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The Trash Queen versus Republic

A volunteer seeks accountability from a contracted trash hauler

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Being Trash Queen of the Pearl District is not as regal as it sounds. Sally Mize walks her neighborhood streets 10-15 hours a week looking for trash, specifically refuse overflowing the public receptacles along parks and sidewalks.

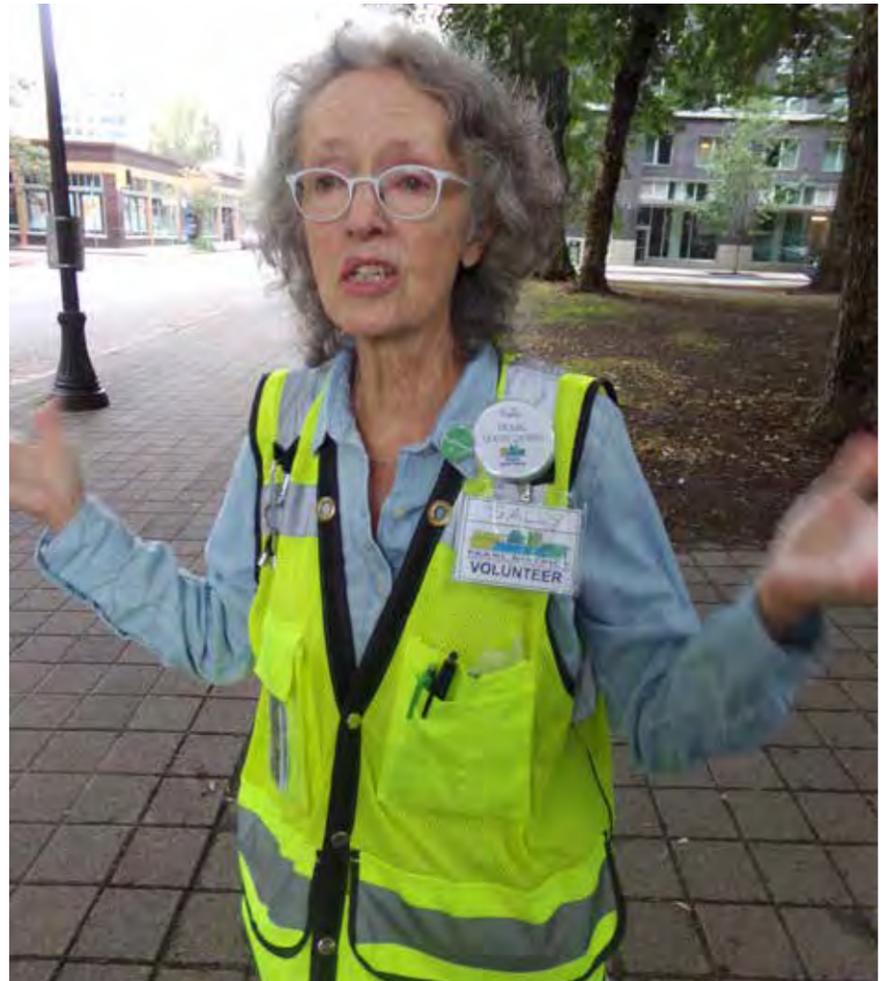
Someone has to do it. The private garbage company, Republic Services, contracting with the city to empty the 139 receptacles in the Pearl cannot be trusted to fulfill its duties, and the city bureau administering the contract admits to frustration in dealing with the hauler.

Mize does not remember exactly how she assumed the role. For years, she has been one of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association's most loyal volunteers, donning her orange vest to comb the community while picking up trash, reporting

safety concerns. She greets a score of people of all stations along her circuit, many of whom live in tents. She might be called a goodwill ambassador, but the button she proudly wears reads Trash Queen, and that's what her neighbors call her.

PDNA volunteers created and ran a trash collection project for seven years before convincing the city in 2017 that public trash removal was a municipal responsibility. The city of Portland now contracts for regular service (seven days a week east of Northwest Ninth Avenue and four times a week west of Ninth), but oversight of the process has been less stringent than when citizens did it all, from collecting sponsor checks to responding to complaints of vandalized or overflowing receptacles.

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Sally Mize makes the rounds daily checking on overflowing trash cans.

Controversies surround once quiet coalition

Consultant steps back, advises organization to hire far-ranging team of advisers



Neighbors West Northwest President Richard Barker stripped a board member of his right to participate in the organization.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The coalition of inner Westside neighborhood associations, which has traditionally moved in the background and then at a glacial pace, is suddenly enveloped by contentious wildfires as longtime Executive Director Mark Sieber prepares to retire.

A consulting firm hired to guide the transition to a new executive director and redefinition of purpose, has put its interaction with Neighbors West Northwest on hold for 60 days due to "an environment not conducive to effective strategic or succession planning."

That environment surrounds the board's efforts to discipline Steve Pinger, the Northwest District Association's representative to the coalition, for vague

charges of debating resolved topics and "behavior and attitude toward staff members." This issue was addressed in a September 2021 NW Examiner story, "Vision quest cloaks personal attack."

NWNW President Richard Barker prohibited Pinger "from interacting with staff, which means you are unable to attend the meetings and be an active participant." Barker earlier had "suspended [him] from all committee work including the Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally you will not be receiving updates from the Succession Committee."

The Northwest District Association condemned the coalition's censure of Pinger as usurping its own right of representation in the coalition.

Sieber, who had never publicly criticized

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Goose Hollow activist offers alternative to Hardesty

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Vadim Mozyrsky, whose family came to the United States in 1979 to escape religious persecution in Ukraine, has found a lot to like in his adopted homeland.

"People are so welcoming," said Mozyrsky, who described Portlanders as "wonderful,"

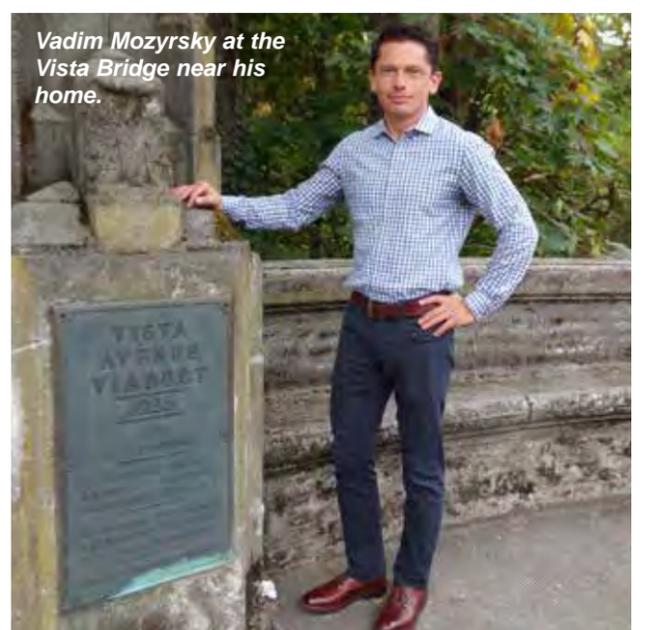
"diverse," "very real" and brimming with the joy of life.

