, the entire design of the proposed shelter is intended, in part, to provide homeless clients with a secluded space (i.e. interior courtyard) where they don't feel like they are being “put on display” (as is often the case in Bayside). As such, it makes no sense to try and force the shelter into a visible location simply for the sake of visibility - such an attempt plainly contradicts one of the apparent goals of the shelter design.

Second, Portland's number one priority should be to implement a successful “Housing First” policy. In other words, Portland should be concerned primarily with developing permanent affordable housing opportunities and moving folks as quickly as possible from intake shelters into permanent housing solutions. The “hiding the homeless” concerns ultimately force Portland to site shelters close to residential neighborhoods, schools, and difficult-to-police locations that are susceptible to criminal opportunists and unnecessarily cause friction between Portland communities and homeless advocates.

A more thoughtful approach would be to make sure that Portland (and all of Southern Maine, for that matter) is encouraging affordable urban infill projects that are designed to accommodate formerly homeless individuals – and to focus the “hiding the homeless” energy on those types of permanent housing solutions (not on temporary homeless shelters). Avesta's Bishop Street project is a prime example of what the end product of a successful “Housing First” initiative should look like. It also makes no sense to place such a large emphasis on the “hiding the homeless” concept at the shelter-level when the stated goal is for shelter clients to be located at the facility for only weeks at a time.

Third, we respectfully question whose needs are being met by insisting on not “hiding the homeless”? Is it truly the shelter clients – or are we meeting our own superficial needs? Does every shelter client want to spend their days in plain sight, on display for everyone to see – or do some clients value seclusion and privacy? Does every client want shelters to be sited in areas that are susceptible to criminal opportunists – or do the vast majority of clients simply want a safe, secure, temporary accommodation, away from the temptations of modern urban life? Does every shelter client want to temporarily live in an urban setting – or do some clients value green space and nature? We believe folks have been too quick to draw conclusions about what every shelter client wants.

For the reasons stated above, we believe that concerns about “hiding the homeless” are misplaced and counterproductive. As such, we respectfully ask the City Council (and this Committee) to rescind the supposed “hide the homeless” mandate and direct City staff to revisit the District Road Proposal, as well as the other 20 sites that were reportedly under consideration before the Nason's Corner Proposal was announced. If the City Council strongly believes that the “hiding the homeless” concept should apply at the shelter-level, they should do so by publicly debating the merits of several competing proposals in a public setting – and not by hamstringing this Committee and City staff.

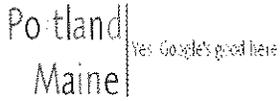
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Fwd: Proposed shelter - follow up

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Greetings Councilor Ali;

I previously cc'd you on a message that I sent to Councilor Batson with regards to the new shelter proposal at the Barron Center. That message is directed at the public stance he has taken in opposition. While you have taken no such position, I shared it with you to inform you of my opinions on the issue. Being an At-Large councilor calls upon you to look at this from a citywide perspective, which I hope makes your support flow more easily than it does from Brian.

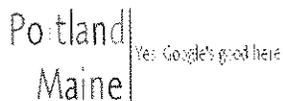
I have heard you ask about the option of building multiple smaller shelters. That issue has been explored, but as any who have worked through that process will tell you it would be prohibitively expensive. And beyond expense, one of the great benefits of the proposed center is that many services and service providers can locate on site. It would not be possible to replicate such services at multiple small shelters

scattered around the city. I think the multiple shelter option is enticing as political cover, but I think it fails the fiscal, "best practice," and best interest of the clients tests.

I do hope we can count on you to push hard to get the details of this project right, but ultimately, to support this much needed step forward for our homeless population and for our city. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Fwd: Proposed shelter

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Just an fyi. Thanks

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Greetings Councilor Batson,

I read with disappointment your letter to the Nason's Corner Neighborhood Association on their Facebook page regarding the siting of a new shelter on the Barron Center property. It is to be expected that the residents of any neighborhood where a shelter is proposed will offer resistance, but I had hopes that you - particularly given your experience in the healthcare field - would demonstrate greater leadership than your communication with them indicates.

As you know, this is an issue that the city and stakeholders have been working on for years. There have been two separate homeless shelter task forces, and countless hours of meetings between stakeholders over the years that have lead to this proposal. Of course, until it potentially impacts them personally, most citizens of Portland are not going to tune into that long process until it becomes more concrete and

personal, but we cannot, and should not, wind back the clock on years of hard and open work as every new participant enters the process.

Threading the needle of what we need to see in a new shelter to provide the best situation for the homeless, for our service providers, and for our neighborhoods is admittedly tricky, but this location addresses all of those concerns. It is located in a neighborhood (rather than an industrial area like some feared) yet it is contained to its own campus, a well thought out system to access transportation is part of the proposal, partner providers will have space on site to serve their clients, a medical center will exist on site as well as a community policing office, and the fact that it is city owned land makes the financing of this proposal hard to improve upon. This proposal has the support of the police department, the manager of the shelter, and most of the social service providers who work with the homeless. This proposal is absolutely based on a review of "best practices" that you call for.

Again, I understand that the people of Nason's corner are concerned - that is to be expected. I have hopes that, instead of feeding their fears, you will have the courage to step up and lead - to push to make this project the very best it can be, but to explain to your constituents that what is proposed is not what they fear, and is critically needed. I assume you agree that the current situation is untenable chaos destructive to all, most particularly to the homeless themselves. We do not need to step back and study the situation. That has been done - for years. We are in a moment of crisis and the time to lead is now.

Thank you for considering my concerns and opinion.

Respectfully,

Sean Kerwin
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Fwd: public opinion

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Subject: public opinion

Good Morning,

My heart is breaking and I feel a sense of huge loss. I have yet another question.....

Why do you put the opinion of Social Workers from here and away above those of your own community?

I base this assessment on the comment from Manager Jennings "Well, I certainly can't be accused of Hiding the Homeless on Brighton Avenue"

I certainly feel for those who are suffering and feel we have an obligation to help. But I do not think we need to base our decision on the opinion of SOCIAL WORKERS from away.

