

Kim Agfalvi

From: Leeanna Taylor <taylorleeanna89@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 11:38 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Safe Parking- City Council

I'm a stay at home mom of 4, my husband is an electrician, and 2 years ago my family had housing instability and ended up staying in a garage for 6 months. 3 years ago my youngest daughter suffered a terrible accident and was severely injured by a neighbor's dog. The dog attacked my daughter who was 5 at the time and completely scalped her. She had no skin/hair on the top of her head. She suffered many other injuries as well. We spent a lot of time back and forth from Seattle children's hospital. She has had skin transplants, skin grafts, and balloons placed in her scalp in hopes of at least getting skin covering her scalp, and maybe one day hair. Unfortunately insurance hasn't covered many of these procedures as they are considered cosmetic. It came to a point where we could no longer stay in our apartment. We were fortunate enough to have a friend who let my family of 6 stay in their garage. Initially we thought it would be for a couple weeks til we could find a new place to stay. But because of the ever growing cost of housing in the area there was nowhere for us to go. This was very challenging for my family, but I also recognize how blessed we were to have a garage to stay in. MANY families are not this lucky, and are left with no other option but to stay in their vehicles. Unfortunately people who don't have a home have been stigmatized, and society believes that if you don't have a home you must be a criminal, a drug addict, or dangerous. Although i'm sure there are some that have those challenges, there are also plenty of housed people that have these same challenges. I can't imagine how much fear there must be when you are left with no choice but to stay in your vehicle, and what a relief it would be to have a safe place to park. PLEASE, PLEASE consider starting safe parking, there are good people and families that are struggling and trying to improve their situation, and at a minimum we should be providing them a safe place to park. But ideally not just a place to park, but a place where they can get help from trained professionals, and access to services they need to get back on their feet. A place to use the bathroom, wash their hands, eat a meal. You are being given a solution to a very real problem. PLEASE accept it.

Kim Agfalvi

From: Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:17 PM
To: Kim Agfalvi
Subject: Fwd: a letter/ Public comment concerning the safe parking. may be used in the next public meeting

Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk

104 Bridge St S. Orting, WA 98360
Kagfalvi@cityoforting.org
360-893-9008

Begin forwarded message:

From: MICHEAL PICON II <micheal.picon2@hotmail.com>
Date: April 16, 2024 at 4:50:47 PM PDT
To: Clerk <Clerk@cityoforting.org>
Subject: a letter/ Public comment concerning the safe parking. may be used in the next public meeting

Dear Orting council,

After attending the 4/10/2024 meeting recovery cafe became the center of attention for comments, so I decided to visit recovery cafe 4/16/2024. With my lack of knowledge of how they operate, and experiencing my own fair share of good intentions being taken advantage of and the degradation of inner cities when it comes to the homeless, I felt it was only right to see for myself if this program and origination truly had the capacity to add to there plate.

But what I come to find was a very clean, well-organized, and passionate group of people who were devoted with not just "giving handouts" but had a vision of not only of a setting for those who want to better their own lives but give potential pathways to truly move off the streets or kick a drug addiction.

When I was shown the parking space the town was concerned with, I was caught off guard. It's only a space for 3 vehicles. I was told you have to already be participating in the program and be drug free to be considered. I'm sure there are plenty of other people including myself who thought what was being asked for was a full parking lot for anyone to roll in without first checking if they are sober. Not only did that assumption end up being false it made me realize that this is probably the best way to go about helping the homeless/ those struggling with drug addiction without having any form of genuine government dependency.

Those who come to the program are the people that WANT to be there, and while things seem like they are falling apart everywhere you look, we can't assume that every homeless fellow is going to act like those who have no intention with cleaning up their lives. It

pushes decent people more and more to feeling like no one in the world cares about what they are going through, and honestly that's how crime in the inner cities really cultivates. with people with nothing, and nowhere to turn to. this beautiful town has people in it that want to be that very place to turn to.... so please support the safe parking for Recovery Cafe. If you still truly believe that they can't handle that small gravel space meant for three cars, I strongly suggest before you base your judgment on nothing more than word of mouth, go in person, do your research, and you'll see there are people really busting there ass to make this town and this state a better place, and they really aren't asking for that much.

From a concerned Citizen,
Micheal

Lee Picon II

Kim Agfalvi

From: Rachel Berry <rberry0308@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:44 AM
To: Mayor Penner
Subject: Re: Recovery Cafe

Thanks Josh, I'll send this to them as well.

