

City Clerk Staff

From: Donna Gaukler
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 4:05 PM
To: Jessica Miller; Kristen Jordan; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Cc: Dale Bickell; Ginny Merriam; Jordan Hess
Subject: RE: Urban Camping Report

I believe this is the case. I do not have any additional information. We can remove the specific incident from the “urban camping” report. It was a very difficult and traumatic incident for employees. Police were very responsive. While a “scary” incident, I don’t think we can assume the incident is directly related to “urban camping”.

[Man facing attempted deliberate homicide charge following Missoula stabbing \(kpax.com\)](#)

Donna

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Donna Gaukler, Director

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Parks & Recreation
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From: ALL AMERICAN TROPHY, INC. <sales@allamericantrophy.net>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Opposition to the Reopening of the Johnson Street Shelter and Request for Relocation

Mayor Jordan Hess & Missoula City Council
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802

Subject: Opposition to the Reopening of the Johnson Street Shelter and Request for Relocation

Dear Mayor Hess,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the reopening of the Johnson Street shelter, particularly its current location in close proximity to public schools and parks.

As a concerned resident, parent, grandparent, and fellow small business owner in the neighborhood, I feel compelled to share my firsthand experiences and emphasize the urgent need for reconsideration.

To begin, the location of the shelter poses a significant safety concern due to its close proximity to public schools and parks. (Franklin School, Jefferson Pre School, Montana RailLink Park and Community garden, RailLink Dog Park and McLeod Park)

My son has personally witnessed instances of drug use by individuals in the new RailLink park while accompanied by his 2 year old son. This resulted in the Missoula Police Department being called.

The presence of drug paraphernalia, human feces, and scattered trash throughout these areas creates an unsafe environment for our children to play and enjoy their surroundings. It is distressing to think that our public spaces, meant to be safe havens for our youth, have become potential hazards. We must take immediate action to relocate the shelter to a more suitable location that prioritizes the well-being of our children.

Furthermore, when the shelter was active and in use this last winter/late spring, the noise disturbances originating from the shelter were unbearable, disrupting the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood throughout all hours the night and early morning.

The constant noise, coupled with the increased foot traffic, contributes to an overall sense of unease and discomfort among residents. This situation not only affects our quality of life but also raises concerns about the safety of our community.

Additionally, the high frequency of police, fire, and EMS calls to the shelter further highlights the strain on our limited resources. It is imperative that we reconsider the current North Avenue/Johnson Street location to alleviate the burden on our emergency services and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

As a fellow small business owner in this neighborhood, I have experienced first-hand the unfortunate consequences of the shelter's proximity.

Vandalism and property damage have become all too common, creating an environment of insecurity for both myself and my colleagues and business owners. The current location of

the shelter attracts undesirable activities, which directly impacts the safety of our businesses and employees.

Relocating the shelter away from schools and parks, and further away from the heart of the city, would not only address these concerns but also provide safer schools, public parks and neighborhoods.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that my opposition to the shelter's reopening is not rooted in a lack of compassion or understanding for those in need. I firmly believe in the importance of providing support and aid to individuals facing difficult circumstances.

However, it is crucial that we find a location that strikes a balance between compassion and the safety and well-being of our community, particularly our children. I strongly urge you to reconsider the current location and explore alternative options that would better serve the needs of all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give serious consideration to the concerns raised in this letter and take appropriate actions to address them. By working together, we can create a community that is safe, thriving, and inclusive for everyone. I look forward to hearing back on this matter.

Sincerely,
Randy Rogers

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From: Marty Rehbein
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 2:27 PM
To: alohadomi@bresnan.net; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Cc: FortMissoulaCommons
Subject: RE: Save the Fort

Forwarding to the central email for these comments.

Marty Rehbein | she/her/hers
City Clerk Office | Legislative Service Director/City Clerk
[\(406\) 552-6078](tel:4065526078)



From: alohadomi@bresnan.net <alohadomi@bresnan.net>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Save the Fort

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the development of Fort Missoula. I am an old resident that has used the Fort grounds for many years.

I have spent countless hours and seasons walking there and watching wildlife. It has blessed me with solace, peace and communion and I am deeply saddened that this place is in jeopardy of being lost to our community.

Residential development will threaten and ruin the sensitive habitats in the riparian wetlands and harm the wildlife that call the Fort home.

We need our "wild places". We need the Fort to remain a place to walk and wander and see fox, owls, woodpeckers, eagles, and osprey. We need to be able to appreciate

the history that lives there and honor those who served and remember those interned.

The Fort is no place for high end condos and commercial buildings.

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From: Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Russ Fletcher
Cc: Dodie Moquin; Mirtha Becerra; Sierra Farmer; Juanita Vero; jesse.dodson@jwdlaw.com; don@mmwarchitects.com; kristen.joaquim@gmail.com; Doug Odegaard; JOSEPH AND CHRISTINE HERTIG; Larry Stayner; Peggy Walker; Patrick Montgomery; Corey Aldridge; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Martin Kidston; David Erickson; Claire Peterson; Bert Lindler; RT Cox; Kim Birck; John Langstaff; Vicki Watson; JOHN WOLVERTON; Jean Belangie-Nye; Jeremy Keene; Aaron Wilson; Deborah Postma; Molly Blakely
Subject: Re: Bozeman one step closer to seeing slower speed limits on city streets

Thanks Russ! 45MPH may be the right limit for Reserve St., but I suppose we won't know until we finally see a traffic safety study for the corridor.

The good news is, after our five years of advocacy so far, we may see a study soon after this year's grant request to U.S. Sec. of Transportation as seen here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1FME1K5eTwEMPbwaBP60CYmwcSjUCe8pF>

Thanks for helping to keep these mounting issues on our community radar.

-Kevin
Reserve St. Public Working Group
<https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaReserveSt/events>

P.S. I'm getting no responses from Mountain Line CEO or board for our August 1 update, so if anyone has other avenues to see if Mountain Line will engage with our public working group on Tuesday (for an annual update and engagement with us), please let me know!: <https://fb.me/e/UcaHC5D6>

On Friday, July 28, 2023 at 07:50:33 AM MDT, Russ Fletcher <russ@matr.net> wrote:

Who in Missoula is working on reducing the speed limit on Reserve St.?

[Bozeman one step closer to seeing slower speed limits on city streets](#)

The city says they want to work with MDT and other large cities across the state to give them more flexibility to set speed limits.