A Homeless Shelter in any community offers a service to people in need of assistance. Providing that assistance is what the center is about. It's location should only matter to The City of Portland - not a select few worried about appearances.

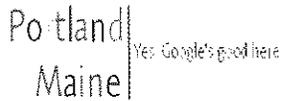
I consider the community of the Nason's Corner to have a very significant and viable opinion on the location selection as do the rest of Portland taxpayers.

Your model of a Self-Contained all inclusive facility still hide the homeless. It Hides those who are welcome inside the walls of protection. The ones you will exclude, substance abuser & alcoholics, the ones your currently exclude will still be outside milling about. When you exclude them, as you will, they are the ones who will continue cause problems.

It is wonderful to think this new model will solve all the problems - in reality it will only move them. It will protect the people who are not substance abusers and shield them (hide them from predators)

Please put your facility in an industrial zone as originally suggested. At least there the help can continue and the problems outside the walls will affect fewer residence than and established neighborhood of Nason's Corner. Stop worrying that 'people will think you are hiding the homeless'.

Respectfully,
Debora Broderson
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Fwd: Nason's Corner Neighborhood

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July 7, 2018

Dear Ms. Stiles,

I am writing about the decision to move the homeless shelter from Oxford St. in the Bayside neighborhood to Nason's Corner. I have attended several meetings at which you, as the director of the Health & Human Services Department, were present, but did not hear any responses from you to the many questions that were directed to the councilors and individuals employed by the City.

Robert Parritt clearly cares deeply about the homeless population and understandably wants a better shelter to serve their needs more effectively than can be done in the crowded, limited, and outdated property on Oxford St. It seems to me that questions at the level of, "How suitable is the neighborhood of Nason's Corner for the new shelter?" would be the responsibility of people at a different level in city government.

So I am writing to encourage you to go to the site and walk around. Notice that the shopping center was created for the automobile and does not fit the definition of "walkable." Take a walk behind Lowe's and Joanne's - this is where a large encampment of homeless people recently had to be broken up. Several days ago, my husband and I also found evidence of a campsite behind O'Reilly's Tire Center. Also notice the panhandlers on the corner of Brighton and Riverside and recall how the woman from Loring House expressed fear about being broken into if she did not lock the ground floor windows. This is our present situation.

A few short blocks down Brighton Avenue you'll find a large public housing project with many small children. At the corner of Wessex and Brighton is where a new low income elderly housing project has recently been planned by Avesta. When you turn in on Warwick Street, you are several blocks from an elementary school. At the corner of Dorset Street and Brighton Ave., there is already a sober house. A few blocks further down Brighton is the Breakwater School. Nason's Corner already has a heavy share of vulnerable people and a demographic that makes the decision to locate a homeless shelter here puzzling.

There is a Rite Aid that has been empty for years. There are other empty storefronts in the Pine Tree Shopping Center and the strip mall across the street. We already have problems with abandoned shopping carts and trash.

In my opinion, there is a lack of trust among the residents of Nason's Corner because the area is already at risk and is experiencing some degree of blight. We know about the past history of Sagamore Village and are relieved that it seems to be a better place to live now. We hope the new elderly housing will go well. Whatever the city has been doing to ensure that this is a safe place does not seem very effective at the moment. This is one big reason for skepticism and anger.

We know there is sometimes a relationship between homelessness and criminality for a certain group of people who already are having a negative impact on our community. This does not mean we do not care about the tragic and complex problem of homelessness. The opioid epidemic makes the situation more frightening for us and more difficult for you. We already have predators and dealers here and bringing the shelter here is not going to make them go away. This is wishful thinking on the part of providers. No one has adequately explained how this will come to pass. This shelter site is conveniently located by two highway exits and is perfect for out of town dealers.

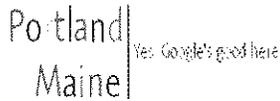
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City of Portland Mail - Fwd: Nason's Corner Neighborhood

I have asked a number of city leaders what happens when an individual who is addicted does not want to come into the shelter for the night and why they will not end up sleeping in the woods behind our houses. No one has answered this adequately. They tell me they will "have control". The woods is close to impossible to control short of logging it, which is not what any of us would desire as a solution.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope you or someone else will be able to supply some answers. And please, please come and walk around. These guests do not have vehicles and it will help your decisionmaking to see our area as they would see it.

Respectfully,
Diana Cundy
18 Orono Rd.



Linda Momborquette <ldm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: "BNA Barron Center Site Support Letter"

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>
To: "Momborquette, Linda" <ldm@portlandmaine.gov>

Mon, Jul 9, 2018 at 9:40 AM

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From: **Jon Jennings** <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: Sun, Jul 8, 2018 at 6:12 AM
Subject: Fwd: "BNA Barron Center Site Support Letter"
To: Mike Sauschuck <mjs@portlandmaine.gov>, Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Michniewicz <sarahmichniewicz@mac.com>
Date: July 7, 2018 at 11:56:43 PM EDT
To: Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, Ali Pious <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, Brian Batson <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: Nicholas Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, Justin Costa <jcosta@portlandmaine.gov>, Cook Kim <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>, Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>, Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, Ethan Strimling <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>, Michael Sauschuck <mjs@portlandmaine.gov>
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As demand has outstripped resources, the Bayside neighborhood has disproportionately borne the impact of hosting a population whose basic needs are often unmet, the opportunists that are drawn here to prey on them, and the behaviors that accompany such stressors. Building an adequate and humane homeless services center is a vital first step toward achieving the balance to which every citizen and neighborhood in Portland is entitled.