Have a great Friday

On Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 9:37 AM Mayor Penner <Penner@cityoforting.org> wrote:

Thank you for the info on this Rachel and thank you so much for sending it to the councilmembers. A couple of the names on the list aren't on the council anymore.

You'll likely want to send this to

CM Holland: sholland@cityoforting.org

CM Sproul: jsproul@cityoforting.org

^If I'm understanding your intent to share it with the council.

If you'd like it read into the record at an upcoming meeting, make sure you include clerk@cityoforting.org < and request it to be read.

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Josh Penner

Mayor, City of Orting

253-350-1982

* This email is probably a public record

From: Rachel Berry <rberry0308@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:39 PM

To: Chris Moore <cmoore@cityoforting.org>, Don Tracy <dtracy@cityoforting.org>, Gregg Bradshaw <GBradshaw@cityoforting.org>, Greg Hogan <GHogan@cityoforting.org>, John Williams <JWilliams@cityoforting.org>, Melodi Koenig <mkoenig@cityoforting.org>, Mayor Penner <Penner@cityoforting.org>, Tod Gunther <TGunther@cityoforting.org>

Subject: Re: Recovery Cafe

I am seeing this is coming up to a vote soon. So I will send you another email on this issue as a reminder and refresher..

As of right now there is one way in and one way out of our town with no public transportation. The people come here with their living spaces and most (not all) become permanent fixtures.

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Please do some research on what Puyallup has had to do to keep people safe. Or at least try to do. They've had to erect rocks and boulders to keep the homeless from congregating on the premises. Take a trip down into puyallup on main and you will see what I am talking about.

Please vote no! Our little city is not big enough for something like this ESPECIALLY near children and a library. The city park is where children can play and feel safe.

Please vote no on this!

Rachel Berry

Orting Resident

On Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 1:12 PM Rachel Berry <rberry0308@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I've recently become aware of the city council meeting on the 13th and the discussion of the Recovery Cafe opening to homeless staying there.

This is alarming to me and raise so many questions.

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Syndicated columnist

X I regret to inform you that I caught myself agreeing with the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia the other day. I also began to differ from many of you, my regular readers.

That makes me look like an ingrate, but I will not fib and tell you that you are always right. In truth, some of you go overboard, obsessively digesting the pathetic

anyone would like to be 'friend-ed' on the network. I mean, what kind of narcissistic society is it that people want to put out there - 'This is my life and this is what I did yesterday?' I mean... good grief. Doesn't that strike you as strange."

Yes, that does strike me as strange. Every time I peek in on Facebook and discover still another day's overload of petty concerns, I recognize relatives and friends who beat useless

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Puyallup: City's being tarnished by drug abusers

I was skimming my Facebook timeline recently, and one post from a relative caught my eye. It was a shared post from my home city, my place of residence, about the homeless population getting out of control.

Along with the post came about 30 pictures that told a story of disregard for the land, disrespect for the community that has worked hard to build an image of clean and safe, and most of all the disregard for people's generosity by literally leaving donations in the dirt. Videos a neighbor had forwarded showed a person using a needle in plain sight.

I truly believe in showing care

through actions. What if we walked the river and started cleaning up the trash, filth and destruction?

Through our actions and words, I think these people would accept our message: You can't stay here now, but we would gladly welcome you with open arms when you are willing to lend a hand, pay taxes and help us keep our community safe and clean.

- John Kolano,
Puyallup

YMCA: Drop 'Christian' from organization's name

One would assume the YMCA subscribes to biblical values, as indicated by its very name. The standard for Judaic-Christian


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Office of the City Manager

Memorandum

To:	Bill McDonald, City Manager
From:	Melanie Harding, Management Analyst
Re:	Council Questions Regarding New Drop-In Center
Date:	October 15, 2014

At the October 7 City Council Meeting, some questions were raised about a daytime drop-in facility for homeless adults in downtown Puyallup. The drop-in facility is being pursued by a steering committee with support from many volunteers. A vacant space at 414 Spring Street was chosen for the center, which will operate under the name "New Hope Resource Center." As noted in prior information from Planning staff, the use is similar to the Activity Center or the YMCA Youth Investment Center and is permitted outright within all commercial zones – including the CBD zone. This facility fulfills one of the recommendations of the Puyallup Task Force on Homelessness: Providing a daytime drop-in center.

