

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, August 4, 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.
 - As of today, just three weeks after opening, 55 people are living in this new facility.
- Planning for the renovation and opening continues for the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing and located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill.
 - This new shelter will operate 24 hours a day/seven days per week for a co-ed population. Opening is expected in August.
 - Recruitment and training of staff is also occurring now.
- Planning and field work for potential new authorized encampments continues.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Crews have been working at several sites this week to remove accumulated trash:
 - **Burke Gilman Trail** – Seventh Avenue Northwest from Northwest 39th to 42nd streets
 - **Ravenna Woods**
 - **Bellevue Place Park** – Melrose Trail, Bellevue Place East



Before and after cleanup, along the Bellevue Place Park.



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

Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team

- Through July 28, the Navigation Team has made 3,473 outreach contacts to a total of 1,067 individuals. Of those individuals, 665 (62%) have accepted some sort of service, including 388 who have exited encampments to an alternative living arrangement.
- 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.
- This week the team contacted a longtime street-bound individual and completed an intake at Navigation Center after months of contacts by Navigation Team Outreach.
- A former “Field” (Airport Way & Royal Brougham) resident reconnected with SPD team and is contemplating intake at Navigation Center.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Planning work continues with staff from SOCR and the Navigation Team for future outreach/field work observation visits.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- The Mission 5 EOC group continued walking through decision points and program development issues that need to be addressed to work toward a successful program launch by the end of the year.

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- Office of Housing staff met with a professor from the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies to get feedback on the initiative.
- The interim initiative at King County is working on processing a few property owner mitigation claims and handling a few tenant issues. The information we are learning is already providing valuable information for program development.

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 & Desiree Omlie, 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).
- Responded to media inquiries.
- Assisting with responses to Council Central Staff questions.