

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, May 5, 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. Initial indications point to broad community acceptance for this location. 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. The new overnight shelter location on Boat Street is being prepared and has a targeted start date of May 10.
- The sanctioned encampment on Aurora Avenue North is preparing for a work party this weekend to construct additional tiny structures to house new people.
- Camp Second Chance on Myers Way South received a delivery of additional building materials from which to prepare additional living platforms.

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, Seattle Department of Transportation as well as the Washington Department of Transportation. Some of the sites where trash removal occurred:**
 - Carkeek Park.
 - Areas adjacent to Jackson Golf Course.
 - Airport Way South and South Snoqualmie Street area (see photos below).
 - As of today, 2,016 tons of trash and debris have been collected since the cleanup at “the Field” on March 7, the first major coordinated effort of the EOC activation.

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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.
 - Intensive outreach efforts were made to people living outside near I-5 (near South Snoqualmie Street).
 - Intensive outreach continued this week at the Cloverleaf (I-90/Rainier Avenue) north to Dearborn. The team will focus on this large encampment again next week.
 - Since February 22, the Navigation Team had over 1,031 contacts with 438 discrete individuals. 65% of these individuals accepted some kind of service, of which 141 were relocated to safer living alternatives.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- No report.

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

Leads: Miriam Roskin & Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Planning continued this week to identify an interim operator.
- Investigating options for hiring temporary staff.
- Looking at connection between service provider program models and interim program to ensure landlord support.
- Working with our consultant to refine incentive packages for property owners to be used in the upcoming workshops.

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- Working with our funding partners on the structure for the long-term operator.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Planning continued this week for the next business representative meeting in June.
- Specific invitations to people to consider joining the MDAR Implementation Committee.

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).
- Brainstorming proactive work with the media to highlight specific work from the operations within the various missions.
- Assisted with compilation of responses to questions that have been received from various sources.