

## TENT CITY 5 CAC MEETING MINUTES, November 6, 2017

Chair: Libby Stevenson

Note-taker: Janis Traven

Attending: Michele Marchand, Al (TC5), Tim (TC5), Janis Traven, Karen Ko, Marilyn Cornwell, Libby Stevenson, Erin Rants (District 7 NAC)

Minutes from October were approved.

### General Updates:

Permit for Tsubota property is expected on Tuesday, November 7.

Public meeting last month was well planned, well attended, and response was generally positive.

Work Parties at the new site have engaged > 160 volunteers

Numbers: Census in camp is down in anticipation of the move – not everyone is willing to do the work that is required to move the camp. It was noted that this is a typical situation prior to a camp move, which takes logistics and staging. Currently no families with children in the camp.

Successes: 2 campers obtained housing in the past month.

### Physical Space:

- Couples and family tents have been moved to new site.
- New site work required: gravel that was delivered to even out site is large and jagged, due to prohibitively high cost of smaller gravel. Campers stated that the uneven surface is problematic and a safety issue for those with mobility problems. Plan is to fill the gaps with wood chips, which may even out the edges, or may settle, and continue to be problematic.
- 30 tiny houses for occupancy. 5 couple/family tents, and 4 dorm tents for new site.
- Strategy for move will be to set up community tents/area before individual belongings.
- After move-in, they do not expect there to be connections for water or power for at least a month.
- Longer-term plan is to have each tiny home powered and heated.

### Community Relations:

- Marilyn reported on the Ecumenical Council
- Erin reported that District 7 NAC has held a blanket drive
- Successful overcoat and blanket drive by Starbucks (> 500 items donated).
- Libby asked what help the CAC could provide. Answer: support for moving day, food and snacks.
- No complaints have been received/filed.

### Food & Meals Report:

- Stable.

### CAC Discussion:

- The group considered guidelines for CAC members and replacements. SHARE/WHEEL will make decisions and invitations

- Michele will reach out to Whole Foods and/or Work Lofts to see if they could provide meeting space for future meetings.

Other Encampments:

- Licton springs is up to 60 residents, half are men and half are women. The City now pays for one hot meal/day, which has helped morale considerably.
- Pop-up camps surrounding Licton Springs have been quashed by enforcement by the city.
- Nickelsville – their new site isn't ready. The Northlake site is small; some confusion about whether the Northlake site provides more usable space than current site. In any case, Nickelsville will need an interim site.
- TC3 is moving to SPU on November 18th.
- Navigation Center is not meeting goal of moving people into housing after 2 months

Priority needs:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, winter gear.
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Next Meeting:

- 5PM Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, location TBD.