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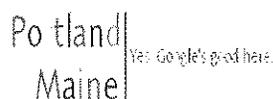
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Sarah Michniewicz
President, Bayside Neighborhood Association



Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Moving homeless shelter

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 10:30 AM

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From: **Janine Spindler** <beaney820@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 2:42 AM
Subject: Moving homeless shelter
To: jpj@portlandmaine.gov

I have no idea who decided that it might be a good idea to relocate a city homeless shelter to the Barron center area, which abutts a heavily residential area.. near a newly constructed elementary school in a largely quiet ,safe area of Portland. As a lifetime resident of Portland in the very piece of the city in which this absurd plan has been proposed, I would seriously question the reasoning behind this idea. The Nason's Corner area of the city has always been a safe, quiet area to live., Portland Trails runs through it, there are regular runs organized by Hall School, it is a desirable residential location, that will be unfavorably affected if homeless populations swarm the area and bring with it, drug issues, violence and an increased instability to the safety of the locals...the services provided to homeless are far better served in the inner city, where transportation and emergency services are more readily available.... and in view of the most recent shootings in Portland in the area of one of its homeless shelters., the last thing residents of this suggested relocation area need is a fear of gun violence on the street... and all the unsavory behavior that so often occurs in a homeless population.. You and your cronies need to think on this whole situation a bit more seriously and work to stabilize the areas in which the shelters already exit... bringing this problem to the outlying suburbs gets it out of your backyard maybe... but it won't work to bring it to the backyards of your suburbs! Think this through again.... the solution is not what you propose!

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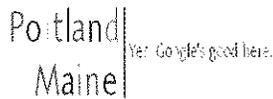
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City of Portland Mail - Fwd: Moving homeless shelter

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From: **Nick Mavodones** <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: Sun, Jul 1, 2018 at 5:11 PM
Subject: Fwd: homeless
To: Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Frank Coyne** <slanta4298@hotmail.com>
Date: Sunday, July 1, 2018
Subject: homeless
To: "nmm@portlandmaine.gov" <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Nick I write to express my objection on the Homeless plan for Brighton Ave.

I think the City should let a sleeping dog lie and keep the Homeless center where it is in the center of Portland.

This allows the Homeless to be close to facility needed.

The city could build bedding in attached buildings or just build a new building in its current spot.

Already the Insurance building on Brightonn and Holmens has gone up for Sale as will others and this will destroy a solid Home owners and commercial area to continue to flourish.

Please ,Please consider this. It will be better for all.

Francis Coyne 320 Capisic St Portland, Maine 04102

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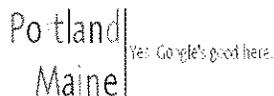
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Fwd: Proposed new 200 bed shelter in Nason's Corner

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>
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Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 10:31 AM

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From: **Jon Jennings** <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: Sat, Jun 30, 2018 at 6:08 AM
Subject: Fwd: Proposed new 200 bed shelter in Nason's Corner
To: Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: June 29, 2018 at 7:56:26 PM EDT
To: Jessica Kane <jessicakane@gmail.com>
Cc: Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed new 200 bed shelter in Nason's Corner

Hello Jessica

Thank you for your note. I have forwarded it the committee so it can become part of the public record.

City staff and councilors have invited to the Nason's Corner aNeighborhood Assn meeting on July 5th at Breakwater School. I plan to be there for that meeting.

On Fri, Jun 29, 2018, 3:11 PM Jessica Kane <jessicakane@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I sent the below message to my representative on Monday, but haven't received any response yet. I was able to stream the meeting on Tuesday, but didn't feel like the questions I have were answered (if anything, it raised more!). I am planning to attend upcoming meetings to gather more information, but I wanted to reach out to you all to share my thoughts, as a Portland resident living in the Nason's Corner

neighborhood. I really hope you are all open to hearing from your constituents, and are responsive to what is a very big issue for our neighborhood, and our city.

Jessica Kane

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From: **Jessica Kane** <jessicakane@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 3:49 PM
Subject: Proposed new 200 bed shelter in Nason's Corner
To: bbatson@portlandmaine.gov

Hi Brian,

I'm a constituent in your district. I've been a homeowner in Nason's Corner for 9 years now. I have two children who just finished their year at Hall. I was born and raised in Portland, as was my husband, my parents, my grandparents. I was the third generation in my family to graduate from Portland High. I know and love this city. I did leave for a while, but came back to raise my children. I want them to grow up here. But man, the city is sure making it hard to stay here these days.

One of the things I really love about my neighborhood is the diversity. We have it all - market rate housing - both single family and apartment homes. Condos, low income housing in Sagamore Village, elderly in the Barron Center and a newly proposed Avesta housing complex on its way.

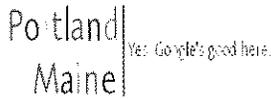
But this most recent proposal, for a 200 bed shelter? I can't get behind this. Not because I don't think we should have homeless in our midst, but because the model of having that many homeless citizens in one place has proven to be anything but successful in this city. What I see right now is a bunch of developers buying up land around Preble Street in the hopes that it would gentrify... and now here we go - shift all the homeless out to the edge of town! Make it our "problem", not theirs. What we *should* have is a series of smaller shelters spread throughout the city, integrated into their neighborhoods, giving the guests and their neighbors the opportunity to become successful neighbors, and preventing the clustering of those who prey on the poor and bring in nasty stuff.

I have a number of concerns. 1. How are the actual issues going to be addressed? Moving the shelter to our neighborhood without addressing the root causes of homelessness will do nothing but spread the issues we've seen downtown to our corner of Portland. There are a lot of woods near there - are we looking for more encampments? 2. Hall is about to be the largest elementary in Portland. Perfect place to plunk down a new shelter and all those who prey on the homeless! 3. How is this serving the shelter guests? Having to take the bus all the way intown, then back out to the DHHS office by the Jetport? Taking them away from many of the support services centered downtown?

Another HUGE issue that needs to be addressed is the fact that the surrounding towns and cities need to be chipping in more for funding. These people are not all from Portland. The cost of social services is a regional issue and I am TIRED of hearing that we don't have money for our schools because we are shouldering so much of the burden. So aside from my opposition to the shelter, I need to see some real movement on the city council to make everyone pitch in, lest we become a city of the very wealthy and the very poor - because everyone else will be taxed out.