He is not so pleased with the disorder overtaking Portland's civic life and political leadership, however. That's why he filed to unseat City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty in next year's race for council seat No. 3.

Voters will have no trouble dis-

tinguishing the two. Hardesty was called the "angry Black woman" Portland needs in a Willamette Week endorsement of her 2018 candidacy. She fulfilled that role in the summer of 2020, when she garnered enough council votes to defund \$15 million from the Portland Police Bureau by cutting sev-

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Vadim Mozyrsky at the Vista Bridge near his home.

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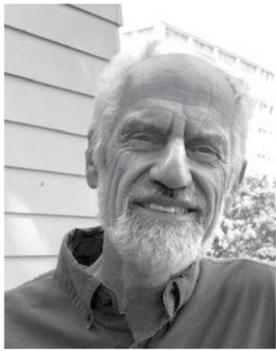


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No exceptions allowed

Everyone at meetings of the Neighbors West Northwest neighborhood coalition is now expected to state their personal pronouns. The pressure to declare gender identity has grown month by month. I have resisted that pressure.

Last month, coalition chair Richard Barker would not let it pass. For 30 seconds he insisted as I first ignored, then deflected the request.

"It's something I've asked for everybody to do and you are not an exception," Barker told me.

He was not telling the truth. A request is something one may turn down; this was a demand.

With a hard glare and steely tone, I replied, "I do not take orders from you."

I have no problem with those who choose to declare their pronouns. But pressuring everyone to declare themselves on a matter of utmost privacy goes too far. I imagine it would be most hurtful to those whose gender identity is in transition or who are not ready to declare themselves in a public forum that might leak the message.

The real goal of this exercise is not promoting tolerance but forcing conformity and obedience to an orthodoxy. Those who refuse to go along can be singled out as "not team players" or a threat to order. It leads to bullying, which this organization has more than occasionally fostered.

Refusing to conform to societal norms or calls to pledge one's loyalty—if done without harm to anyone—is central to the American founding purpose. We need not pledge allegiance to any flag in order to be American; we are American if we agree to live in peace with each other and obey laws enacted by the people for the common good. Our minds are free to believe, not believe or object according to our own conscience.

I was moved when I heard the story of the cross-dressing mayor of Silverton who drew a



right-wing Baptist church in Kansas to protest the wickedness of a town of which they knew only one thing. Some of the good men of Silverton put on dresses in support of their mayor and in defiance of the self-righteous visitors. I would like to think, had I been in Silverton on that day in 2008, I would have had on a dress.

Colin Kaepernick took a knee at an NFL football game in a statement about our nation's racism. This act undermined no one's rights or opportunities, yet team owners and a U.S. president used all their powers to force him and his followers to conform.

Those who would force obedience often know they have no authority to enforce their will. They wield the threat of public and economic pressure exerted by the many to mete out punishment. After World War II, the House Committee on Un-American Activities bludgeoned Hollywood movie makers to reveal their past affiliations with the Communist Party, knowing their industry could blackball them and ruin their careers.

Because I am an independent journalist and publisher, no neighborhood committee is going to ruin my career. It is especially revealing that I, having neither membership in nor loyalty to this organization, was subjected to this gauntlet. Those holding power are tempted to use it.

Ironically, Barker and his supporters in the room must have believed they were on the side of tolerance and in defense of the underdog.

I cannot improve on the words of 18th century Scottish poet Robert Burns: "Oh would some power give us the gift to see ourselves as others see us."

Democracies are ruled by majorities. Unanimity involves crushing all dissent, the hallmark of another type of governance, a kind we thought was dying out in the last century. ■

Readers Reply

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Whose supremacy?

Referring to "Vision Quest Cloaks Personal Attack" [September 2021], describing the struggle of Steve Pinger to bring some sanity to Neighbors West Northwest: Why are my tax dollars paying the salary of anyone who could write such dross as "our country's foundational institutions are deeply rooted in white supremacy"? Is Ms. Rhys Ornstein-Hayes unaware that it was a profound respect for the liberty and dignity of every person, a love of freedom and a commitment to protect the individual from the tyranny of the state that informed our foundational institutions?

I note that Ms. Ornstein-Hayes appears to be Caucasian. Is she suffering from what she refers to as white supremacy? Must I bow to her "supremacy"? Evidently her language and philosophy has become so pervasive it appears normal.

Gail Cronyn
NW Luray Terrace

Coalition leadership lacking

As a longtime neighborhood association officer and one-time leader of the Neighbors West Northwest coalition, I am disheartened by much of the ideologically motivated resistance to simple, broad-based

citizen participation. The primary virtue of Portland's neighborhood program, initially a citizen initiative to return political power to the public and public awareness to the elected officials, was reduced to a bureaucracy. Participants have been co-opted by program administration.

When there is an effort to suppress any neighborhood's voice, it should be the city's responsibility to assure the neighborhoods that the coalition is there to serve them, not to control them.

It's disheartening to find the lack of coalition leadership and city leadership as well, which threatens NWNW and the neighborhood program as a whole.

Nearly 20 years after the last substantial review of

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Franklin Drake



Franklin Griffith Drake, who grew up in Portland Heights and later ran one of the largest construction companies in the Pacific Northwest, died Sept. 13 at age 93. He was born March 22, 1928, in Portland and attended Lincoln High School. He received a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan in

1950. After his father died, he returned to Portland and joined brothers Donald and Mitchell in running Donald M. Drake Co., serving as president and CEO from 1960-1995. Major local projects he built included Lloyd Center, approaches to the Fremont Bridge, Moda Center, the Benjamin Franklin Building, KOIN Tower, the Vista Ridge Tunnels and the Westover Condominiums. With his brothers, he founded Mount Hood Meadows ski resort and managed it until retiring in 2006. He was elected president of the Multnomah Athletic Club in 1963. He served on the boards of US Bancorp, Portland General Electric and the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He married Harriet Bouvy and they had two daughters, Amy Reeves and Andrea Hull; a son, Matthew; and six grandchildren.

