

**From:** [Kenneth Booher](#)  
**To:** [City Councilors](#)  
**Subject:** Ken again.  
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All fixed up. And politically also mayors. Keith and Bob. Would have lied to get the information. Or their perpetrator cohorts. Through it out there to cause problems. Four Square church is an example. Like the single moms needed [that.as](#) reminder.and anyone else they could find. Used my inheritance. My skills. Antaginated people up. And their still doing that. Looks like it was intentionally done to. So I'm reporting them to the police again. I dont care to have them around me. Look like a couple of criminals to me police officers. Ken Booher

**From:** [Chris B. Billman](#)  
**To:** [Henry Reimann](#); [Gregory Robertson](#); [Jesse VanderZanden](#)  
**Cc:** [City Councilors](#)  
**Subject:** The Right to Travel by Human Power - International Federation of Pedestrians  
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Hello Henry read this and along with the constitution and do me one favor show me what gave the city the ability to decide that my rights are not protected under the constitution when I ride my bicycle in Forest Grove and who gave officers like Hall to violate my rights? And how can this behavior continue forward without looking biased towards non automobile travelers. Property ownership seems to be relatively important in the policies of who receives the benefits of road safety and how your departure looks at poor and disabled travelers in the bike lane and multi use trails.

The Right to Travel by Human Power -  
International Federation of Pedestrians  
[pedestrians-int.org](https://www.pedestrians-int.org)



<https://www.pedestrians-int.org/en/2-general/356-the-right-to-travel-by-human-power>

Chris Billman



Aug. 28, 2023

Forest Grove City Council  
1924 Council St  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Mike Federman. I live on Birch Street in Forest Grove. I am writing this letter to express my concern about the proposed homeless pod village on Elm Street. I spoke before city council in April and highlighted the dangers of increased crime and other nuisances along the Old Town Loop Trail. The trail's entrance off Highway 47 is only two blocks from Elm Street. The vegetation in the Gales Creek reclamation area becomes tinder dry by early summer. One spark from illegal camping or careless drug use could start a catastrophic fire that would threaten homes along the trail.

As part of this letter, I would like to thank City Manager Jesse VanderZanden. He took the time to meet with me and one other Forest Grove resident last week to discuss the Elm Street site. He provided thoughtful insight into how the city might move forward if Washington County requests to build a temporary pod village on Elm Street. He explained that the city has a process in place that requires an applicant to meet criteria that ensures a homeless site will not be a nuisance to the community. I hope the city council will use its authority to make sure an applicant provides verifiable data to back claims and not accept vague proclamations in favor of due diligence.

I have also discussed this matter with the president of the Oregon Property Owners Association. He said that despite the wording of HB 2006 and despite the governor's emergency declaration, the city of Forest Grove still has a lot of power in this process and does not have to cave to demands of county government. In other words, the city can say No. The city can deny a permit for a temporary homeless camp if it does not meet the criteria determined by city staff and especially if it would create an unreasonable risk to public health and safety.

It appears the Washington County commissioners want to hide the homeless population, not provide services. There are numerous sites throughout the county with established food and health services that would be ideal for residents of pod shelters rather than some makeshift camp at the remote end of the county. The county's excuse is that it can only find land to build on in Forest Grove or Cornelius. That is not true. I drive all over Washington County every week. I see hundreds, if not thousands, of acres under new development. They are building an entire city on Cooper Mountain. The county is loaded with cash. It can buy whatever it wants.

I urge the Forest Grove City Council to use its power to champion safe and sustainable options and not be intimidated by political machinations hiding behind a humanitarian concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Federman", with a stylized, cursive script.

Mike Federman