

LICTON SPRINGS VILLAGE

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: August 24th, 2017

Place: Cate Apartments

312 N.W. 85th Street, Seattle

Call to Order: 5:15pm

Members in Attendance:

David Osaki; Chair

Darryl Ulskey; Minutes

Staff/Guests

Josh Castle, Michelle Marchand, Charlie Johnson, Don Toboll, Karen Ko

Encampment Report:

59 total residents plus overflow couple's tents, ceased walk up intakes. No turnovers reported in tiny houses. Internal behavior has been good with only one reported overdose. The shower is working great. The washer and dryer are not functional as of today. The Fire Department is coming through soon to inspect the camp. The back gate on Nesbit Avenue needs to be secured. Additional lighting is needed in the camp grounds. Currently, the biggest challenge is the inconsistencies of food supply to feed the encampment. Looking ahead to the winter, the village needs 29 electric heaters. Outside the encampment remains a major problem.

DISCUSSION

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the dilemma of the outside encampment street people, as they are not seeking, nor are interested in receiving assistance. They just want to "hang". The major complaint within the neighboring community is not about the tiny houses. Justifiably, the problem is the complaints from neighbors about the street people predominately on Nesbit Street between 85th and 90th.

There was a discussion and a need to establish procedures for overflow tiny house residents.

There was a lengthy discussion about the opening of the new elementary and middle schools. Discussion centered around the challenges of having a homeless encampment within a mile of brand new schools. This discussion included potential for possible negative publicity on a national level, should problems arise.

It was concluded, a significant difference exists between the needs of the encampment residents' vs the outside encampment street people, who are not seeking or willing to accept services.

It was proposed that we invite city councilwoman, Debbie Juarez and Director of Homelessness, George Scarola to propose / create no camping zones and or no loitering zones throughout the city.

It was also mentioned that local neighbors have requested matching funds from the city to be used specifically for parking strip improvements. The goal being to keep people from camping/loitering on city property.

Nesbit Street continues to be a problem with litter, needles, tents, etc. and requires daily monitoring and weekly cleaning. Sporadic service from the city (just when needed) does not fit the bill.

ACTION ITEM

Seattle City Council needs to address, create and rectify no camping or loitering zones throughout the city. This will enable our police force to do their job.

Michelle Marchand is putting together a 2018 Homeless Encampment budget proposal for the city which hopefully will be approved before the end of November.

Next meeting was proposed for Thursday Sept.28th. Meeting adjourned: 6:30