Lyle Adams



Lyle Francis Adams, a lifelong Northwest Portland resident, died Sept. 5 at age 75. He was born April 10, 1946, at Good Samaritan Medical Center and grew up on Northwest Cornell Road. He attended Chapman Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1964. He graduated from

Portland State University with a business degree in 1968 and from Willamette Law School in 1971. He worked as a tax accountant for Arthur Andersen and later was an independent CPA, treasurer of Gregory Affiliates and a partner at Solberg/Adams. He married Linda Snyder in 1968. He was active in the Hillside Neighborhood Association and a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club. He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Peter; and sister, Susan Adams.

Anne Hughes

Anne Hughes, an activist, patron of the arts and former Northwest Portland resident, died Aug. 26 at age 76. Marguerite Anne McBride was born in Washington, D.C., Sept. 21, 1944, and moved to La Grande

and then Portland when she was young. She attended Portland State University, where she met her late husband, John Hughes. She opened art galleries in 1976 and 1979. She hosted weekly breakfasts at her home on Northwest Marshall Street that attracted prominent writers, artists and politicians. She opened the Anne Hughes Coffee Room inside Powell's City of Books in 1985. This year, the Portland City Council declared her birthday Anne Hughes Day. She suffered from dementia in recent years and lived in a Southeast Portland memory care facility. She is survived by her sons, Joe and Michael.

Robert C. Shoemaker Jr.



Robert C. Shoemaker Jr., a former Oregon state senator and longtime resident of Sylvan Highlands, died Sept. 12 at age 89. He was born Feb. 22, 1932, and moved to Portland when he was 3. He graduated from Lincoln High School, Lewis & Clark College in 1953 and Harvard Law School in 1958. He was a partner in the Lindsay Hart and Ater Wynne law firms for 20 years. He was an Oregon state senator for six years and chaired the committee that created the Oregon Health Plan in 1993. Later, he worked for the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative, helping former Soviet republics establish democratic processes. He chaired the Portland City Club, the Multnomah County Planning Commission, First Unitarian Church, Schools for the City, Oregon School of Arts and Crafts and Chamber Music Northwest. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; sons, Bob, Warren, David and Dick; and eight grandchildren.

Elaine Moshofsky



Elaine Moshofsky, a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club, died Sept. 1 at age 96. Elaine Hayden was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Friend and was raised in Estacada. She worked as a burner in the Kaiser Shipyards during World War II and received a bachelor's degree at Oregon State University. She studied at the University of Michigan before teaching at Vernonia and Beaverton high schools. She married Edward William Moshofsky in 1953. She was a member of the first United Methodist Church, the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Garden Club. She and her husband underwrote the Moshofsky Sports Center at the Uni-

versity of Oregon. She is survived by two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband and daughter, Ann, predeceased her in 1998.

Sara Allison



Sara Mitchner Allison, former president of the Lincoln High School PTA and former resident of Arlington Heights, died Sept. 13 at age 85. Sara Mitchner was born March 11, 1936, and grew up in Peoria, Ill. She attended the University of Illinois and earned an MBA from Portland State University. She married

Bob Allison in 1958, and they moved to the Pacific Northwest after two years in Europe. She worked as a high school French teacher, architectural drafter, accountant, human resources executive and a real estate agent. She served on the board of the Multnomah Athletic Club. She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn Anderson; sons, Bob and John; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Gerald Cogan



Dr. Gerald Cogan, a founder of Willamette Dental Group and former Northwest Portland resident, died Sept. 10, at age 91. He was born on Oct. 7, 1929, in Bath, Maine. He graduated from Morse High School in 1946 and attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and the University of Portland before

receiving a DMD from the OHSU School of Dentistry in 1953. After military duty, he returned to Portland and with two partners formed Willamette Dental Group, which opened on Southwest Jefferson Street in 1976. He was the campaign manager for several Democratic candidates and represented Oregon for eight years on the Democratic National Committee. He was president of Congregation Neveh Shalom from 1974-76. He married Zadell Joy Myerson in 1952. He is survived by daughters, Laurie, Deborah and Marjorie; son, Daniel; brother, Arnold; sisters, Carol Koranda and Judy Ross; and two grandchildren.

Death Notices

DAVID COUGHLIN, 77, 1962 Lincoln High School graduate.

MICHAEL FALKENSTEIN, 1956 Lincoln High School graduate, MAC member.

BETTY (STEINBERG) KIYOI, 83, 1956 Lincoln High School graduate.

HAROLD POLLIN, 85, a member of Congregation Beth Israel.

JANIE (WOLFE) PARKE, 1950 Lincoln High School graduate.

NELLY MARIA (ALBRECHT) STAYTON, 80, 1961 Lincoln High School graduate.

BRIAN TRAINER, 72, 1967 Lincoln High School graduate.

SANFORD WEINSTEIN, 90, member of Congregation Beth Israel.

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eral programs.

Mozyrsky believes that was a mistake, leading to increased crime, record-setting numbers of shootings and a loss of safety affecting residents across the city.

"There is not an anti-police movement," he said, referring to opinion surveys showing that most voters want "the same number of officers, if not more."

Mozyrsky also cites City Commissioner Mingus Mapps' victory last year with the endorsement of the Portland police officers' union.

Mozyrsky and Hardesty both emphasize greater police accountability, but on a key accountability measure under discussion—body-worn cameras—they differ. Mozyrsky calls cameras worn by police officers an effective means of improving policing, citing studies indicating they lead to less use of force and fewer citizen complaints. While Hardesty emphasizes their cost, Mozyrsky said they actually save money by reducing payouts for civil claims of injury and abuse.

Hardesty fears body cameras will be controlled by the police and shared only when they support the police bureau's interests, but Mozyrsky said controls to ensure the integrity and fair use of the videos can be enacted if the city chooses to do so.

Mozyrsky's professional and civic time has been heavily focused on law enforcement and criminal justice reform. He serves on the Portland Police Citizen Review Committee and the Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing. He co-chairs the Portland Public Safety Action Coalition, a citizen

group that frequently hosts speakers involved with law enforcement and crime prevention.

