

Homelessness and Anti-Social Behavior: A CPTED Collaborative Process

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What is the problem behaviors?

- Panhandling
- Loitering
- Trespassing
- Littering – garbage
- Public feedings
- Public bathrooms

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The Good, The Bad, The Ugly.

- The economy
- No services or places for persons with mental illness
- Free Will – Homeless people have rights within reasonable limits
- What are consequences for empowering or changing homeless behavior?

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Forbidding or encouraging incivilities?

- Illegal feeding of homeless exacerbates the problem by legitimizing free handouts so we can feel good.
- But at what expense?
 - Losing public spaces
 - Creating fear and discomfort
 - Creating a co-dependent community
 - Only short term solution

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Advocates for homeless take city officials to task

Fort Lauderdale's reconciliatory town hall on feeding programs turns somewhat testy



Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Dean Trivette, who organized a town hall on homelessness, listens Monday to Laura Fiano of the United Way. Fiano said the city should do more to help the homeless.

BY LARRY BARKER

PORTLAND, Ore. — A town hall on homelessness Monday night in Fort Lauderdale turned into a somewhat testy exchange between city officials and advocates for the homeless.

The town hall was the first of its kind in the city, and it was held at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center.

Commissioner Dean Trivette opened the meeting in a way to tell attendees that he was not there to listen but to help.

"We've got to be able to fight hunger," Trivette said. "We've got to be able to fight homelessness."

The purpose of the town hall was to hear from the city's residents about the homeless issue.

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Hollywood's homeless arrive at new address

By SARAHAN BRYAN Staff writer

HOLLYWOOD — After being bought out and abandoned from Hollywood, homeless longtime Sean Cronise and his band of followers have landed at a new home: Just outside Haines City, 24 miles from Disney World.

They plan to stay year-round in a 125-room hotel that Cronise has a contract to purchase on Friday for \$2 million. His tenants will pay a penny to \$24 a day to stay year-round in a former Howard Johnson motel.

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The blue-and-white hotel sits on U.S. Highway 27 in unincorporated Polk County, a couple miles from Haines City and around 40 miles from Orlando.

Cronise and crew made the trip Friday after Hollywood officials agreed to pay him nearly \$5 million to get out of town. Cronise ran the Homeless Voice for more than a decade, took 112 people with him. Hollywood officials were

"This is going to be a retreat for homeless people," Cronise said.

Some folks in Central Florida didn't take too kindly to the news.

"When I heard he was moving to Central Florida, I panicked," said Charlotte Greenberg, a former Hollywood activist who last year moved to nearby Leesville. "I read that and said, 'Oh my God, not.'"

Cronise's arrival was news to officials in Haines City, who were quick to note the hotel sits outside city limits. They wanted no time alerting county officials who weren't exactly planning a warm welcome.

"We would hope that the folks in (Hollywood) would deal with their own problems and not ship them somewhere else," said Gary Hester, deputy manager for Polk County.

Hester, a former police chief in Winter Haven, wondered whether the property was zoned for a homeless shelter and vowed to research the matter Monday afternoon.

"I don't know that he can operate a homeless shelter there," Hester said. "It's not important what he calls it. It's what he is doing there. I'm not sure this fits with the current land usage there."

But Cronise insists he isn't operating a refuge for displaced persons.

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Where does CPTED fit in?

- **1st Gen. – Target hardening via opportunity reduction**
 - Homeless reduction technology
- **Situational Crime Prevention**
 - Increase the effort
 - Increase the risks
 - Remove the excuses

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2nd Generation CPTED

- Social programs
 - Eliminate causes for lack of housing
 - Empower residents to help
 - Protecting civil rights of disenfranchised
- Tipping point – how much incivility before scales tip to disorder?
- Consider Downtown Seattle

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Regulating anti-social behavior

- Anti-homeless and anti-panhandling ordinances
- Public mass feeding ordinances
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- Eminent domain laws to tear down crack houses
- Removing no-man's lands

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City squeezes out panhandlers

By **INOSVANI RODRIGUEZ**
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PORT LAUDERDALE — Franklin Price was arrested last month for panhandling near a park in Orlando. Fed up with what he called police harassment, the 59-year-old homeless man boarded a southbound train and arrived at Fort Lauderdale's Stranahan Park on Tuesday seeking a new home, he said.