While the steering committee is collaborating with Freezing Nights on acting as a Pick Up/Drop Off location for the Freezing Nights Ministry, the New Hope Resource Center is a new service operated independently of other direct service and/or housing providers in Puyallup. The steering committee for the project has entered into a 6 month lease, with an option to purchase the space after that time. They are currently fundraising and recruiting volunteers to help operate the center.

The goal is to have the center open from approximately 7am – 7pm, but their initial operating hours will be approximately 7am-1pm and 5pm-7pm until their volunteer pool is fully staffed and trained. Three adult volunteers will be on-site at all times, and all volunteers will be required to undergo training in dealing with difficult situations, working with mental health issues and/or addicted populations, and motivational interviewing (a technique that emphasizes making clients/guests accountable for their current conditions and for a plan of action to improve it). The center will be partnering with local service providers to provide medical and mental health services. One goal of the fundraising goals is to have a Director position at the New Hope Resource Center.

The Steering Committee is still finalizing policies and procedures for the center. Visitors to the center will be free to come and go from the site; however, there will be a code of

Daytime Drop-in Center / New Hope Resource Center

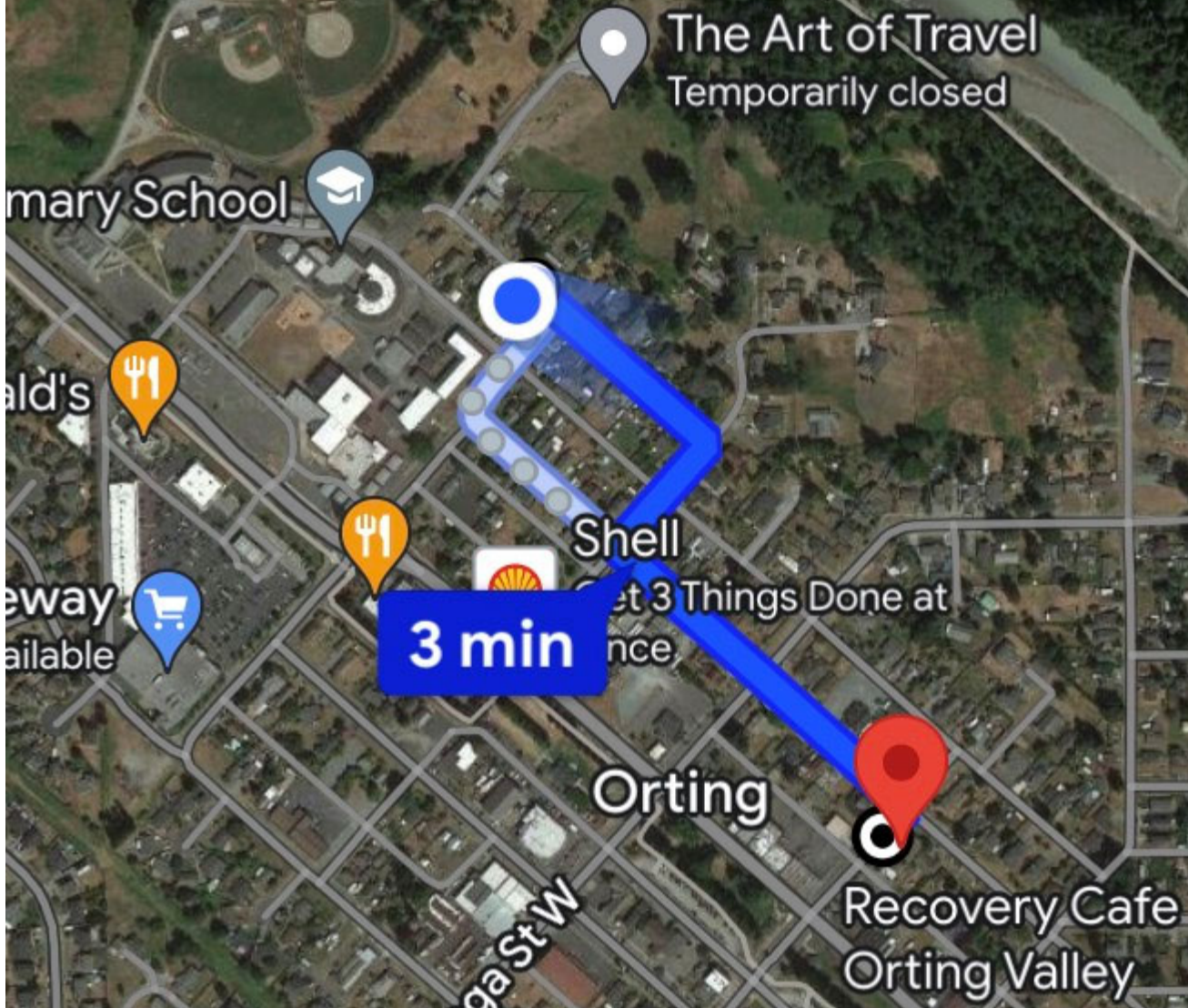
October 15, 2014

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conduct, and they are keeping potential disruptions to the surrounding area in mind as they craft these guidelines. They plan to do outreach to neighbors in the immediate area. Although it is separate from the New Hope Resource Center and they may not serve the same population, Freezing Nights has established guidelines for behavior for their guests who may visit the site to be Picked Up/Dropped Off for overnight shelter. The Freezing Nights guidelines including no loitering, no drugs/alcohol, no disruptive behavior, etc.

The center will have to comply with city codes related to occupancy. The final numbers for occupancy are still being determined at this time. The center will serve adults only. They hope to be open by November 1.

Please, I'm asking for each to do research on this. This is not a good thing in our small town. We came here to be safe and it feels like New Hope all over again. Train street is exactly the distance it was from New hope to our puyallup address.



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Puyallup River



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New Hope

Resource Center

Thank you for listening,

Rachel Berry

253-286-9949

April 15, 2024

Orting City Council

RE: Safe Parking and The Recovery Café

To the esteemed members of the Orting City Council:

As you know, I am the pastor of both Orting and Spanaway UMC's and have run a hugely successful Safe Parking site at SUMC for over 2 years. To date, we have assisted in housing over 140 men, women and children, provided case management, emergency shelter, food, clothing, dignity, compassion, and most importantly, love to any experiencing homelessness in Pierce County.