His other civic affiliations include the boards of the Immigrant Refugee Community Organization and the Goose Hollow Foothills League. He serves on the Portland Charter Review Commission.

He served on the steering committee of Project Search, a program by former Commissioner Nick Fish to increase employment in City Hall for people with developmental disabilities.

Mozyrsky calls charter reform—eliminating Portland's commission form of government—one of his top three issues. Serving on the Charter Commission has given him a front-row seat to the city's changing attitude toward its anachronistic commission form of government. A parade of elected officials and bureau heads has addressed the review body, all of them expanding on the list of ways in which the system fails the city today.

The only exception? Jo Ann Hardesty. Hardesty says the system must be working because it has resulted in the most diverse council in Portland history—three people of color and one gay man.

Hardesty's handling of the Office of Community & Civic Life is another

collision course for the candidates. The commissioner insisted on keeping private an independent investigation of the office that she knew to contain strong condemnation of its director and upper managers. Only when the Multnomah County District Attorney ruled that the report by ASCETA LLC was a public document did the heads roll. Hardesty then cushioned the blow for Director Suk Rhee by approving a full year of severance pay.

"This is telling," Mozyrsky said of the commissioners' handling of the affair.

While the decision to assign OCCL to a different commissioner should Hardesty lose is in the hands of the mayor, Mozyrsky believes "I would do a good job as commissioner of Civic Life."

"I've spent years asking people what they want their government to do," he said, contrasting his approach with that of a local government that has made a practice of "slow-walking of requests" from citizens and neighborhood activists.

As an officer in his neighborhood association, Mozyrsky would bring a different kind of diversity to a council that has often trivialized and stereotyped associations in recent decades.

"I would work with neighborhood associations to understand what they need and how they see things," he said. "It is important to have Civic Life bring voices together."

He charged the "dysfunctional" agency with tending to do the opposite, sowing division and quelling some voices.

"I want to practice inclusive politics," he said.

Mozyrsky's other top issue is homelessness. He is convinced adequate resources are available, in the form of about \$50,000 per person in bond-supported funds for shelter and services, yet no progress is evident.

One step in establishing order would be an up-to-the-minute count of available shelter beds in the city, which would give authority for police and social workers to remove people living in public spaces. No source of vacant shelter beds currently exists, not even on the city-county Joint Office of Homeless Services website.

While promising no top-down answers, Mozyrsky said, "I will make sure we know the successes and failures" of public programs addressing homelessness.

His optimism is rooted in the American immigrant tradition.

"People who appreciate this country most are the people who have experienced difficulties elsewhere," said Mozyrsky, who learned that "if you work hard and study, you will succeed."

He attended English-only classes upon arriving in America at age 7 not knowing a word of English. He found his way with the help of a Russian-speaking friend plus hours of watching television. ■

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the neighborhood program, when some of the most hierarchical coalitions should have moved toward the ideal of assisting neighborhoods rather than packaging them, the city ought to have recognized the value of neighborhood independence and pluralism. Instead, it looks like the city is leading headlong toward a corporatist organization where the people are subjects more than citizens. NWNW is foolishly abandoning its pre-tenure at neighborhood representation and leading the way to irrelevance.

Jerry Powell
SW Madison St.

Park funds vital

Thank you for your recent article on the inadequate provision for public parks and pools in NW Portland and the understandable frustration with system development charges ["Where is our parks money? August 2021]. I took swimming lessons at Couch Pool as a boy. We took 10 minutes on the Line 15 bus to get there. One-plus hour each way on transit, with 20

minutes of walking, is not a reasonable option for a 3-year-old's 30-minute lesson. For our family, the lack of public amenities in Northwest encourages costly and impactful travel to amenities elsewhere. That's a bummer for everyone.

Max Brunke
NW Pettygrove

Keep fighting

I am an avid reader of the NW Examiner, and my wife and I are subscribers. I thought your recent editorial ["Trying isn't enough," September, 2021] was excellent, as usual. Keep up the great work and keep fighting for good government. I believe this mayor and city council are by far the worst I have ever seen in my many decades in Portland.

Jim McKillip
SW Fifth Ave.

Dereliction of duty

As a Pearl District resident who moved from San Diego 12 years ago, I remain utterly dismayed that the city of Portland and Multnomah County governments have failed to develop any type of comprehensive medium-to-long-term plan to reduce and ultimately eliminate the enormous number of tents occupied by homeless individuals throughout the city. This unprecedented humanitarian crisis became a significant public health, livability and safety issue more than six years ago under Mayor Charlie Hales, and the numbers of homeless have grown steadily to more than 5,000 while Ted Wheeler has been mayor.

I thought that the election of Dan Ryan, Carmen Rubio and Mingus Mapps as our newest city commissioners would by now have resulted in a detailed plan to provide shelter and support services for our homeless, but all we have is a paltry, six-camp plan from Ryan that will address the needs of fewer than 200 individuals when 100 such camps might be needed.

I regularly drive past the vast acreage and large vacant city-owned buildings at Terminal 2 on Northwest

Front Avenue, the city-owned US Postal Service site and numerous other city-owned properties and buildings, and I see ample opportunities to shelter our homeless living in squalid conditions in tents, as well as to park hundreds of RVs currently used as housing.

What on earth is keeping local governments from developing a bold and visionary plan to resolve this crisis? The indicator of a government's competence is its ability to achieve measurable results against defined goals and objectives; empty gestures and shopworn statements about "being compassionate," which we've heard over and over from our local elected leaders, don't cut the mustard. In addressing homelessness, our city and county have failed miserably, and our elected officials need to be held accountable for their dereliction of duty.

David L. Mitchell
NW Naito Parkway

Shootings intolerable

As the homeless and drug crises further deteriorated relationships with police and social service providers, residents find the lack of response to shoot-outs and homicides inadequate, intolerable and unacceptable as was so ably expressed in "Wild late-night shootout barely registers at City Hall," [September 2021].

On Sept. 4, Central Precinct officers were dispatched to a shooting at Northwest 10th Avenue and Northwest Davis Street. Three people are recovering from gunfire. I don't think any of the visitors to the Art in the Pearl, a couple of blocks away in the North Park Blocks, heard or witnessed the gunfire, but it was too close.

As cited in the Examiner article, Steve Kanter, the former dean of the Lewis & Clark Law School and a nearby resident pronounced: "When 28 bullets are fired in real time, that is not a property crime; that is attempted murder. That is a completely intolerable position for any civilized society to take." Lots of agreement on this point.

