

# Weekly Report

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017

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Link:

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

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## **MISSION UPDATES:**

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

*Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director*

- Planning and field work for re-siting two authorized encampments at the end of their two-year permit term.
  - Planning work continues for the use of the Port of Seattle property as a new authorized encampment on its property located just north of the Magnolia Bridge. The Mayor signed an Emergency Order this week establishing an encampment and the lease was signed between the City and the Port. The City intends to use the site as the new location for Tent City 5, currently located at 3234 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., which must move by mid-November due to an expiring permit.
    - At **6:30 PM Monday, October 2nd, 2017** there will be a public meeting—sponsored by SHARE/WHEEL—at Episcopal Church of the Ascension (2330 Viewmont Way West). This meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about SHARE/WHEEL’s Tent City5 Interbay – a temporary tiny house and tent encampment coming to 1601—15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in mid-November 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to share information.
    - SHARE/WHEEL Tent City5 Interbay spokespeople and leaders will provide operations information about the new encampment, and our Community Advisory Committee will speak to our work together. City of Seattle, Port of Seattle, and other partners will be present. Comments from the community are encouraged as a way of assisting SHARE/WHEEL in reducing any possible impacts of the encampment in the neighborhood, and in helping us be good neighbors.
  - We are also continuing to narrow our list of potentially suitable sites for the replacement of the current encampment in Ballard.

### **Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

*Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director*

- As of Sept. 28, a total of 3,067 tons of trash and garbage (which equals approximately 341 garbage trucks) have been removed from locations across the city.

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- Crews conducted cleanups at several locations including:
  - NE 40<sup>th</sup> and Pasadena Place.
  - Cowen/Ravenna Park.



### **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.
  - This week the team was working with and providing outreach services to people living within Cowen/Ravenna Park; near 40<sup>th</sup> and Pasadena Place; alongside the Mercer Street corridor; and near 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and S Weller Street.
- From Feb. 20-Sept. 21, 2017, the Navigation Team's outreach to people living outdoors has resulted in:
  - 5,127 total contacts to a total of 1,340 individuals.

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- Of those 1,340 individuals, 528 (39%) accepted relocation to safer spaces, including shelter, authorized encampments and reconnecting with family or other support system.
- 864 of 1,340 (64%) accepted some sort of service, including case management support/referral; mental health support/referral; substance use disorder treatment referral; state ID acquisition assistance; medical support/referral; coordinated entry housing assessment (VISPDAT); King County Housing Authority lottery registration; employment support; benefits activation support; vehicle repairs; and basic needs.

### **Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

*Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director*

- The Multi-Department Rules (MDAR) Advisory Committee will next meet on Oct. 10 in the Boards and Commissions Room L-280 of City Hall.

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

*Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing*

- Continuing development of the overall strategy and recruitment for a leadership group of property owners, managers, and other business leaders to move toward an effective initiative launch in early 2018.

### **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.
- The public is invited to provide their comments directly to the City Council on the proposed 2018 City of Seattle budget in relation to the homelessness response. The budget includes ongoing funding for:
  - City Outreach (Navigation) Teams
  - Hazardous Site Cleaning Efforts
  - Outreach Services and Needs Assessment for People Living in Vehicles
  - Community Resource Officer for Seattle Public Library
  - Case Management at the Six Existing Permitted Encampments
  - Housing Resource Center to Help Unlock the Private Apartment Rental Market to Risky Renters

Two public hearings on the proposed budget have been scheduled at City Hall – Council Chambers – 600 Fourth Avenue – Second Floor

- **Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.**

**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.
  - A training session was held for staff from the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department on Sep. 28 at the Joint Training Facility.
- 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.