

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, April 28, 2017

Link:

- Homelessness Response Blog - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

MISSION UPDATES:

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

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
 - Construction build out continued this week.
 - Planning efforts for the community engagement meetings.
- Planning continues for the opening of the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing and located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill. In addition, the preparation for a public meeting in late May continued this week.
- The overnight shelter for men, known as Operation Nightwatch, continues its successful operation at its temporary location at the Seattle Municipal Tower. Identification of its next location continued this week with a public meeting at the University of Washington in advance of moving this shelter to a temporary location on Boat Street.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Work at several sites continued this week by the hard-working crews from **Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, as well as the Washington Department of Transportation (Seattle Department of Transportation crews were conducting Pothole Palooza this week)**. **Some of the sites where trash removal occurred:**
 - Harborview Hill
 - Cherry and James streets, Sixth to Seventh avenues
 - Blanchard to Bell streets on Western Avenue
 - Sixth Avenue and Massachusetts (see photos below)
 - As of today, 1793 tons of trash and debris have been collected since the activation commenced in mid-February.

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

Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor's Public Safety Advisor

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at several 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.
 - This team offers a full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
 - Outreach efforts occurred at 15 different locations this week.
 - 48 contacts with individuals this week.
 - 12 people exited encampments to other living arrangements.
 - A few individuals agreed to return to their prior, more stable living situations in other cities.
 - The mobile crisis team made contact with an individual living in the wetlands within Gold Gardens Park. This person had been recently assigned housing but was not aware of that development because her case managers had not been able to recently locate her. After intensive work, the appropriate connections were reestablished and this person moved from the park into her new home.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- We conducted two training sessions for field staff on encampment clean-up procedures.

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

Leads: Miriam Roskin & Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Design work continues for the program, including the identification of interim office space, for a smooth transition from the prior contract provider (YWCA).

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- Property management and business community – management efforts.
 - Planning for property owner workshops.
- Planning continues for the creation of a leadership board.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Our first meeting with approximately 30 business community representatives occurred on Wednesday at the Emergency Operations Center.
 - We provided an overview of the structure and operations for the Homelessness Response activation.
 - We received feedback to the recent operations including the progress on cleaning and removal of trash in various locations in the city.
 - Concerns about dispersal and aggressive behavior by people with significant health issues in business districts throughout the city were discussed.
 - We received requests to provide periodic updates of our efforts.
 - The next meeting will occur in June.

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk & Katy Tassery, City Budget Office

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

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication

Leads: Cassandra da Costa & Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Design work for the Safety Plan for the Field Coordinators that are assigned by City departments.
- Drafting of a training plan for encampment removal work.
- Ongoing communication with City labor unions.

Mission 9: Communications

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

- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Created materials for the community outreach meeting for the new Operation Nightwatch location.
- Assisted with presentation material for this week's meeting with representatives from the business community.