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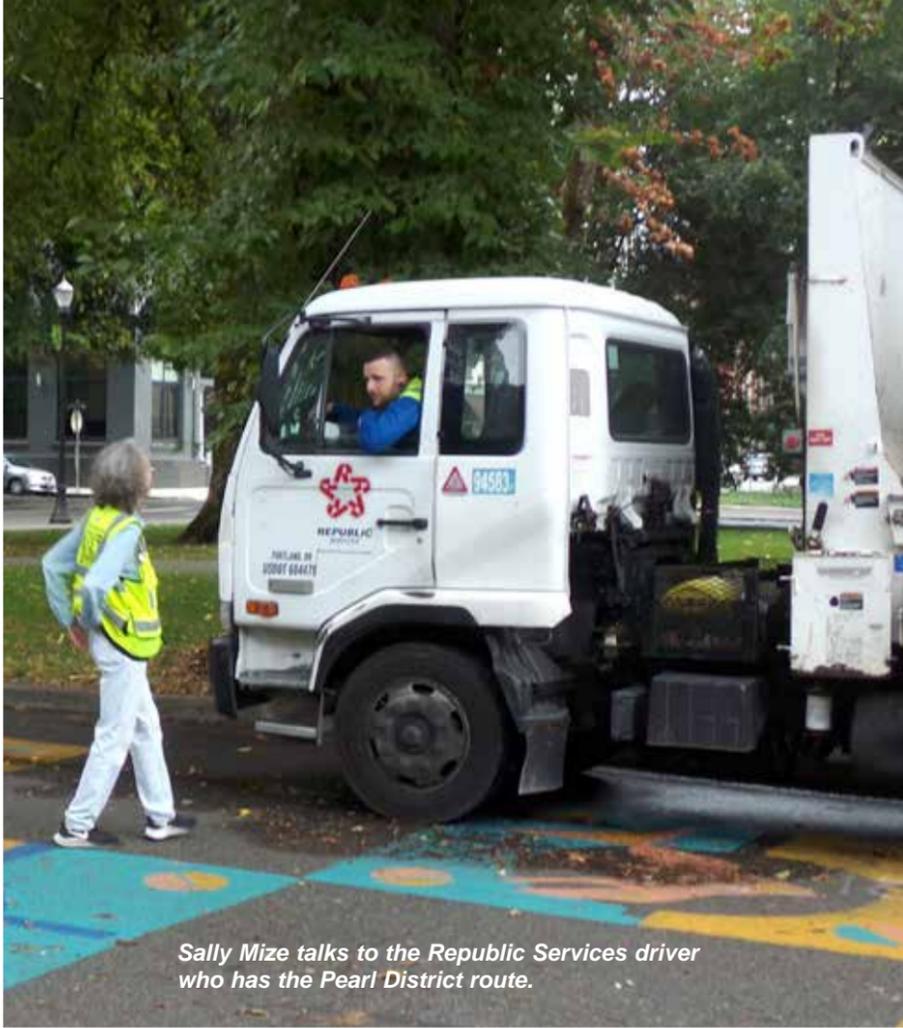
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Sally Mize talks to the Republic Services driver who has the Pearl District route.

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By last January, when it was apparent that Republic Services was not doing its job, Mize began walking the route daily to check on service gaps. For 2021, she estimates that less than half of the scheduled pickups are happening.

In the section for four-day a week service, "they're doing half of that at best," she said.

"I walk every street in the district before and after the supposed pickups," Mize said at a September meeting at which Tom Miller, director of livability in Mayor Ted Wheeler's office, was a guest speaker. Miller has a six-month contract to address public trash removal and broader environmental policy across the city.

"The private haulers do not do their jobs," she said. "I have proved that over and over and over. That's been shared all through City Hall, and we're not seeing any change."

Mize and other volunteers do what they can, "but you can't expect that forever when the problems keep increasing with no end in sight," she said.

Miller agreed.

"I just looked around, and every conversation with citizens confirms it. I am not seeing success," he said.

Mize had a suggestion: "Can't you fire them? Can't you charge them big time for not doing their job? That's what needs to be happening, and it ain't happening."

"You are reading my mind," Miller said. "I asked this from Day One."

Miller explained that making changes

will take time and "ruffle feathers," but that "doesn't mean it can't be done."

His timetable?

"We're not at a point where we're ready to present an alternative to the status quo," he said, "but we're moving in that direction."

"We need to look at this in a profound way."

While Miller is the mayor's troubleshooter on public trash, Quinton Bauer manages the Public Trash Can Collection Program for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Bauer's description of the situation is more defensive than Miller's:

"BPS staff is aware of the collection issues with public trash cans in the Pearl District," he wrote in an email to the NW Examiner. "We're sympathetic to the concerns of the community and are working diligently to ensure that the contractor collects the trash cans on the agreed upon schedule."

"We are in regular contact with both the trash hauler and community members, reporting missed collections and ensuring they are resolved as quickly as possible. Collections are also proactively monitored for full containers and addressed when they occur as quickly as possible."

"FYI, recently American Rescue Plan funds were secured to replace 10 smaller existing trash containers with larger containers, which will double the capacity. These improved containers will help reduce the frequency of overflows in the

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Northwest Flanders Street was scattered with remnants of tent camps driven away by September rains.



This receptacle on Northwest Hoyt Street was supposed to have been emptied the day before.

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most heavily used areas."

Pushed for more specifics, BPS spokesperson Eden Babbs wrote, "We are in touch with the hauler multiple times a week and are actively engaged whenever specific issues arise. We also conduct site visits multiple times per week."

What BPS has not done is give an economic incentive to improve. Republic's current contract allows the city to deduct for missed service at the per-container rate of \$2.05-\$3.20 per instance. The company is paid \$7,700 a month under a contract ending next March.

"So far we have not made deduc-

tions," Babbs said, "but we are in the process of strengthening the contract language to ensure accountability and high performance."

"This issue is definitely on our radar, and we are in problem-solving mode. Republic is aware of our concerns, and we continue to work with them to improve performance. We are working within the current contract and simultaneously looking to the next iteration."

A statement from Republic Services' corporate headquarters blamed the problem on nationwide staffing shortages and asked for patience:

"Republic Services of Portland is

experiencing some temporary delays with waste and recycling collections. ... We continue to partner with the city on solutions. We sincerely appreciate the patience of the community while our drivers are doing their best to meet the needs of our customers."