I know I'm not alone in my opposition to the shelter. I suspect you'll be hearing from A LOT of us. I would encourage you to listen and fight for us, as our representative.

Sincerely,
Jessica Kane
Raymond Rd.



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From: **Kevin Costello** <mec259@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018
Subject: Hi Nick,
To: nmm@portlandmaine.gov

I'm contacting you with regards to the City's considering of establishing a housing unit for the homeless and services on the Barron Center site. As a home owner at Celebration Court, I'm concerned about the effect it will have on our neighborhood. Please understand that I'm not against this type of facility, but to have it placed in a residential neighborhood is not a good idea and I'm sure there are other areas in the city that such a facility could be located.

There are apparently two scheduled meetings, one at the Breakwater School on July 5th and one at City Hall on July 11th which I plan on attending both.

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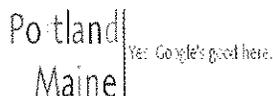
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Date: Sat, Jun 30, 2018 at 6:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Proposed homeless shelter relocation
To: Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>

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From: **Pierre Morneault** <mornep@mmc.org>
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018
Subject: Proposed homeless shelter relocation
To: "estrimling@portlandmaine.gov" <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, "Belinda Ray (bsr@portlandmaine.gov)" <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, "nmm@portlandmaine.gov" <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, "kcook@portlandmaine.gov" <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>

Mayor Stimling and city council members,

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Has the city considered the close proximity of the proposed homeless shelter to the Sagamore Village playground and to Hall School?

Please advise.

Thank you.

Pierre Morneault

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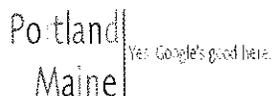
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Fwd: Proposal for Oxford Shelter-Holm Avenue Portland

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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Subject: **Proposal for Oxford Shelter-Holm Avenue Portland**

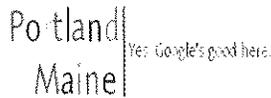
Good afternoon, City Manager Jennings:

As a past landlord of two owner occupied duplexes and for the past 19 years a single family homeowner in Portland, Maine (Mechanic St, Kenilworth St, and Holm Ave) a total of more than 42+ years, I would like to let you know that I **100% OPPOSE** the City's proposal to build a new shelter on my street.

I consider this a severe and destructive safety issue for myself, my family, my home, and my neighbors.

Under no circumstances will this proposition be a good choice for those of us who are diligently working to maintain a safe, law abiding, crime free neighborhood.

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Fwd: relocation of Homeless Shelter

1 message

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Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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From: **Niles, Richard M** <niles@marshall.edu>
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018
Subject: relocation of Homeless Shelter
To: "nmm@portlandmaine.gov" <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear Councilor Mavodones Jr.: I am writing to you in your capacity as Councilor At Large for the City of Portland concerning the plan to build a new Homeless Shelter on the campus of the Barron Center. My name is Richard Niles and I live at 33 Celebration Court in the Holm Place Condo Development (District 3). I have owned the property since 2004 and after my retirement from Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington WV, in 2014 my wife and I permanently moved to Portland Maine and settled into our condo in which I have invested close to \$50,000 in renovation improvements over the years. I was dismayed to

learn through the Portland Press Herald that the Health and Human Services committee of the Portland City Council has recommended that the Adult Homeless Shelter be moved to the Barron Center campus on the corner of Brighton Ave and Holm Ave. I was very upset to learn that this committee did not seek any input from district 3 constituents regarding the impact of the recommendation on our Nason's Corner neighborhood.

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>> I have read the report generated by the committee and consultants to the committee. I have also read the report in the Maine Sunday Telegram of May 6 of the devastating effect that the Oxford Street Homeless Shelter has had on that neighborhood. Therefore I do not understand how this committee could think that moving the Shelter to the Barron Center in our neighborhood is a good idea. Below I have listed my concerns.

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>> - I understand that the report suggests a new model for Sheltering the homeless with decent beds and available services located in a new building. However, this is an experiment and no one can predict if it will work. Further "guests" are not required to participate in drug treatment or city work programs in order to remain in the Shelter.

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>> - The idea that local businesses such as Lowe's (Pine Tree Plaza) and Shaws (in the Westbrook Plaza) will readily employ these "guests" is wishful thinking. These firms require drug testing and background checks, conditions not likely to be passed by most of the guests. The committee report states that these companies can waive these requirements. Since this would place them in legal jeopardy if this employee does something to a customer, I think it is unlikely they would waive these requirements

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>> - Back in the late 60s early 70s, the subsidized housing development, Sagamore Village in the Nason's Corner neighborhood was rampant with crime and even the police were afraid to go into the area. This has been turned around with better policing, structural improvements, shift of the population to Oriental and African immigrants, scenic improvements and a gradual expansion of mostly retail businesses. This progress can all be lost with the experiment of the Homeless Shelter at the Barron Center. The Sagamore Village area contains many teenage youth, a likely target of the drug dealers that will be drawn into the area as happened to the Bayside area around the current Homeless Shelter.

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>> - The report on Bayside in the May 6th edition of the Maine Sunday Telegram suggested that the influx of drug addicts and drug dealers into the Homeless Shelter was the major factor for the sad condition of the Bayside neighborhood. What makes the committee think this is going to change with the move to the Barron Center? Also our neighborhood has the new Hall Elementary School and the private Breakwater school within 1/2 mile of the Barron Center. Given the drug problem associated with the Shelter, how can the committee possibly condone this move? How would it affect the children if on their way to or from school they encounter an overdosed guest lying in the many semi-wooded areas between the Barron Center and the schools I mentioned.

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>> - I have a realtor friend and she told me just the announcement about the plan to move the Shelter to the Barron Center likely caused a 10% decrease in the value of my condo. If the planned building actually gets built, she estimates a 20% drop in the condo value and if the area around the Shelter deteriorates to the current level of Bayside near their Shelter, my property would almost be unsellable. Is the City of Portland going to reduce my Real estate taxes accordingly? I think not!