Homelessness is not a homelessness issue, nor is it a crime. With proper care, attention, and case management, individuals and families can thrive in programs that combine efforts and talents like the county sustained Safe Parking Network and the self-supported Recovery Café. It also leads to more long-term assistance through coordination with community organizations such as Family Promise of Pierce County, and The Recovery Café, both of which have strong ties to making sure individuals overcome whatever trials they may face.

Should you have any questions, or, if you would like to tour the site at Spanaway UMC, please feel free to give me a call at 253-262-9360. We would love to host you and share some of the wonderful stories of the families that have graduated from our Safe Parking program!

Grace, in ALL ways, ALWAYS!

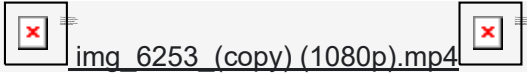
Pastor Samara R. Jenkins

Spanaway and Orting UMC

Vice President and Co-Founder Family Promise of Pierce County

Kim Agfalvi

From: Jennifer Naswood <jennaswood@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: City Council 1/3



Hello,

I work in Orting and am a parent of students in the Orting School District. A few days ago my children heard me talking to my husband about city councils hesitation to move forward with safe parking. My kids were curious about what this meant, and when i explained to them that city council wasn't trying to help people who didn't have a home, that they thought they were dangerous, dirty, and shouldn't be in Orting they were appalled. My youngest was ready to protest, she talked about making signs, and standing outside of city hall. She said we could be like Rosa Parks, and do something that some people thought was wrong, but really it was the right thing to do. She was convinced that she had the power to stand up for the right thing and change what was happening.

My son (who has a variety of disabilities) cried. He shared that it's not fair to say that. That just because they don't have a home doesn't make them dangerous.

My oldest said that it is childish to judge someone when you don't know them.

They were ready to march down to city hall with signs and protest, I suggested that instead they share how they are feelings with you guys. So they made some videos for you guys to watch.

If CHILDREN can recognize that all people deserve help, why cant you?

You guys keep kicking the can down the street so afraid of what people might think that you are refusing to do what is right.

If you look back over history we have a pattern of villainizing and demonizing those who are different. But we don't have to keep this pattern going, we can have compassion, and kindness for those that have struggles different than our own. PLEASE be part of the solution, instead of being complacent.

Here is my Son's message to city council I will be sending each childs message seperately. I made sure that all of there messages were under 3 minutes as i know that is the maximum time.