The problem is not limited to the Pearl District or to Republic Services.

The Northwest District Association is beginning to stir over the same type of erratic trash pickup west of Interstate 405.

"It is not happening according to the contract," said Susan Filkins, chair of the NWDA Safety and Livability Com-

mittee, last month. "And they've been given a 10-year contract. I'm kind of appalled."

Tanya March, who chairs the NWDA Parks Committee and serves on the board of the Northwest District Business Association, said, "We're getting about one pickup a week on 23rd Avenue."

That compares to a contract requiring service four times a week on Northwest 23rd Avenue and two times on 21st.

Merchants say they only see the hauler only once a week, March said. ■

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The Cart Blocks at Ankeny Square had a ribbon-cutting ceremony last month. Photo by Benjy Ross / Portland Bureau of Transportation.



In a month when patrons of two Northwest Portland restaurants—**SILVER DOLLAR PIZZA** and **EVERYBODY EATS**—were shot, one fatally, several restaurants opened in the area or revealed plans to do so.

A ribbon cutting was held last month to celebrate the opening of **THE CART BLOCKS** at Ankeny Square. Two years after 55 carts were removed from Southwest 10th and Alder streets for construction of a Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 18 of those small businesses are now at Ankeny Square at Southwest Eighth and West Burnside streets. The city allocated \$269,000 for infrastructure and other support services last April.

MARY'S CLUB has moved across West Burnside Street to 5 NW Fifth Ave. The restaurants and bar feature recorded music and

nude entertainers, with seating for 65.

NOM NOM PEARL (lower left) plans to open this month at 524 NW 14th Ave. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. seven days a week, and it has a full liquor license.

THE BIG LEGROWLSKI, a restaurant and bar featuring local bands, dancing and karaoke, opened at 812 NW Couch St. recently. It has seating for 22 indoors and 60 outdoors.

BURMA JOY (top left) opened at 1305 NW 23rd Ave. It is owned by Calvin and Poe Myint, who also operates **TOP BURMESE** at 413 NW 21st Ave. and Top Burmese Bistro Royale in Beaverton.

BOXER RAMEN is expected to open by the end of the year at 1668 NW 23rd Ave., the former home of Cantina Xica.



The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is proposing that the **UPTOWN LIQUOR** (above) store be moved to the former **GOODWILL STORE** at 2215 West Burnside Street. Public comments, questions and concerns may be directed to olcc.retail-stores@oregon.gov by Oct. 6.

DR. KURSTEEN SALTER PRICE is opening an allergy clinic in the long-vacant former home of Barbara Sue Seal Properties at Northwest 23rd and Burnside streets.

FLOR WINES, a retail wine store at 825 NW Glisan St. in the Honeyman Hardware Lofts, will open next month.

LOVESAC, featuring living room seats that resemble bean bags touted as “the world’s most comfortable seat,” opened at 467 NW 23rd Ave.

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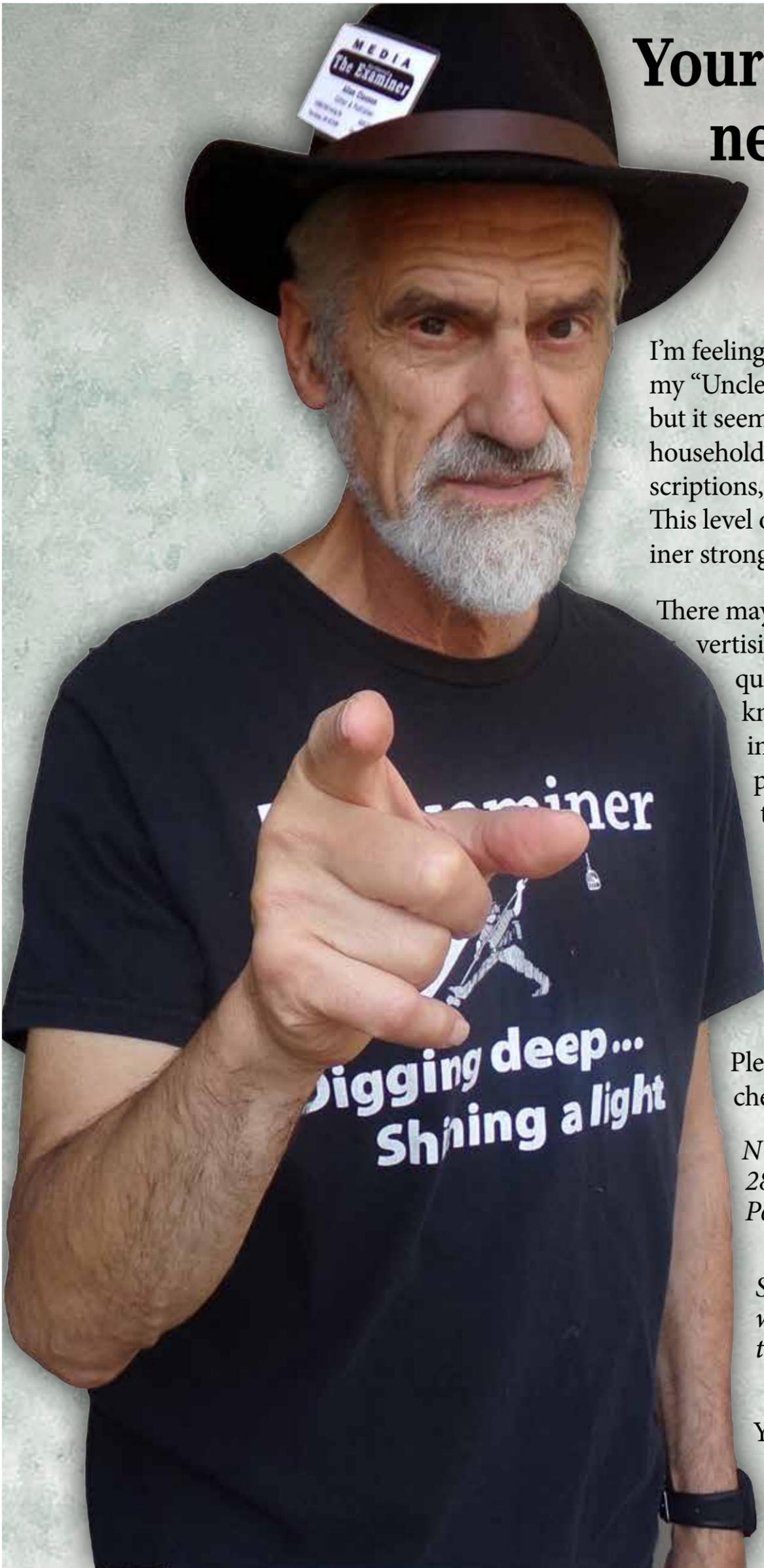
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There may be a lesson here about repeat advertising. Colonel Sanders ran his picture quite often, and Tom Peterson was known to blanket the city with his image for quite a while. I have been publishing for 35 years, but it's never too late to learn something.

