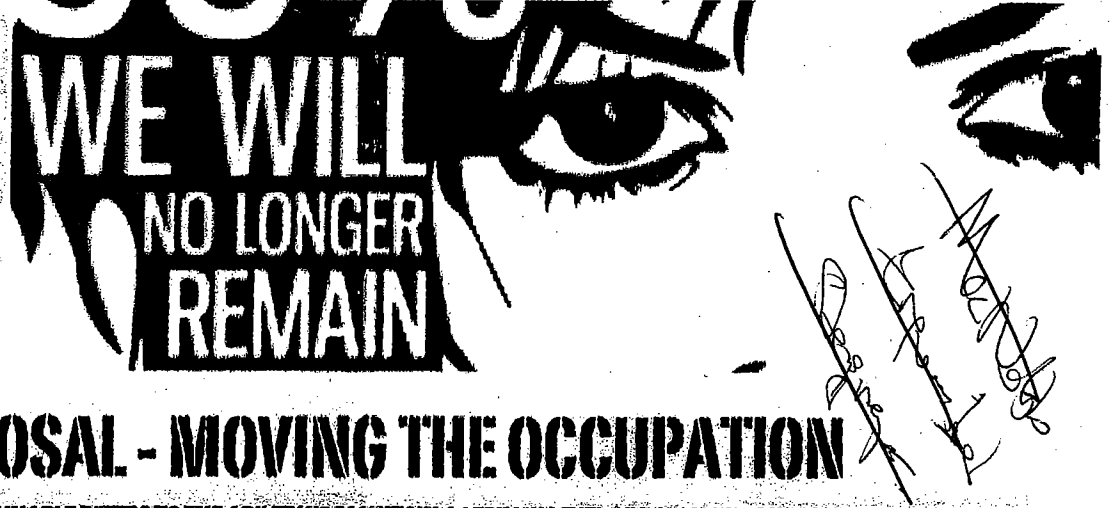


OCCUPY PDX



PROPOSAL - MOVING THE OCCUPATION

SUSTAINABILITY: THE TERM SUSTAINABLE REFERS TO THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF BALANCE, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO BE UPHOLD OR DEFENDED.

Dear Occupiers and Fellow Activists,

The mission and values of Peace & Safety are reflected in the need to preserve nonviolence as well as the safety and well being for ALL, inside and outside the occupation. Based on our experiences and observations we are morally obligated to formally request a more sustainable and safe option for the occupy movement here in Portland.

The current 'occupation' at Lounsdale and Chapman parks, is currently unsustainable and growing like a pressure cooker. Portland has a unique demographic and is extremely lacking in resources. Currently the Occupy movement has attracted many who have been victimized by the system, however, despite all good intentions, both the Occupy Movement, and the Peace & Safety Team have reached capacity and can no longer guarantee the peace and safety of occupiers for the following reasons:

THE PROBLEM:

- 1.) We as an occupation are unable to meet the needs of the vulnerable populations coming for refuge, and due to this lack of capacity are causing more harm than good.
- 2.) Winter is on the way, and we do not have the capacity or resources to sustain through winter, particularly those folks most at risk to the elements.
- 3.) Since the occupiers are not enforcing their own community values, there is no way to enforce anything or to help people who feel unsafe, and in this problem we are putting volunteers at needless risk as well as other occupiers.
- 4.) There are more than simply "a few" folks occupying who are having serious substance abuse problems putting the camp and movement at risk, and are taking up city resources. (Like having to call ambulances for people who OD)

- 5.) Neither the GA or the current community of Occupy have taken any serious steps to make for positive change.

THE PROPOSAL

The Peace & Safety Team proposes that we re-occupy a new private space and to Vacate the current parks BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 5th 2011. It is unclear at this moment where this new space will be, or what it will look like (as we are hoping for collective input) but the following features will be a must:

- The space must be private and indoors through the winter
- The space must be legal so that we are able to hold people accountable for behavioral conduct and community values (screen people who want to come in, as well as eject people who pose a serious risk)
- The space must be warm enough so that vulnerable populations are kept safe
- The location of the space must be large enough to recreate our community village spaces
- The location of the space must be close enough to downtown and the East side in order to mobilize actions
- The space must be permissive of off grid set ups and other engineering designs

BENEFITS:

- * More time and freedom for direct and mobile actions
- * A more manageable environment, intentional community/peace & safety
- * More Autonomy & Stability
- * Protection for the vulnerable
- * Opportunity for a more inclusive and engaged community