Good afternoon,

I’m writing as the owner of a 45 year old Tacoma Business that is tired of crime on our streets. Not unlike every other business owner, I am sure.

This crime can be stopped: The Council needs to want to stop it.

The prohibiting of Camping is a start, it can’t just be 9 small locations, the camping in Tacoma needs to be ended in its entirety, City wide.

Property Loss will end, the campers aren’t homeless, they are criminals and druggies that have chosen to live near areas that they can steal from without consequence.

The TPD needs to have full authority to not only arrest individuals but to expect that those criminals will be prosecuted and be held in jail. Our Jail is virtually empty, and it would only take 200-300 arrests to stop the crime.

The TPD needs to be recognized as THE AUTHORITY in Tacoma and they will then be respected.

The Camping, the motorhomes and the trailers are a network of criminals that seize all opportunity to steal from the businesses and households that are paying the Property, B and O and Sales Tax that pay the Cities bills. They run drugs, prostitution, and chop shops to maintain their lifestyle at the expense of every Tacoma Business.

I don’t need to list the crime that happens, the City is well aware of the spiraling out of control problems.

The City Council needs to give authority to the police. Our protectors, let them protect, let them police, let them arrest and we will have a city free of crime.

Sincerely,

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President
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City Clerk City Clerk,

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Hello,

My name is Justin Parsons and I am the Asset Manager for five separate apartment buildings throughout downtown Tacoma. I’m reaching out because we have been dealing with constant issues related to crime, violence and drug use occurring at the Beacon Center which is a youth overnight shelter located 415 S 13th St, Tacoma, WA 98402. Our building, Midtown Lofts, is located across the street. As mentioned, there is constant crime, violence and drug use which is negatively affecting the living conditions of our residents and causing us to lose residents and prospects from wanting to live there due to the consistent loitering during all hours of the day and night. I have had conversations with a few people in charge at the City of Tacoma, Neighborhood and Community Services division but there has been no action taken. The next steps we would like to take is involve local City Council as well as getting an attorney involved. I’ve attached examples of what we have been dealing with as of late. I think this would be a great item to add to the agenda as the city is considering a New Camping Ordinance. I’m happy to hop on a call or meet in person to discuss this issue further.

Thank you,

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ColRich™
Building Lasting Communities
Hi,

Please see what is provided here from a resident at Midtown. I am thinking attention needs to be brought to the city about this facility.

Rose Manos
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Hi!

I know we spoke with Justin yesterday regarding the Beacon Center. I got this information from a resident. I felt like it is time to share this information to approach whoever his contact is with since it's now bringing serious crime onto our actual property and as you can see the person was also arrested on our property.

The resident also provided me with a screenshot from her 'Citizen App' which is just a community crime informing app. It states what crime was committed and the location. I attached that screenshot as well.

Hopefully this will help!

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Update: I came home from work at 11pm to find four or more police squad cars out front and a fire truck. Police were roping off the favored loitering spot with crime scene tape. I don't know what happened but I'm guessing another stabbing.

This is the same group Nellie told you about earlier today that were sprawled out, blocking the sidewalk yet again. The same group she reported to your hired security as instructed (who then called her back and said there's nothing they can do because they already come out 4 times a day).

Now it's a crime scene.

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The Beacon Center - Youth Overnight Shelter->FW_ [EXTERNAL] Re_ Beacon Center loitering more info.msg
On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 9:56 PM Nellie <richmondgimlet@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you Kari!

As of tonight (8/30 around 9:30pm), a large group is now loitering near the building, smoking and blocking the sidewalk. The loitering, smoking, blocking of sidewalk I had only observed between 4:30pm till 6pmish, but now I'm seeing this occurring later in the evenings too.

Thanks,

Nellie

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 5:18 PM, Kari Wilkinson <kari.wilkinson@greystar.com> wrote:

I called and left a message. I will follow up with contacting them again tomorrow.

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From: Nellie <richmondgimlet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Hanna Heights/Midtown Lofts Manager <hannaandmidtownmgr@greystar.com>; Kari Wilkinson <kari.wilkinson@greystar.com>
Cc: Steve Rhay <stephen.rhay@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Beacon Center loitering more info

For the past 2+ weeks many folks accessing center services have also been loitering near the front door, smoking and blocking the sidewalk. Counselors are seen across the street, but no action is taken by them. We have reached out to the center in the past with concerns and then have been harassed by the participants. Attached is the contact for the center and their management.

Thank you,

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On Sunday, August 28, 2022, 6:01 PM, Steve Rhay <stephen.rhay@gmail.com> wrote:

Just an update, these photos were taken a few minutes ago, Sunday 8/28 @ 5:50pm… this is a fairly new trend from them, even after you talked to them, Kari.

steve
Citizen App alert from 8/31

Report of Man Armed With Knife at Beacon Senior Center
415 S 13th St - Tacoma
107 people on Citizen notified

5:09
23 views

Citizens please be respectful when commenting. Read our guidelines.

Updates:
- 5:09 PM
  Police have received a 911 report of a man armed with a knife at Beacon Senior Center.
From: Justin Parsons [justinp@colrich.com]
To: Justin Parsons
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 10:20:56 AM
Subject: Screenshot 2022-09-13 at 10.18.16 AM
Attachments: Screenshot 2022-09-13 at 10.18.16 AM.png (197 KB);

^From the Citizen app. When I walked by there with T the forensics people were taking pictures of wounds on a guy.
In addition, a 911 caller reported that a man is armed with a knife.

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Incident reported at 415 S 13th St.
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- Megan, Tacoma resident
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