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"I don't object to anti-racism. What bothers me is that staff took these steps without a vote of the board telling them to take these steps."
– Tracy Prince, former president, Goose Hollow Foothills League

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leadership of the city's Office of Community & Civic Life, issued a 300-word statement excoriating former bureau Director Suk Rhee and City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly for lying and "weaponizing" the assumption that neighborhood associa-



Mark Sieber

tions and communities of color could not work together.

Consultant bails

Wilner-Nugent Consulting LLC was awarded a \$15,500 contract to help update the organization's vision and develop a succession plan. Before the coalition can embark on its new mission, it has some muck to shovel. The consultants have stopped working until the Pinger affair is settled. If that does not occur by mid-November, the firm reserves the right to cancel the contract. Wilner-Nugent considers the coalition's problems so serious that it recommends the hiring of four separate professional services: a human resources lawyer, a meeting facilitator, a crisis communications specialist and health care support for the staff.

The first step has already occurred. The board hired Melissa Healy, an attorney with the firm Stoel Rives, for advice on handling complaints about Pinger. Pinger himself supported the action, believing it would lead to a process in which he can present his side of things prior to any conclusion.

NWDA bites back

The Northwest District Association takes the censure of Pinger as an offense against his neighborhood association.

"Your unilateral actions against Mr. Pinger ... have cut off the Northwest District Association itself from the staff access to which it is entitled," stated a letter approved unanimously by its board.

NWDA also objects to punishing Ping-

er before there has been a process to hear and evaluate the specific charges.

"It is basic American fairness that before someone is asked to resign, undergo retraining or even submit to a hearing, as you have demanded, that they be notified of what the exact charges are," his letter states. "Mr. Pinger is entitled to know specifically what bylaw or code of conduct section he has violated and what specifically he has done, in what setting and to whom, that materially violates that section."

Staff overstep denied

At the September NWNW meeting, the board agreed to send a letter to the NW Examiner rebutting the September cover story. A proposed draft prepared



Steve Pinger

by board member Melanie Billings-Yun was rejected as too personal and reliant on adjectives.

"We don't need to be name calling or saying someone is not a responsible journalist," board member Darlene Garrett said.

A committee was formed to draft a more moderate letter for publication in the October Examiner, but it failed to submit the letter by the paper's deadline.

The board's core complaint challenged the Examiner's conclusion that coalition staff is driving the organization's agenda behind the scenes and without board authorization. An Examiner story in January referred to staff plans to "give them [coalition board members] the extra buy-in that is needed to sell this all to the board."

That vision was spelled out in staff notes from an earlier visioning launched in 2020:

"It has become more and more clear, especially over this last year, that NWNW needs to evolve beyond the current model of providing support services almost

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exclusively to its member neighborhood associations. ... The inequities of the past have taken center stage, and actively working to support previously under-served populations is no longer suggested but essential, even (and especially) if they don't filter in through our established channels. Given these circumstances (and because it's about time!) NWNW staff wants to move this organization forward."

The report, which was never shared with or discussed by the board, was obtained by the NW Examiner through a records request.

Tracy Prince, then president of the Goose Hollow Foothills League, told the Examiner, "I don't object to anti-racism. What bothers me is that staff took these steps without a vote of the board telling them to take these steps.

"All of a sudden, programming was coming to us as opposed to coming from us."

Sieber said the last two annual work plans submitted to the city included "very specific activities we're doing now."

Leadership change

Sieber announced months ago that he would retire at the end of the year. But as the succession process bogged down, he assured the board he would stay as long as necessary to ensure a positive hiring process.

His bombshell regarding the deceit of City Hall officials, lost amid more immediate crises at last month's coalition meeting, was not discussed.

Barker said he "probably" will seek reelection for another year as chair. ■

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Staff set goals for visioning process

These documents, produced by NWNW staff, were obtained by the NW Examiner through a records request in 2020. They were not presented at an NWNW board meeting.

NWNW Visioning 2020

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NWNW into the new decade!

It has become more and more clear, especially over this last year, that NWNW needs to evolve beyond the current model of providing support services almost exclusively to its member neighborhood associations. Not only has technology evolved but also access to systems, and general administrative solutions, so that neighborhood volunteers are able to be increasingly independent. In addition to this reduction in demand on services, the inequities of the past have taken center stage, and actively working to support previously under-served populations is no longer suggested but essential, even (and especially) if they don't filter in through our established channels. Given these circumstances (and because its about time!) NWNW staff want to move this organization forward. The path is clearer than it has been in the past, but we need your support and guidance to make this change. Board support for this process will be essential, so any additional work you can do in the background to encourage others to look forward will be highly valuable. The agenda reflects the areas of focus that we find most prudent to get this process moving. If you have other ideas or strategies, please feel free to throw them into the mix as well. Thank you for participating in this process and being part of the change!

Agenda items for Discussion

- Mission Statement
- Values

- Board Structure
- Expanding Services and Programs
- Racial Equity Policy
- Equity & Diversity Best Practices
- List of meeting guidelines to be used at each meeting

What tools/resources does NWNW need to develop to demonstrate the commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity?

Board Structure – Bylaws Revisions

This is obviously a much bigger conversation that will need to take place and require bylaws changes, but we want to start pulling ideas together on how it could look. Some thoughts to consider:

- What are eligibility requirements? Representatives from organizations or groups. Partners with common values
- Advisory board committees for broad participation, short term projects
- How would a potential candidate demonstrate commitment to our values and goals? RFP from organizations
- How would they be appointed?
- Requirements on location?
- Unanimous consent for all advocacy/participatory actions? NO
- NWNW having more proactive role, independently from NAs.