Kim Agfalvi

From: JoshDiane Langdon <josh-diane@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Kim Agfalvi
Subject: Please read at council meeting.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Diane Langdon and I have a residence within the city limits of the Orting Municipality. It has been brought to my attention that the Orting City Council is attempting to pass an ordinance to allow public camping and the utilization of RV campers within the city limits in order to provide some sort of housing for the homeless without a public vote or any real notice (mailers, announcement, etc). I strongly disapprove of this proclamation or attempts to slide this through as a valid alternative to actual housing. We are a small town with a population of less than 9,000 (8,857) which has been on the decline since 2020, I wonder why. Maybe because of acts like this. Nevertheless, our resources are already stretched very thin. Our Police Department has a Chief, 1 Sergeant and 7 Officers (1 officer per 1,265 residents). Tacoma PD has 1.4 officers per 1000 residents. If something like this goes through, we are inviting big city issues into a small town without the resources or funding to address the problems that come with it: drug overdoses, theft, burglary, robbery, assault, etc. While I recognize that not all homeless individuals have these issues, however, you need to understand that the majority of homeless people have issues with alcohol, drugs and/or crime, and you can pull up any crime statistics in any urban area to support this statement as this information is everywhere. Additionally, our 1 Fire Department is responsible for the entire Orting Valley which includes the unincorporated areas. You really think our 1 station is going to be able to respond all over the valley for medical emergencies and be able to respond to campers in their time of need. Not likely, people will die.

If you decide to support this type of ordinance you will start something you can't stop as you will have an ordinance that was passed by the city council. It is much easier to pass an ordinance than it is to repeal one. This act will bring an influx of people into our municipality that we do not have the funds or infrastructure to support. We do not have the Law Enforcement, Fire Response, Co-Responders, Food Network, or medical facilities that cities have. It appears you want big city issues with small town resources. IT WILL NOT WORK. You need to understand that the majority of the people who have decided to call one of the safest small towns in America home is because they left the big city problems behind in order to feel safe and secure. I, along with the majority, believe it is deplorable that the City Council would even consider something like this without input from the people they claim they are representing.

It is my understanding that the City Council intends to add to our property tax to support the funding of this project. FYI, this won't be enough, and I vote no, you want to add a tax to a program that we did not vote for, therefore I cast my vote now, NO!

Lastly, it is my understanding that the Recovery Café is spearheading this project aided by the City Council. I would like to believe that their motives are well intended, but do you believe that they have rebuilt their reputation? I certainly don't. Do you believe the voting public knows what occurred in the Recovery Café? I don't. The Recovery Café is responsible for the loss of almost \$200,000.00. One of their managers was arrested for embezzlement, and it appears

that most of the staff who was working at the Recovery Café still works there. For complete transparency every single employee should be vetted, and I believe one of them already has a conflict of interest and should recuse himself. Tod Gunther currently holds position #1 on the City Council and he is a Case Manager in the Recovery Navigator Program at the Recovery Café. Not a very good job of vetting. I do not know if the Recovery Café can be trusted at this point and time, and I, along with others, do not believe the Orting City Council can be trusted either based on their actions pertaining to this issue. This whole process has been kept pretty quiet. I wonder why. Maybe because of the issues I raised above. Anyone with a little common sense should be able to see how these programs have destroyed large cities which begs the question, why would you want to actively seek these issues in one of the safest small towns in America?

Thank you,

Diane Langdon

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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Kim Agfalvi

From: Melodi Koenig
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:25 PM
To: MELISSASABIN
Cc: Kim Agfalvi
Subject: Re: Safe parking

Thank you for the feedback- I have also forwarded your concern to our city clerk to be read into the record 😊

Thanks!

Melodi
Sent from my iPad

On Apr 24, 2024, at 1:22 PM, MELISSASABIN <melissasabin@aol.com> wrote:

I urge you as a council member to vote no on safe parking at the Recovery Cafe. I have a daughter in FFA. We have had multiple run ins with displaced (homeless) people when feeding animals in the early morning and late nights at the high school. It is going to bring many homeless to our area, and our crime rate will continue to climb. Not to mention one of the local churches has an early morning seminary class there. It is too close to the vicinity of the school, and park to allow this. One of my favorite things about this town is driving past the park and seeing all the families enjoy the park. If we allow this, the park will soon be taken over and families will no longer feel safe. My other concern is the fact that Recovery Cafe recently fired a director who embezzled almost 200,000 dollars. If they can allow their finances to get that far out of control without noticing, how well are they going to manage the safe parking? This is an unsafe idea for our kids, community, and businesses. I very strongly urge you to vote no. I would also like to be kept in the loop on any council meetings regarding this matter where public opinion can be shared. Thank you for your time.