What he didn't know was that just a few blocks away, Fort Lauderdale officials were busy adding a new ordinance making it illegal for anyone to solicit money in certain places, including city parks.

"They won't give us jobs. We can't panhandle, we can't be prostitutes," Price said on Wednesday. "Do they prefer us making people because that's what's going to happen next?"

Price was one of several homeless people who congregated Wednesday afternoon in Stranahan Park who hadn't heard of the city commission's action the previous evening. The measure was passed unanimously despite criticism from about a dozen homeless advocates who said the law seeks to punish the needy and violate their right to free speech.

The new ordinance prohibits anyone from panhandling, begging or soliciting at designated areas such as parks, government buildings and near sidewalk dining areas. The city already bans the practices on beaches, beach sidewalks and within 100 feet of Atlantic Boulevard or Seabreeze Boulevard.

Although the proposal establishes no-panhandling zones primarily in the downtown area, it also bars "aggressive" panhandling elsewhere, including aggressively begging after being told no or approaching a person in a "threatening" manner.

Fort Lauderdale Police will begin enforcing the new law in about two weeks. Violators would be prosecuted as misdemeanors that carry a possible \$500 fine and/or 60 days in jail.

"This is not about being homeless. This is about illegal conduct that anyone can engage in. It's not about the actor, it's about the activity," said Selzer. "If a person who is homeless wants to live a lawful life, that person will never be bothered in the city of Fort Lauderdale."

The new law received much praise from members of the downtown business community.

Among them is Tim Perini, co-founder and CEO of the Restaurant People, Inc., which operates the fine-food eatery of Yolo and Turpin Bend. He and others say that panhandlers have been harassing their customers for too long.

"I've been here 10 years and have seen the same faces all the time. Many of them are very confrontational with our customers. It's not a good image for the city," said Perini. "This doesn't solve the problem of homelessness, but it's a positive step."

How the law works

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Roadside ban OK'd

Palm Beach County rule stops panhandlers, solicitors from walking amid busy traffic

By **ANDY REED**
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Panhandlers, fundraisers and campaigners will have to stay off Palm Beach County roads and medians under new rules to keep people from mingling with traffic.

Anyone collecting money, passing out pamphlets or waving signs would have to stay on sidewalks and road shoulders and can no longer wander among lined-up cars at busy intersections.

Repealing the rules could trigger penalties up to a \$500 fine or 60 days in jail, though the Sheriff's Office maintains that warnings will come before handcuffs and tickets.

The new rules that the County Commission approved Tuesday apply to roads outside city limits, but local cities could opt to impose them as well.

"Both for tourists and for residents, it's an uncomfortable situation to be solicited," County Commissioner Hal Vahche said.

Also this year a man standing on an Okeechobee Boulevard median, near the entrance to Florida's Turnpike, was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

South Florida cities such as Boca Raton, the town of Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Coral Springs and Plantation already have rules intended to keep panhandlers, as well as people passing out pamphlets, raising money for youth sports teams and others off their roads.

Broward County took a different approach, late Tuesday approving new rules against panhandling, fundraising and roadside sales, but only at 20 of its busiest intersections.

A ban has to apply to everyone to avoid a First Amendment court fight, according to Palm Beach County attorneys. People can still gather to express themselves from the sidewalk and road shoulder, without creating the risk that comes from walking into traffic, county officials said.

Palm Beach County's new rule likely means changes for firefighters' annual "hill the boot" fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Usually, firefighters stake out busy intersections and walk between lines of cars asking drivers to toss in contributions. Walking among cars waiting at red lights won't be allowed under the county's new rules.

"The South Florida branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association opposed Palm Beach County's rule change because of public safety concerns about people getting too close to cars outweighs concerns about the loss of fundraising opportunities, according to County Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, who pushed for the new ban.

"It's a danger to the people driving their cars [and] the people who are on the median," Berger said.

