

THE PROMISE:

“We would prefer that the community and your office could work together to accomplish a solution that will support those who are served by the Navigation Center, but with

confidence that the City can give assurance that it will live up to its responsibilities to keep the neighborhood clean, safe and secure. Your office has said that things will be different this time.

If that is the case, then the City should be willing to guarantee it with a binding contract.

To that end, ***I regret to inform you that in a near unanimous vote, the PDNA Board has voted to oppose the extension of the Navigation Center lease and in good conscience could not support the renewal in the absence of such a contract.*** -Stan Penkin. President, Pearl District Neighborhood Association letter to Mayor 2024

THE REALITY:

PDNA 2025 then signs the “new” watered down GNA

- ☑ Only 250 foot radius for shelter responsibilities area instead of 1000 feet
- ☑ no liability or responsibility for city or shelter operator
- ☑ no police commitment
- ☑ minimal and un-enforced security commitment

FACTS: “A new sub-culture of major drug use & addiction, theft & robbery, bodily harm & physical assault, sex trafficking & prostitution, shootings & even death are the norm across our downtown. Tents are not only for the homeless, but storage for drugs, weapons, and act as brothels & drug dens. Sweeps only aggravate the situation, we lose track of the campers, new campers replace them, and we start all over again... we call it ‘Whack-a-mole.’ “ -OH OH Chair Homer Williams Letter to PDNA