

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017

Links:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
- **Before camps are cleared, this Seattle team coaxes the homeless toward shelter** - <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/before-the-tent-camps-are-cleared-this-seattle-team-coaxes-the-homeless-toward-shelter/>
- **You Need to Read This Seattle Times Report on How Homeless Encampments are Really Cleared** - <https://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/11/30/25598207/you-need-to-read-this-seattle-times-report-on-how-homeless-encampments-are-really-cleared>

MISSION UPDATES:

Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- We are actively planning and preparing for the use of a City-owned parcel at 3814 Fourth Ave. NE (“Northlake”) as the location for the replacement of the existing encampment in Ballard. A public meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 28 for interested community members to learn about this new site. It is expected to open in late December.
- We are continuing our efforts to identify additional sites for use as future City-permitted managed encampments.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- As of Nov. 29, a total of 3,133 tons of trash and garbage have been removed from locations across the city.
 - The crews have worked at several locations recently:
 - Mercer Corridor and Colonnade Park
 - 4th Ave South - emphasis area
 - Yesler Terrace areas and Harborview Hospital greenbelt areas
 - South Spokane Street Bike Trail

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Above: Mercer Corridor emphasis zone, before cleanup.



Above: Harborview emphasis zone, before cleanup.

Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments

Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at sites spread across the city. This team is made up of outreach staff including a dedicated team from the Seattle Police Department and professional outreach providers.
 - The team has been working with and providing outreach services to people at several locations, spread around the city:

Mercer Corridor	Yesler Terrace/Harborview Emphasis Zone
Klickitat	Kinnear Park
NW 48 th & 14 th NW	Ravenna Woods
James St I-5 SB Exit	6 th to 7 th & James to Cherry
9 th & Bradford	Ballard Commons
1845 E Marginal Way S	3412 Airport Way S
Christie Park	

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- The Multi-Department Rules (MDAR) Advisory Committee met on Oct. 10. Its next meeting is scheduled for January.

Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Continuing development of the overall strategy and program design and recruitment for a leadership group of property owners, managers, and other business leaders to move toward an effective initiative launch in early 2018. This effort also included a feedback session for service providers to provide input on the development of the HRC.
- Interim Landlord Liaison Project staff is preparing a presentation of lessons learned through the program operation to inform policy development for the permanent HRC to present to the Mission 5 workgroup next week.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Proactive work of City staff continues, as we engage business and community representatives to hear their concerns and observations. This informs and enables our future work to prioritize and implement upcoming operations based upon the needs throughout the city.

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk, City Budget Office

- Measurement collection continues for situational awareness and for budget planning.

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication

Lead: Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Continuing implementation of the training plan for encampment removal work.
- Ongoing communication with City labor unions.

Mission 9: Communications

Leads: Julie Moore, FAS Communications and Meg Olberding, HSD Communications

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Provided information and arranged for staff to be interviewed for the Seattle Times feature story on the Navigation Team (see link above).
- Responded to media inquiries.