

May 2, 2017

Community Advisory Meeting – TC5

In attendance: Marilyn Cornwell, Amber, Lyle Jones, Michele Marchand, Charlie, Janis Traven, Libby Stevenson, Laurie Ames, Lisa Gustaveson, John Gaines, Sally Bagshaw and Lili

Chairperson: Marilyn

Note-taker: Libby

Minutes from April meeting were approved subject to a couple of minor typo corrections

Evaluation of TC5 Interbay's first 18 months – Lisa G/Human Services Dept.

HSD is evaluating the tent encampment model and the role of the Community Advisory Council. Lisa queried the CAC about how it is going. CAC members discussed their experiences and feedback from the groups they represent. Groups represented included Interbay Neighborhood Association, Magnolia Community Council, and the Magnolia faith community. Michele reminded the group; that the CAC requirements are (1) include stakeholders, (2) meet regularly, and (3) membership is by operator invitation. CACs are a new experiment, but Michele reported that the relationship with the TC5 CAC has been a very positive and supportive experience.

The evaluation is due May 19 and Lisa will share a copy of the final report with the group.

Camp Update - Lyle/Michele

- Working with LiHi to provide HMIS data for just TC5
- Camp has several new tents from a donation from the Lutheran church. They have upgraded to a higher quality of tent and expect better durability.
- There is a new community tent which provides a warm place to gather on cold days and nights.
- Some new heaters were provided from the SPU Methodist church
- They are at capacity and turning people away at night
- There are only 3 original residents left. All other original residents have moved on.
- Average stay has been less than 2 months
- Catholic Community Services and assisting with coordinated entry services
- TC5 has 4 teenagers in camp. Being in school is a requirement to stay in the camp
- New canopy to provide extra shade

- Rat population still under control
- Needs:
 - Blankets
 - Tents
 - Food storage/ice
- Propane use is reducing (weather related)

- Community Relations Update:
 - Church support
 - Leftovers from SBUX
 - SPU visitors and leftovers
 - Ace Hardware

Upcoming Events:

- Neighborhood Action Council – Community Clean Up Day – no date set yet
- Magnolia/QA Coalition Meeting – May 8 @ 7:00pm, Fisherman’s Terminal, Nordby Conference Center
- Give Big – May 10
- June 5 meeting will be on site of TC5, subject to approval of residents

Permit Deadline:

Sally asked how business community feels. John Gaines shared some of the feedback from his conversations with business community. There is frustration that the city isn’t doing enough to address the RV and unsanctioned encampments. TC5 is lumped in with the activities in the surrounding and not all in the business community are supportive of extending the permit.

Sally maintains that a lot of work has been done around the city and directed the group to www.seattle.gov/homelessness. She acknowledges there are still issues with RVs in the area and that it can appear that nothing is being done about it.

Marilyn, Michelle, and camp residents met with QFC. This was a meeting to build relationships and establish protocols for communication and reporting issues with TC5. The regional manager was reasonably supportive of the TC effort, but the manager voiced many concerns about the impact on the store. It doesn’t seem likely that the manager’s opinion will change or that she will support a permit extension.

Councilmember Bagshaw met with representatives of the Magnolia faith community about their request to extend the permit for TC5 in its current location. She will not make any effort to extend the permit by amending the ordinance and she conveyed that it is highly unlikely that the permit will be extended. She stated that the mayor intends to honor the promise that it was a two year permit. She mentioned possible alternative sites in Interbay, none of which are owned by the city. There was no

indication that any of those sites have any infrastructure in place (power/water), or that any approach has been made to the properties owners for lease negotiations. She told Michele that she would work with them to find a new site.

Janis pointed out that a lot of human capital has been invested in the camp and that a lot of other promises were made and not kept.

Sally suggested reaching out to Jason Johnson at HSD to share these points.

Update on Licten Springs:

16 tiny houses/22 residents

8 paid employees/2 on the door 24/7

2 dorm tents, including overflow space for males and females

Only take referrals

Going well so far

CAC requested that the June meeting be held at TC5. Michele will confirm with the residents.