Action items listed by NWNW staff

- Committee members will also need to do some work to "bring along" the other board members.
- I propose approaching this not with a strategy of editing the current language, but re-writing it entirely. Even if a section/component will remain primarily intact, we can make this a document that is accessible and user friendly. With language that meets inclusivity goals too.
- Board seat via "application" for ALL seats. Even neighborhood associations would need to show commitment to common goals and equity/inclusion best practices. Any neighborhoods not meeting goals that year would still receive general administrative services, just not have a voice on the board.



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STRAIGHT FROM THE STREET

Breach of Decorum or Violation of Ethics (ORS 65.377)? A series of emails have recently been discussed and made public at the GHFL Board Meeting of 9/16/21 that the community needs to be made aware of.

Email #1 Dated 8/5/21 {From GHFL Board member A to a community member D}: You should be ashamed of your testimony today (community member D). How dare you invoke Michelle's horrific dog accident as an argument against livability in this community. I'll make sure Michelle knows this. People (and dogs) are only going to be more at risk of accidents if there is more traffic without the requisite infrastructure upgrades PBOT isn't supporting. You are not welcome at any GHFL meetings going forward **and you are not welcome within Goose Hollow . Please remove yourself from any further engagement with this community.** Goodbye signed (redacted)

Email #2 Dated 8/18/21 {From GHFL Board member A to community member D}: I heard there was some concern over my previous email and I apologize for any inference that I could ban you from the GHFL. I cannot ban nor censure you in any GHFL activity nor would I want to. In the heat of the moment I used GHFL instead of FOGH (Friends of Goose Hollow) which is an organization where your perspectives are unwelcome. Please don't use our neighbor's dog's death as an argument to bring 400 more cars to our block. I encourage you to reach out to me directly if you have any future concerns or questions. **(no mention or apology is made for bold statement in email #1)** Signed (redacted)

Email 3 Dated 9/8/21 {From GHFL Board Member A To GHFL Board} I'd like to offer my apology for a MISTAKEN OVERSTEP in my communication with a member of our community on 8/5 that imposed my opinion over top of my role on the GHFL Board. On 8/18 I reached out to the community member to clarify and offer my apology for my MISCOMMUNICATION. In that apology I was clear to absolve the GHFL from any implication with my opinion. I regret this overstep and, above all, am re-morseful for the time spent on this matter that could have been better spent on issues important to our community. **(no mention or apology is made for bold statement in email #1)** Signed (redacted)

Motion of GHFL Board 9/16/21 reads "Board accepts (GHFL Board member A) statements as written." AYE 7 to 1 vote

Do these apologies address the original email of 8/5/21? Has the GHFL Board acted appropriately? Community input is important so please weigh in at board@goose-hollow.org with your opinion and thoughts. All information contained herein is in the public record and video is available at the GHFL website (www.goosehollow.org) under Minutes / v(ideo) for September 2021 (Go to 57 minute mark).

BREACH of DECORUM or VIOLATION of ETHICS? (ORS 65.377) Your opinion does matter.
Emile Zola Jr.

Gunman shatters illusions of safe neighborhood



BY ALLAN CLASSEN

A hooded man rapid-fired two pistols into Silver Dollar Pizza at 2 a.m. Sept. 24, killing a man just inside the doorway and injuring two others before running away.

The scene was captured by security video cameras located inside and outside the restaurant and bar at Northwest 21st and Glisan streets. Business owner Sam Macbale shared the videos exclusively with the NW Examiner against the advice of Portland Police because he wanted neighborhood residents

to know his establishment was not responsible and could not have deterred the violence.

While the shooter appeared driven by purpose, the man killed was walking into the establishment had his back turned and showed no awareness of danger. Jacob Knight-Vasquez, 34, (photo on facing page) was a server at the nearby Blue Moon Tavern & Grill. A man who had been lingering inside the door ducked behind Knight-Vasquez as the bullets flew.

At least one man on the scene chased the fleeing gunman.

Macbale said the establishment was nearly empty and about to close as the shooter arrived. He employs bouncers only on Friday and Saturday nights, and there were no security workers on this Thursday night. Against this type of attack, he mused that security staff would have only added to the victim count.

"I live right next to Silver Dollar," Sasha Steiner wrote on Nextdoor the night of the shooting, estimating that nine rounds were fired. "Whoever thought we'd get this on Glisan?"




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Jacob Knight-Vasquez, 34, was killed in a shooting at the Silver Dollar Pizza front door Sept. 24.



The Regional Arts and Culture Council is recommending replacing the Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt statues, which were toppled in mob action in the South Park Blocks last year. RACC's criteria for removing public art includes "regular social-justice oriented graffiti, vandalism or defacement" and "the subject or impact of an artwork is significantly at odds with values of anti-racism, equity and inclusion."



More than 70 volunteers helped remove invasive plants and clean up Leif Erikson Trail in Forest Park on Sept. 25 in honor of National Public Lands Day. Thomas' Breads donated \$10,000 to the project and catered lunch for volunteers.

Photo by Thomas' Breads/Evergreen Event Photography



Portland Police arrested Robert L. Banks, 53, in connection with an attack on a woman with a pole at Northwest 23rd and Flanders streets, near where he has been living in a tent. Seconds after this image was captured, the video shows Banks battering the woman, who has not been identified. He has been linked to 10 aggressive incidents in August and September. A crowd gathered as his arrest by a team of officers employing a Taser, pepper spray and impact munition consumed nearly an hour. Other victims are asked to email the Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team at crimetips@portlandoregon.gov.



Last month's Art in the Pearl came off smoothly and attracted "huge" crowds despite earlier concerns about indifference from City Hall regarding crime and disorder. "Art in the Pearl was beautiful," said Judie Dunker, chair of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association Safety & Livability Committee, whose volunteers helped fill the gap in city services. A shooting at nearby Everybody Eats during the festival was not heard and did not disrupt the festival. Photo by David Friedman

Goose Hollow Foothills League 2021 Elections

Calling for Goose Hollow residents to get involved in the neighborhood association (GHFL) by running for the board in our November elections (at our annual meeting November 18th at 7:00 pm). Candidates must register as GHFL members (info at goosehollow.org). For your name to be printed on the ballot, please email your interest in running for the board to elections@goosehollow.org before November 17. Also include a 100-word statement about your qualifications and interests in being involved in neighborhood and city issues. Nominations for candidates may be made at the annual meeting. The deadline to become a GHFL member so that you can vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting is November 17th at noon.



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