In the past, Palm Beach County used roadside signs and even TV commercials to persuade drivers to stop giving money to panhandlers and instead send donations to homeless shelters or other charitable organizations.

Potentially fining, and even arresting, panhandlers under the new law is "putting other people at risk," said County Commissioner Melissa McKinley, who on Tuesday cast the only vote against the ban.

"We are going after the people who need help," McKinley said.

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said that fines and arrests won't be the first option when deterring bad people breaking the county's new roadside-solicitation rules.

Instead, Bradshaw said deputies would typically give warnings and hold off on making an arrest until the third time someone is found using the roadways or medians to raise money, pass out materials or mix with traffic for other reasons.

And local judges aren't likely to hold people long for such a minor offense, he said.

"That's not going to really help us," Bradshaw said about jail time. "It's just going to be a revolving door."

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Tamarac to ban panhandling, solicitation on four busy streets

By **LISA J. HUBBARD**
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TAMARAC — Selling candy for a high school fundraiser? Panhandling for cash to buy food?

It will all become illegal on several roads in Tamarac, possibly as early as July. The City Commission is set to give first approval Wednesday to a solicitation ban along its four busiest streets: Commercial Boulevard, McNick Road, Pine Island Road

and University Drive. These streets make up only about 12 percent of all the city's crashes in 2013.

The ban "is not created to target panhandlers or the homeless," Sheriff's Office District Chief Neal Glassman told commissioners at a workshop Monday. But "due to the congestion of traffic," having people solicit on these streets "creates a hazard."

Tamarac is not alone in its efforts. Broward County discussed banning pan-

handling at 20 busy intersections at its meeting Tuesday.

Palm Beach County is mulling a proposal that requires panhandlers, promoters, peddlers and anyone else to stay off county roads, ramps and road medians while collecting money, waving signs or passing out materials, and enforces a \$500 fine or up to 60 days in jail.

Tuesday, Glassman said warnings from his deputies should do the trick. Violators could also receive a ticket to appear before the special magistrate who would set a fine. Violators could also be arrested. "If we have to arrest them to remove them, we will," he said.

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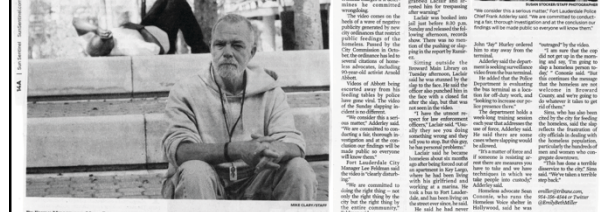
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Slap of homeless man 'clearly disturbing'

Lauderdale investigates officer's actions as critics say city's image takes a hit

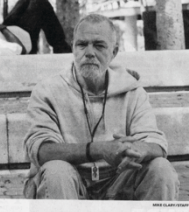


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Are we sending mixed messages?



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County rejects proposed homeless shelter at stockade

By REFFANY WALKMAN Staff writer

Broward County has informally rejected a proposal from Sheriff's Office to use the old stockade as a homeless shelter. The stockade is a former military installation that would serve as an alternative to jail for minor offenders like trespassing.

County commissioners said they don't want to pay the homeless shelter, county staff said they have serious legal and policy concerns, and the sheriff said the proposal to plan, build, and operate the shelter is not viable.

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issued from the Main Jail to the sheriff's office to use the stockade as a homeless shelter. About 2,000 people are homeless in Broward County, according to the sheriff's office. The stockade is a 190-acre military installation that would serve as an alternative to jail for minor offenders like trespassing.

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Squatters slow Detroit's plan to bulldoze way to prosperity

Detroit seeks to raze empty houses, only some aren't empty

By CONNY WILLIAMS Associated Press
DETROIT — Chris Madson's crew showed up this month to demolish one of the thousands of vacant houses destined for demolition as part of Detroit's grand plan to bulldoze its way to prosperity when a call from his office stopped them in their tracks. Someone was living there.