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>> - The businesses in the Nason's Corner neighborhood are mostly retail. My intuition is that if this moving of a 200 bed Shelter comes to fruition, people will do their shopping elsewhere, putting the entire Pine Tree Shopping Center in jeopardy. It's potential closure would decrease property tax revenue and result in loss of jobs. Also within short walking distance are established shopping plazas or planned major developments in Westbrook. I am sure you will shortly hear the significant concerns about the relocation move of the Shelter from our close by Westbrook officials.

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>> By now you are probably think that I have no empathy for homeless people and don't want anything like this in my back yard. However, I do have sympathy for some (but not all) homeless people, ie those that are destructive to property and other persons. Also I don't think that Homeless Shelters should be located in ANY residential area. The City of Portland owns a significant amount of property off of Rand Road not far from the I-95 interchange. The Shelter and its associated services could be built there in this industrial area. Guests could then be transported by van when additional services on the Barron Center campus are required. The City bus route could be adjusted to offer a stop at this Rand Road location. This location would be far enough away from the schools and retail establishments so that the impact of 200 + city guests on all of the issues I raised above could be lessened. The committee's report states that industrial sites were examined but concerns were raised. The report did not list these concerns.

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Lastly a few other points. The current population of Nason's Corner neighborhood is ~ 3,500. Thus 200 Portland guests will equal 5.5% of the total population!! Second, 80% of residences in the neighborhood are owner occupied, the highest percentage for the City of Portland. Approximately 1/3 of our neighborhood households have children under the age of 18, again the highest percentage in the City of Portland. Thus the potential negative effects of the homeless shelter on our neighborhood will be magnified relative to any other areas of the City.

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>> I look forward to attending the public session on July 10 and hope to meet you in person.

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>> Sincerely,

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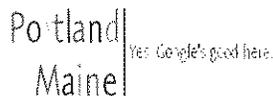
>> Dick Niles

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Fwd: Please vote NO on the rezoning/Barron Center proposal

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From: <gliddentrac@aol.com>
Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2018
Subject: Please vote NO on the rezoning/Barron Center proposal
To: nmm@portlandmaine.gov

Dear Mr. Mavodones,

Please take the time to read my concerns about the proposal for rezoning and for constructing a new homeless shelter on the Barron Center campus. My husband and I purchased our home at 927 Brighton Avenue just a year ago, in June 2017. Our address is about a half mile from the

proposed site. We do not have a lot of money and we were happy to find a small house in what we believe is currently a safe, friendly neighborhood. But now we fear for the safety of our neighborhood. In a June 22 article in the Portland Press Herald, one of the main reasons cited for the increase in usage of the homeless shelter was the opioid crisis. More and more people are abusing drugs and are bringing them into the shelter. Moving the homeless shelter to the Barron Center would without a doubt greatly increase the presence of drugs in the surrounding neighborhoods, and we fear that this would come without the increased police presence to help keep it under control. With all due respect, we believe that the police chief's assertion that most of the "bad elements" would stay downtown or be more easily hunted out in our neighborhood is a bit short-sighted and simplistic.

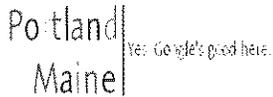
We are also concerned about the safety of our greater community. Constructing the homeless shelter on the site of the Barron Center would endanger the center's current residents, many of whom are physically frail and vulnerable, and proximity to two elementary schools (the future Rowe School and Breakwater School) is also a huge concern.

If the rezoning/Barron Center proposal is approved, my husband and I are not confident that we would feel safe enough to remain in our home. We would likely sell our property and move to a different community. Please consider the long-term effects that this would cause in the Nasson's Corner neighborhoods and vote no on the rezoning/Barron Center proposal.

Sincerely,
Tracy O'Brien

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Fwd: Vote no on Proposed rezoning Barron Center Proposal

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Hello Mr. Mayor and city council members,

7/8/2018

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I'm writing today regarding the proposed movement of the Oxford Street Shelter to the Baron Center on Brighton Ave. After attending the town meeting on June 26th I still have concerns regarding the proposed rezoning that were not addressed and frankly are unsettling. Last Saturday I took the opportunity to take a walk to Westbrook and passed the proposed site for the new shelter. As I was passing the Baron Center I saw the trees which currently occupy the location which the new building would occupy. Additionally I saw residents of the Baron Center enjoying the summer day in their wheelchairs and the assistance of their walkers. I worry that, should the rezoning be approved this move would negatively impact those most vulnerable in our district. Recently the newspapers affirmed that a disproportionately large portion of the police resources go towards policing the shelters. While I understand that the homeless population has been victimized by these predators I worry that should the shelter be moved, when these predators inevitably follow their victims they will have new and much more vulnerable victims, simply in a different neighborhood. It is for this reason I respectfully request you vote in opposition of rezoning our neighborhood.

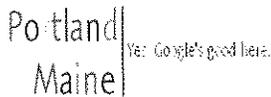
Thank you for your time and consideration,

Howard O'Brien of Brighton Ave.

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Fwd: Oxford /Baron

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Wed, Jul 4, 2018 at 8:36 PM

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From: Ann Eagan <fosterapet104@yahoo.com>

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Hello All,

I hope to see you at Breakwater School tomorrow.

I am writing as I don't believe we will all have time to speak tomorrow.

After the presentation at City Hall, I am more opposed to the Bayside problems being relocated to our neighborhood.

The Barron Center is already overwhelmed trying to care for our he elderly population. The staff is amazing but they are not able to get hot meals to them before getting cold. The beds are old and they desperately need an update of paint as well as services. When residents come down for activities they have to wait for long periods of time for two small elevators to take them both up and down. If they ever have a fire they will be in trouble. They could use some of that 10 million for updates. They also deserve a quiet place to live out their lives and so do the neighbors.

If there are lines of people for 157 mats there will be many more waiting for 200 beds. The number of troublemakers will also increase as well as folks from other areas when they hear about the free services.

The director stated in his presentation that breaking up services and adding services to neighborhoods like India Street has worked by not totally changing the area and forcing the nature of the area to change.