Melissa Sabin

Sent from my iPhone

Kim Agfalvi

From: Rachel Berry <rberry0308@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:07 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: Recovery Cafe

I would like this to be read at the meeting please

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 1:04 PM Rachel Berry <rberry0308@gmail.com> wrote:
City Council Members,

We came from Puyallup where they opened up New Hope with the intentions of helping the homeless. Instead it turned into a dangerous situation with fighting, drunk and high homeless passed out on our front yards and stealing from our backyards. They said they vetted everyone who went there and freezing nights supposedly did the same. We moved when the nightly machete attacks on each other in front of our house became too much since the cities hands "were tied". This was also right next to a school. We moved to Orting to get away from all of that.

Think I have no clue? Here's Our Families story:

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I implore you to look and listen to all the city council meetings we had during those months to try and get some accountability. Now you see down at New Hope the city has had to bring in boulders and rocks. Do

research on what has happened and the crime surge in Puyallup. They are a bigger city than we are. Take a drive downtown and you will see. Pioneer Park is filled with trash and people using it as a bathroom. The businesses downtown are being affected as well.

Remember we have no bus system as well. There are many factors at play here.

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-City Council Meetings in Puyallup- 2016

This is just one there are many more in 2016-present!

<https://youtu.be/kBXwzorwn7c?si=HBPgknsQ7a1zhz5c>

-The Freezing Nights fiasco where people were sent from surrounding counties on buses (Seattle, Tacoma, Gig Harbor to name a few) and once in Puyallup had no where to go.

-Clean Up Puyallup Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/hVxiWXgZk3nk4E5X/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/vd5dQMfh6jxNeRbj/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/htAWCQKBU5ELuTA/?mibextid=w8EBqM>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/MJ2Eq14gpahw7AK5/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

<https://video.kbtc.org/video/northwest-now-puyallup-homeless/?>

There is one way in and one way out of our town with no public transportation. The people come here with their living spaces and most (not all) become permanent fixtures.

When I saw this was being brought up I immediately thought of the reason why our family moved from Downtown Puyallup to Orting. When we left Puyallup it was such a huge sense of safety to reside in Orting.

Please, I'm asking for each of you to do research on this. This is not a good thing in our small town. We came here to be safe and it feels like New Hope all over again. Train street is exactly the distance it was from New Hope to our Puyallup address.

Rachel B.

Orting Resident and Taxpayer.

Kim Agfalvi

From: Sabrina Ferguson <frgsnrus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:58 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Safe parking

Hello, i just moved here in October after living most of my life in Puyallup. I no longer felt safe in Puyallup south hill because of of all the-homeless parking every where. I understand and want to help people. I am willing to help but i want to feel safe when i go to sleep and when my kids are at the park. Please say no to the safe parking project so Orting does not turn bad like south hill Puyallup. Thank you for listening.

Warmly,

Sabrina Ferguson

Sent from my iPhone

Kim Agfalvi

From: Matthew Harper <mattakared@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Please forward to counsel members to be read in regards to SAFE PARKING agenda

As regard to the safe parking agenda:

I think the NEW director has people's best interests in mind, BUT...as is the case with ALL good intentions with bureaucratic backing it can and will be corrupted and altered so far from original intentions that it will end up harming the community it originally was intended to help.

They may say that 'this' or 'that' will be required to qualify for service and that the community will 'be absolutely safe', but definitions will change, deals will be made(as we have seen in recent days in the news as it pertains to former director) lethargy and corruption WILL take place, and we will have homeless, drugs and crime all over this small town and the taxpayers in the community will pay for it, and our kids will pay for it.

Let the larger, more financed municipalities handle this issue, they have the money and the votes, let them have the problems created as well.

In short, counsel members, Mayor, as with All good intended programs, laws, over time become altered, corrupted or the understanding and intent in language is no longer understood or adhered to(examp. U.S.Constitution).Times and language change.

I think that this Safe Parking agenda/proposal while sounding great and helpful in the moment, will more than likely prove disastrous for this community in the future.

Orting currently holds an attractiveness for families because it has the "clean", "wholesome" appearance . Allowing it to even take one step towards Seattle or Los Angeles in this matter is a HUGE mistake that will take much longer to fix once set on the path, if ever at all.

Thank you for your time in reading my opinion on this issue,
Concerned citizen