

Chair: Pastor Marylyn Cornwell

Note-taker: Lisa Gustaveson

Attending: Michele Marchand, Sonny, Charlie, Danielle Burt, Janis Traven, Laurie Ames, Lisa Gustaveson, John Gaines, Niki Amaratides

Guests: Ali Sharekian, Gary Norton from Low Income Housing Institute

Minutes from December were approved.

General Updates:

Numbers: 63 residents, overflow is full, all tents filled.

Physical Space:

- Two new Shelter Logic 10x10 and 8x8 tents from the wish list were received. They will be used for offices and storage now; in the future, will be used for people to live in. These are sturdier and will last longer.
- Winterizing is going well. The heater donated by LIHI offers a good place for people to go to get warm.
- Propane use has been high but is only for a limited amount of time due to the extreme cold.

Holidays:

- Regular donors have done quite a bit. New people have been coming by and have been raising money and bringing much needed items like long johns, propane, tents. These include businesses. The “post holiday slump” is not as deep as last year.
- Weekend meals are still needed. The Ballard Foodbank does not offer their Saturday meal anymore so that is creating a gap for the campers.
- Starbucks Winter Warmth drive was very successful!

Budget and funding:

- TC5 is working with LIHI to walk through last year’s budget and forecast for next year to build a realistic budget.
- Expenses are \$40,000 over the money that comes from the city. No new money from the city this year. The gap must be raised to keep the camp operating.
- A \$500 grant was received from Riddel Williams Law firm to purchase some cots.

Community Relations:

- Lots of positive feedback from the community.
- Seattle Storm administration has visited, and indicated they want to have more of a direct connection with the camp.

LIHI Housing Report:

- Available housing has dropped off in November, December due to low openings (people don't move in the end of the year). Referrals have been made to the Landlord Liaison Project when LIHI cannot make a connection. In some cases, people are being supported to move back to places where their families are living. Other help has been through ID replacement and job referrals.
- On MLK Day from 12-2, a hot meal is being provided by LIHI. Farestart is preparing and delivering the food and community volunteers from several organizations are serving and joining in the meal.

Permit Renewal Status:

- The camp did all their required steps on time and is waiting for formal word that the permit has been approved. Laurie Ames will contact William Mills to ascertain when the permit will be received.

New Encampments:

- The Meyers Way site is open.
- Georgetown will be operated by Nickelsville
- The LIHI land will possibly be managed by SHARE potentially opened in March.

Priority needs:

- The list was reviewed.
- Batteries and flashlights are the most needed.
- John will look into having the city put in a luminaire pole to add some light to the camp.

Events:

- Seattle University hosting the West Coast Mayors conversation.
- Poverty Simulation being planned by the Magnolia Churches in April. They would like to involve the residents in the project.