



N4safe Report #25 ACTION UPDATE/NW Naito Homeless center UPDATES and YOUR HELP NEEDED
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Nw Naito Mayor's Homeless Shelter (aka River District Navigation Center -RDNC) and NW Northrup & 14th Shelter

NW Naito Mayor's Homeless Shelter

Just days after the mayor's office admitted that the overnight shelter on NW Northrup and 14th was a failure and announced its closing, n4safe volunteers uncovered the plan by Portland Solutions, (homeless contractors) and the Mayor's office to change the operation of RDNC (NW Naito no-barrier Homeless Shelter) to the same failed overnight shelter as that of the NW Northrup Shelter.

N4Safe volunteers and others moved to quick action.

At last night's Pearl District meeting at the Armory, it was announced that RDNC is going to close in August 2026.

Pressure from all sides prevailed along with the city-wide reduced budget. Thank you for your emails and your support on this important issue.

With the direct help from District 4 councilor Eric Zimmerman who proposed a budget amendment that was recently passed and adopted as a part of the city budget:

"Amend the budget to realign \$1,400,000 within Portland Solution's Shelter Program from taking over the River District Navigation Center from the County to continuing operations of the shelter at City Team Grand (\$1,000,000) and funding additional flex/ severe weather bed capacity across the system (\$400,000)."

From Councilor Zimmerman's office:

"This amendment is meant to keep open an existing shelter off of Grand Avenue instead of taking over a new one [RDNC] that would cost the City \$400,000 more only for the addition of 10 beds."

At last night's Pearl District meeting at the Armory, it was announced that the NW Naito Mayor's Homeless Shelter (big green temporary shelter) might be used as an emergency warming shelter in the winter. This means beginning in August, the temporary green hut would be left in place and abandoned - an open invitation for squatters, encampments, drugs, crime, fires, and worse. It would mean a worsening of the blight and plight we see and experience on the waterfront embankment all along NW Naito and at Centennial Mills.

To oppose this plan, urgent emails are being sent to the mayor, councilors, and Chief of Police Robert Day. Coverage in the NW Examiner is expected.

N4Safe volunteer's letters continue to be sent to the Mayor, Councilors and the County reporting permit and GNA violations at the RDNC shelter (see attached).

Add link: <https://www.koin.com/news/portland/police-acknowledge-increase-in-reported-crime-in-the-pearl-district-amid-concerns/>

2. NW Northrup Shelter

Thank you for the ongoing help and assistance in communicating to the Mayor, Council and community associations. As a result of the work by the North West District Association (Todd Zamitz), Linda Witt at PDNA, and support from N4S, the City has committed to closing the shelter on NW Northrup in the Pearl. However, it was uncovered that at recent closed door meetings by the city, the closure date has been changed from August to December, 2026 with no public communications. This is being challenged as an unacceptable reversal of the city's commitment while adding further stress on the Pearl with a failed overnight shelter and no oversight.

CALL TO ACTION

Your Help is needed:

Just one-click SEND EMAIL TODAY

Click here to send a "one-click" email to the Mayor, City representatives, Prosper Portland, and other decision makers regarding opposition to the continued operation of the RDNC homeless facility - in any capacity. The temporary big green tent needs to be disbanded and relocated in tandem with its closure in August.

[Michael, when they click, will an automatic letter be sent. Has that been written? We could use parts of the letter to Day that asks specifically for the disbanding and relocation of the green tent].

N4safe volunteers need your assistance TODAY - How can you help?

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...to send a "one-click" email to the Mayor, City representatives, Prosper Portland, and other decision makers regarding opposition to the continued operation for the homeless facility.

-The Volunteers at N4safe

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Website: neighbors4safesmartshelters.com OR N4safe.com

NOTE: For letters, background and other documentation on the website for your review [CLICK HERE](#) and scroll down to "background".

*neighbors4safesmartshelters (n4safe) Neighbors 4 Safe Smart Shelters is a coalition of neighbors and business owners of Northwest Portland, River area and the Pearl District working together to find safe, smart solutions to the homeless crisis in Portland that support the needs of homeless individuals, while respecting the safety and security of our shared communities. N4safe opposes the PROPOSED SRV on NW Naito Pkwy and the lease renewal for OHOH Navigation Center.

Note: You are receiving this message because you signed the petition opposing (and asking the city) to halt the proposed Safe Rest Village (SRV) on NW Naito Parkway - right next to the Harbor of Hope (HOH) Navigation Center.

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