He also stated as a matter of fact or a good thing would be transporting intoxicated individuals in the city car when they are too inebriated for public transportation.

Why not consider the Western Prom? Is it even closer to services and hospitals? Even better break it up.

Please do not turn our neighborhood into a hell. Work with the city for the homeless who deserve better than being grouped with the addicts and bums and the neighbors who have worked hard to buy our homes and deserve a safe place to live as well.

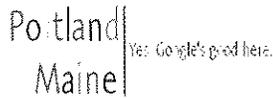
Respectfully,

Ann Eagan

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Fwd: New homeless shelter

1 message

Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>
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Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 12:28 PM

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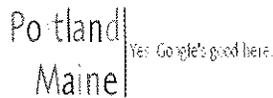
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From: **Karen Middleton** <karen.middleton310@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 2:36 PM
Subject: New homeless shelter
To: cityclerk@portlandmaine.gov

So I live right behind the dementia wards on Holm Ave. I hear the Barron center is considering being a homeless shelter. I already have a problem with the homeless doing drugs in my backyard behind my garage and you want to funnel more into the area.

I work in this neighborhood and the homeless never seem to have valid ID and want to fight over alcohol sales. You are driving good taxpayers out of our neighborhood with this proposal and making me consider looking for new employment if this deal goes through.

I realize the need for homeless shelters but feel they should not be where the elderly and mentally disabled are going to end up being victims to these people. I work with the public and know the homeless around here. None of which are trying to better their lives. Most just fly a sign and then come into the store for alcohol afterwards. I've heard how much they make and they make more than I do as an Assistant Manager and it's tax free.



Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Homeless shelter

1 message

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Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 9:50 AM

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 Date: Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 8:13 AM
 Subject: Fwd: Homeless shelter
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 Date: Friday, July 6, 2018
 Subject: Homeless shelter
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Dear Councilors:

I live on Starbird Road, off Capisic Street, which is a fair distance from the Barron Center, but I shop in the commercial area near there. I did not attend the meeting regarding it last evening (July 5). I think that the proposal is a good one but does pose some risks. However, it appears that the city is trying to address those risks, and I appreciate that there is a difference in population between the homeless people and the people who cause a good deal of the problems in Bayside.

One concern I have is if there is an outdoor area that would be developed to be attractive to people. I understand that there is a screened-in area planned, but I would advocate for an additional area to be minimally developed if possible, even if the area consists of only park benches. I think people will naturally want to distance themselves from the regulation of the facility, and it would be helpful if there is an acceptable area for them to do that.

I do suspect that there is going to be some impact on the area if nothing else from foot traffic. The homeless are identifiable to a large degree. But I do not think the issues are serious enough that they should derail the city's effort to construct a building that can serve this population.

People are fearful, and their imagination entertains their worst fears. So the city has a significant task to calm people down. Is there another city that has a model that resembles what Portland is trying to do? Perhaps the newspaper

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would be interested in accompanying several city councilors on a visit to that city and facility.

Thank you.

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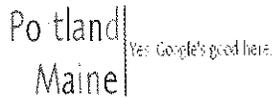
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Fwd: Support for Homeless Services Center

2 messages

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Subject: Support for Homeless Services Center

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PS – I was not able to attend the Nason's Corner neighborhood meeting last night, but have just read (below) that this committee vote is being postponed. I'm *extremely* disappointed to learn we won't collectively be responding to this situation as the EMERGENCY that it is. I'm also ashamed of my fellow citizens who apparently booed and yelled and aren't prepared to discuss this in a civil way. I will be out of town for public comment on the 10th, so I ask you to please remember reasonable voices amongst nimby panic that's on display. And if you cannot recommend this particular location, you need to recommend a better one. The status quo is not an option.

<https://www.pressherald.com/2018/07/05/hostile-crowd-criticizes-city-proposal-to-build-emergency-shelter-at-barron-center/>

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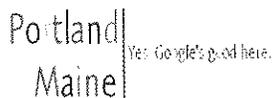
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Fwd: Concerning the Proposed Shelter at the Barron Center

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Date: Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Concerning the Proposed Shelter at the Barron Center
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Dear Mr Jennings

I have some serious concerns about the new homeless shelter's probable impact on Portland's limited public green space, as described below. I originally sent this email to Portland Trails, who responded by saying that they are not involved in City planning, and that I should write to someone at the City instead. Since you seem to be one of the relevant people at the heart of planning, I'm forwarding it to you. Thanks so much for your attention, and for your hard work helping our City move forward.

Dear Portland Trails,

I am writing as a Portland resident, concerned about the likely location of the new 24-hour expanded homeless shelter at the Barron Center, in Nason's Corner (for clarity: I live in Deering Center, not Nason's Corner itself, so I'm not involved with that neighborhood association etc. But I do make frequent use of Nason's Corner's trail systems).

I am very concerned that the City of Portland is overlooking some important facts about this site, in relation to several vulnerable natural resources. The City's description of the neighborhood is as follows:

"Nason's Corner Neighborhood includes the areas on both sides of outer Brighton Avenue starting at Wayside Road out to Westbrook, including the Capisic Street area, the Hall School area, and Sagamore Village. The area is sandwiched by the two largest green spaces in the city, Evergreen Cemetery and the Fore River Sanctuary, and also contains Capisic Brook and the Capisic Pond trail."

To me, this paragraph describes the issue quite well. I am worried about the continued integrity of the City's "two largest green spaces", Evergreen Woods & Cemetery and the Fore River Sanctuary, as well as Jewell Falls and the Capisic Brook & Pond area. As a former resident of an apartment on East Oxford St, I know that the population accessing the shelter will also look for less-official shelter elsewhere. I have lived in Portland for many years, and remember the East End tent villages that used to spring up in the smallest possible open spots (along the Eastern Prom trail, the late Jack Path, in the

Eastern Cemetery, etc). Of course, many of these have been displaced by new development and rapid gentrification and the construction boom that goes along with it.