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Brazil's poor impatient for housing

Broad government program still lacks 6.5M needed units

By DON PHILLIPS Associated Press
RIO DE JANEIRO — The plan to build a million new homes in Brazil's favelas is still a long way from reality. A government program to build 10 million homes has only managed to construct 3.5 million units.

With that control comes security, said Anthony Kumar, 26, a resident from Santa Lucia working as a painter on a construction site. "I feel safe," he said.

The right management of this alternative community contracted with a My House My Life complex called Viduaros Park in Quilmes, a city on the fringe of Rio de Janeiro where 4,855 people live in panel-colored blocks of housing.

Armed officers had sprayed in an area Carlos Henrique, 66, a community leader they had had the invasion and scheduled to build a new apartment complex.

The MCTs keep tight control over the occupation. Private notices on walls had to be turned into My House My Life building.

Remove the excuse for incivilities



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Public Sleeping???

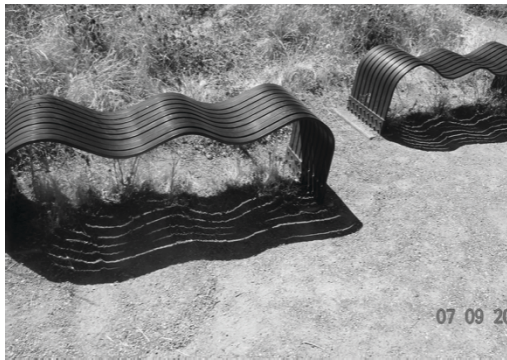


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Can't sleep on that!



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CPTED's opportunity reduction?

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How Cities Use Design to Drive Homeless People Away

Saying "you're not welcome here"—with spikes.

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Benches and garbage proxemics

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Design anti-loitering features

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Now I got your attention!

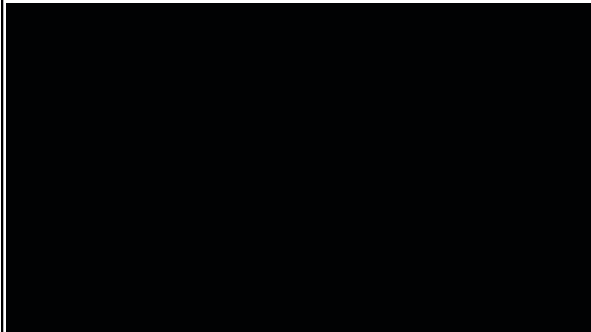


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Are you mad about what is going on?



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Summary

- How do we make a positive difference as a CPTED practitioner working within the parameters of government bureaucracy?
- Do we get mad as hell, and say we are not going to take it anymore, and actively apply resources to solve the problems and conditions that create blight, poverty, crime, and homelessness?

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Right to Dream Too – R2D2



Portland's Dignity Village program



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Rather than arresting the homeless, the state of Utah has reduced chronic homelessness by 91% by providing them with permanent housing. Even better, Utah has saved money because housing costs the state \$11,000 a year while jailing them costs \$17,000 a year.



Share if you want your state to do the same

Housing First



'Housing first' approach working for the homeless

Study: Secure: Housing and mental health didn't improve as much when they provided shelter instead of housing. The study found that people who were given permanent housing had better mental health and were less likely to be arrested. The study also found that people who were given permanent housing had better employment and were less likely to be homeless again. The study was conducted in a city with a high rate of homelessness and mental health issues. The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The study was published in the journal *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

What is a collaborative approach?

- Develop a social service delivery system that addresses:
 - The mentally ill
 - Substance abuse
 - Affordable housing
 - Daycare
 - Job skills, training, placement
 - Design and architecture interaction
 - Don't reward laziness, reward work

Unintended consequences

- Failure to use collaborative solutions risk a backlash of unintended consequences.
 - Attractive magnets for incivilities
 - Public eyesore
 - Drain on community resources
- Give people the opportunity to help themselves

Breakout Groups

- Groups of 7 around a table
 - Share your experience with program failures
 - Share your experience with success stories
 - Then answer this question:
- What can ICA do to contribute to a solution?
 - Develop 3-5 specific and realistic ideas
 - Record them on chart paper