



HOSFORD-ABERNETHY
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

To: D3 Councilors, Mayor Wilson, Hank Smith
Cc: Rep. Rob Nosse, Senator Kathleen Taylor

HAND recently learned that Urban Alchemy has dropped its PDX Love service because the City has reduced Urban Alchemy's (UA's) funding. PDX Love provided a 24-hour telephone number to report issues within UA Zone 1 in the area of the Clinton Triangle Alternative Shelter Site (CTASS), and regular patrols of the nearby area by UA staff. HAND credits this service as a major component of the success of the Shelter over the last three years. HAND understands that the telephone number has been cut and the patrols reduced. We are concerned that the service reduction may bring delays in addressing nearby crime, camping, and people in distress.

We had counted on PDX Love to bring fast response to problems in the area, particularly when Shelter residents are involved. Without PDX Love, we will be dependent upon normal police response. Eliminating PDX Love now is a big step in the wrong direction, especially at a time when police response times are becoming a major community concern.

The original Good Neighbor Agreement for the Clinton Triangle Alternative Shelter has lapsed at the end of its original three year term. We understand that the City is no longer signing individual Good Neighbor Agreements, but instead is providing the "Good Neighbor Commitments" listed on the City's website. These commitments are less than were offered in the original Agreement, which promised specific services over three geographic zones including several schools. In contrast, the Commitments offer priority services only for a 1,000 foot area around each shelter.

With the relocation of The People's Depot, we anticipate that the promised police Behavioral Health Unit patrols will not fully replace the PDX Love service. The police will not have UA's direct knowledge of CTASS residents, and will be present in the area for limited time periods.

Please ensure the PDX Love service is reinstated. We believe that service is one of the major reasons why the Clinton Triangle TASS has enjoyed community support until now.

Thank you,

HAND Neighborhood Association