With a new, larger shelter located at the Barron Center, I have no doubt that the Evergreen Woods/Cemetery and the Fore River Sanctuary would be massively impacted by the transient population. The shelter residents are resourceful, flexible, and in search of freedom from systematic oppression and violence, as well as from personal and interpersonal troubles within their own social group. I hope you understand that I am sympathetic to the people involved. But I as a long-time Portland resident, I am also aware of how this resourcefulness can impact natural areas. The Evergreen Woods/Cemetery and Jewell Falls are obvious locations for tent settlements, being quiet, remote, peaceful, and secluded, but within easy walking distance of the Barron Center. The Fore River Preserve is the most direct path from the Barron Center to outer Congress Street, where the DHHS is located...one would walk down the train tracks from Rowe Ave. Robin Rage's fantastic 2014 article "Sherwood Forest" (published in *The Bollard*) provides great insight into the details of Portland's homeless encampments, and the motivations of their inhabitants:
<http://thebollard.com/2014/11/02/sherwood-forest/>

In conclusion, I'm attaching some images from a forest in France that until recently had a well-known tent village where many people lived. The photos remind me of the setups I've seen around Portland in the past (they also look like the photos in Robin Rage's *Bollard* article, as well as the recent encampment behind Lowes on Brighton). If one imagines what a secluded forest within a ten-minute walk of the current Oxford Street/Preble Street zone would look like, this is what comes to mind. And this is what might be reasonable to anticipate in the Evergreen Woods, Evergreen Cemetery, Jewell Falls, Capisic Brook, and Fore River Preserve...all very close to the Barron Center, which would provide a hub of resources for improvised satellite locations.

The desire for freedom, on the part of homeless people who have been through a lot, is very understandable. Still, the fact remains that, if the new shelter is built at the proposed Barron Center site, the City of Portland may quickly lose whatever degree of safety, peace, and sanctuary is currently to be found in the beautiful public forests of the Fore River Preserve, Jewell Falls, the Capisic Brook & Pond area, and the Evergreen Woods & Cemetery.

Thanks for your attention.

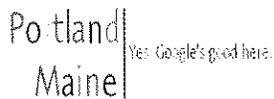






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Fwd: In support of the shelter re-location

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing as a resident of District 3, as a service provider in the Bayside Community, as an involved citizen in the City of Portland and as a physician lead of the Maine Medical Center-Preble Street Learning Collaborative. My views are my own, however, and do not necessarily represent Maine Medical Center.

I understand the complexity of the problem that the City is addressing by proposing to relocate and re-imagine the services provided at the currently outdated and unsafe Oxford Street Shelter. I understand the neighborhood concerns and fears expressed by the residents of Nason's Corner, fears that have been stoked by the recent stories of crime in the Bayside neighborhood.

I cannot express strongly enough how important it is to separate the issue of homelessness and violence. The people who stay on the cots and overflow mats at the Oxford Street Shelter deserve better. They are

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victims of the crime in Bayside as much as the rest of the neighborhood and need a safer place to stay, to begin to access the services that can help them take the steps needed to turn their lives around. As a City, we need to reframe this issue as one that impacts all of us, is grounded in wider systems that do not address needs of the poor adequately and will not go away no matter what neighborhood the shelter ends up in.

As a resident of Nason's Corner, I think we need to embrace the opportunity to be part of the solution to de-clustering the homeless and coordinating the multiple services involved in addressing this issue. I commend the City for being committed to providing a new, safe, state-of-the-art homeless shelter as well as transportation from that shelter to the service providers who remain in Bayside. I strongly urge the Council to take steps to help our neighbors in Nason's Corner understand the complexity of this issue as well as the plans the City is making to safeguard both the shelter residents and the neighborhood.

In sum, I am in full support of the difficult and yet thoughtful decision that the City of Portland is making in proposing to relocate the unsafe Oxford Street Shelter to the Barron Center campus.

I will continue to make efforts to participate in this process by both talking to my neighbors in District 3 and working with fellow service providers in my role at the Learning Collaborative as we strive to integrate the new shelter with existing services.

We need to work together to make our City a better place for all.

Thank you for all you do as part of that effort.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Comment on New Homeless Services Center

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Dear Councilors Batson, Ali, and Ray:

My husband and I are writing in regard to the proposed new Homeless Services Center, which is before the Health and Human Services Committee next week.

There are probably few people in the city who have experienced the homeless crisis, as neighbors, as we have. Our house, which we have owned for 11 years, is located at 215 Oxford Street, across the street from the Oxford Street Shelter and between the shelter and the Preble Street meals two blocks away. As long as we have lived here, we have experienced the homeless crisis more immediately than anything else in our environment. Conditions have gradually deteriorated to the point that despite the best efforts of everyone, the conditions are terrible for the homeless people and for shelter staff and neighbors who have tried their best to make this location work.

The most fundamental problem is that the current shelter is located in one of the most if not *the* most dense residential areas of the city. The front of our house is 11 feet from the sidewalk, and the sidewalk runs to the street curb. There are ugly, crumbling parking lots (baking hot in the summer and open and freezing cold in the winter) that are the "open space" that is afforded to homeless people who are forced to come here. People are relegated to sitting on metal parking lot bumpers, and leaning on our cars as a place to "be".

In the summer and the winter, people will be sleeping on blankets in the parking lot next our fence (about 7 feet from our front door) and on the sidewalk in front of our house. We will have to step over them to get to our cars or out of the driveway. Last winter, at about midnight, a man was coughing so badly wrapped up in a blanket in front of our house that I finally could not take it and called the shelter to see if something could be done. The temperature outside was 21 degrees and there was snow on the ground. The staff member tried to be helpful but I was told that the only thing that could be done was to call the police and they would come and tell him to "move along." The problem was -- move along to where?

The people who exist here have no physical place to be, no place to store their possessions, no place for private conversations or accessing help. We see people standing out in the rain and snow and trying to navigate wheelchairs up Oxford Street in the snow to Preble Street for meals. People store their possessions under our porch for lack of a safe place to do so. There is no place of safety or security.

