**DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING**

**Georgetown Tiny House Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

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| CAC Name | Georgetown Tiny House Village |
| Date | Tuesday, May 14, 2019 |
| Meeting Location | St. Vincent de Paul, Georgetown |
| Call to Order (time) | 4:10pm |
| CAC Members in Attendance | Erik Maus, John Phillips, Peter St. John |
| Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance | Stacy Johnson, Chris McDaniel, Ian Boote, Victor Kipping, Destiny G, Hattie R, |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance | Andrew Constantino, Josh Castle |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance | Jackie St. Louis, Tom Van Bronkhorst, Ali Peters |
| Recorder/Note Taker | John Phillips |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved (No or Yes/Date) | Yes, April 30 |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted (No or Yes/Date) | Yes, April 30 |

**CAC Member Reports:**

Peter St. John inquired if there are plans within the city to conduct community engagement.

Tom Van Bronkhorst reported that last week that a walk was conducted in Georgetown with city and residents. Clean up along I-5 on-ramp was conducted. That was a kick-off to further conversations and engagement activities.

Department of Neighborhoods wants to talk to different community groups. When Human Services Department completes their review they will report back out and work with City Council on the ongoing approach to community engagement and response to issues in Georgetown.

A list of community concerns has been collected. A Duwamish Valley Action Plan is in development.

Tom Van Bronkhorst is the Point of Contact for community engagement efforts

Peter St. John shared that publicly available plan for engagement will be appreciated by community members and groups

**Progress / Case Management Report:**

In Scott’s absence, Josh Castle shared the Case Management Report of the past 30 days

3 people got into permanent housing

1 person moved into transitional housing

3 pair of eyeglasses were purchased

Traffic citations paid off for 2 residents in order to get driver licenses

1 hotel stay paid for so a resident could recover from a surgery

Basic furniture purchases made

Case worker got ORCA cards for residents. They are pursuit of ORCA Lift cards

City will assist with “Within Reach” program

Transportation is an ongoing challenge and project

**Operations Report:**

Hattie shared that there have been meetings with LIHI, Nickeslville, and City of Seattle. Residents chose to run their own village with support from LIHI.

Working on new code of conduct and community rules

Hoping to conduct more community meetings

New phone number for Georgetown Tiny House Village (206)507-6398

Andrew Constantino is the newly appointed Site Coordinator, a LIHI staff position: Andrew.constantino@lihi.org

Residents are meeting at South Seattle College to develop leadership and governance skills

Camp is Full: 56 people. 36 men. 20 women. 1 child.

2 new people moved in over past 30 days

Two 911 calls, 1 for medical emergency, 1 for mental health crisis

0 move outs

Collective anxiety among GTHV residents has calmed as a result of tensions diminishing after the break with Nickelsvill and things are continuing as normal.

Village had a vote to review bars that occurred during the Nickelsville period. The review process has resulted in welcoming previous bars to return if the villagers had been barred unfairly.

Andrew shared that LIHI has allowed the village to take the lead on moving forward with self-governance and support from resident Site Coordinator position.

Community Standards & Accountability Structure in development

Amazon employees will be on site later this month to help build porches and ramps, May 21st, Tuesday

Josh Castle shared that meetings between Village Residents and LIHI staff are productive

Josh and Andrew shared the significant roll that Barbara Hill played as a facilitator in moving the conversation and relationship forward between the GTHV residents and LIHI

Hatti shared there is need to improve the security shack at the GTHV

LIHI has hired a second case manager who is in training.

There are 44 Tiny Houses on site

Andrew shared that camp capacity should be held below 60 to maintain a sense of familiarity and cohesive community

**SPD Report:**

None

**Public Comment/Questions:**

Peter asked if there is any work happening around site identification with 4.5 months prior to the end of the 6-month temporary permit extension. Repermit? Close? or Move?

Jackie St. Louis with HSD shared HSD is looking at next steps in process and future, engaging with LIHI, also paying attention to the community engagement efforts

Peter St. John shared that he would like to be able to share with the larger Georgetown Community that there is a plan in place.

City recognizes that there has been a lapse in communication

Peter requested that each CAC meeting include an update from the City as to the way forward with GTHV and Georgetown Neighborhood

Jackie St. Louis acknowledge and applauded the GTHV Residents and LIHI for their collaboration. GTHV is being promoted as a model in the city.

Andrew Constantino reported that GTHV residents will determine the bar process. When it is finalized there will be less punitive action for small infractions compared to the past. It will be fair and sensible. A more sensible process will be reinstated.

A few former residents have inquired about returning to GTHV.

Past residents should talk to REACH to determine possibility of returning to GTHV.

Past residents should contact Andrew Constantino to begin conversation about the possibility of returning to the Georgetown Tiny House Village

Erik Maus shared that he has seen noticeable progress in collaboration and governance “Congratulations for making hard decisions for the better”

Hattie shared that other residents at the village have other issues that they are dealing with and the challenges of recent developments have been stressful and compounded personal challenges.

Andrew shared that he sees the vulnerability within the Village. He doesn’t want to sacrifice the model of the Tiny House Villages as a method for addressing homelessness. Feels positive and a little nervous about the future.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 11 at 4:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul

**Adjournment: 5:00pm**