This situation is inhumane and unworkable for everyone involved. It is unworkable for shelter staff, who make every effort within the existing and severe physical limitations to serve people who arrive, but who cannot create the space and resources necessary to make it happen. It is unworkable for neighbors who are unable to do anything to make the situation better. It is most unworkable for the homeless people themselves, the vast majority of whom just want a place to be and some help to overcome the problems that face them.

Over the years, we have become acquainted with some of the people who have been here. There was a sea captain, now in his seventies. There was a former member of the Special Ops who was involved in the battle in Somalia that was portrayed in the movie "Black Hawk Down." There was a man from northern Maine who told us what it was like to grow up in East Millinocket. There was the mother of one of my daughter's Portland High friends, who was kicked out of the trailer where she had been living about 20 miles from here and dropped off at the Oxford Street Shelter.

The proposed new Homeless Services Center will be a giant step forward. Please vote to make it happen.

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Fwd: Emergency Shelter Placement in District 3

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Dear Mr. Batson-

I am a District 3 resident, living at 43 Macy St (off Capisic Street by Capisic Pond. I've resided here since 1978, and both of my children attended Hall School - so I am familiar with the neighborhood. I want to express my support for the plan to site a new emergency shelter adjacent the Barron Center.

It fits so many of the criteria one would want in a location for a shelter - isolated but not hidden, on public transportation, already city property, near a similar facility (Motel 6), accessible to shopping (Westbrook Shaws and the soon to be built Market Basket), and close to existing homeless encampments. It is relatively isolated from residential neighborhoods. I do not believe there is a better place that could have been chosen in the city.

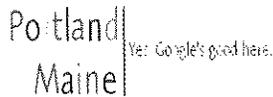
The country has grown increasingly fearful, and NIMBYism seems at an all-time high in Portland. Please believe that there is a silent majority in your district that understands that difficult choices must be made, and that this is the best choice that can be made for the city as a whole. Do what is best for the city as a whole, and accept the criticism you will receive from folks who view the world only through a zero-sum lens. Too long has the city bent to the loudest voices; please understand that those who show up at meetings are typically the ones with a personal ax to grind.

Kindly,
 Andy

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Fwd: Shelter Relocation

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Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

Thank-you for coming to the Nason's Corner Neighborhood Association meeting last night.

If you learned anything at our meeting last night, I hope that you came away with an awareness that a solution requiring a single neighborhood to host the city's homeless shelter is going to divide our city. Already my neighbors and I are being referred to as NIMBYs in comments on the article in the Press Herald. Yet, the fact is that no neighborhood in this city would welcome such a change.

I have tried to think of at least one benefit that our neighborhood could derive from allowing this city to move the shelter to the Baron Center, but I cannot come up with a single one. The fact is, the city is asking us to be okay with turning our neighborhood one of the highest crime areas in the State of Maine and having Nason's Corner become synonymous with crime and homelessness just as Bayside is today. The suggestion is offensive to all who live in the area.

I am writing to ask you to please call an end to this divisive process before it goes any further. Yes, there must be changes made to help the citizens in Bayside, but a single location is not the answer. The only way that citizens in this city are going to feel okay about hosting a shelter is to know that we are sharing the burden, not bearing it. It doesn't matter if it costs more to administer a system of multiple shelters. It doesn't matter if it's less convenient for the shelter staff. What matters is that our city must work together as a team to protect our less fortunate and solve this problem rather than pushing it off on one neighborhood alone.

Please. Admit that a single shelter was a bad idea for our city and start the work to create a solution that all of us can live with. A solution that will unite us rather than divide us.

Admitting you were wrong is a courageous thing to do. Please show that courage.

Tom Gangewer
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From: jmy <jmy@portlandmaine.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Holm Ave and Brighton.
To: Dawn Stiles <dcs@portlandmaine.gov>

Dawn,

We received this public comment today regarding the homeless shelter and was asked to forward it to you.

Thanks.

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On Friday, July 6, 2018 at 12:41:32 PM UTC-4, daniel lentz wrote:

I live on Holm Ave. I have some suggestions about the plan to build homeless shelter on the corner of Holm and Brighton Aves.

So I read that there will be a security office in the building. Is this occupied by the Portland police?- I suggest that it be. The clients you are bringing to this area will need police and not some security rent a guard. We want to see armed police securing such a violent crowd.

How about a local janitor also- to go up and down the roads in the neighborhoods. so when this crowd throws their garbage , trash, needles and also pukes on on my front lawn there can be a janitor to pick up the filth.

How about not just a medical health office but a med cue base. A medcue van on the site would be an asset to the area. That would be a very good and caring thing to do for the community.

How about educating the families of this area about what to do if we find someone has moved into the garden shed. My first response would be to show anger and aggression. No one will get a welcome wagon if they try that at my place. I may arm myself also. I am sincerely thinking of training and gun ownership. I protect myself and my family...and the family next door too if it comes to that. As a man of the household it is one of my tasks. This big shelter project is making a lot of normally peaceful folks very nervous. First reaction is to fiercely protect what is ours. This I think is a new door you all are opening for district three....the proverbial "can of worms". It will be an issue.

How about we scale the bed numbers back a bit. How about a max count of 35 beds. This will calm a lot of families in the area. We have worked very hard on our clean streets and it shows when you visit here. This area is not a homeless drug infested prostitute rat hole. Lets keep it that way.

How sad that I have to write you with all these concerns. I know it isn't all of your clients that are like this. Somewhere I heard that 20 percent of the clients are the real problem. 20 percent of what #? Just how many homeless are there in Portland? I bet you a donut that if we just stop giving freely to these types that they will just leave. They want to be pampered and it seems like the Portland maine gov is really trying to pamper and protect these 20 % of odd ducks. Did you ever think about totally shutting off the help for this 20% with that type of behavior? I wonder if they would move on and leave town.??

Does it seem that I am overthinking the issues? I don't think so. The people of this area will be heard. This is your job to listen and respond. Do not just sweep it under the carpet because it will fester there.

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