

Tent City 5 Community Advisory Committee – December 5, 2016

Attending: Michele Marchand, Stacy Goodall, Niki Amaratides, Janis Traven, Danielle Burt, Lyle Jones, Don Toboll, Laurie Ames

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

Chair: Stacy Goodall

Note-taker: Laurie Ames

Minutes from November were approved with edits to add Don Toboll to people in attendance and remove reference to Chuck Read.

General Updates

Physical Camp – numbers are consistently in mid-60's; no issues with power, water, ice, propane. 62 residents, 8 females, 2 children, 4-5 dogs. Thanks to Magnolia Church of the Ascension and other churches for propane and support.

Community Tent -- Work party recently constructed and installed new community tent. It is sturdy, enclosed, and hopefully will last longer. 20' x 22' Shelter Logic brand

Tarp-Frame Proposal -- A proposal for funding has been submitted for \$4,000 to purchase raw materials for tarp frames for TC5 which would be constructed by volunteers. The cost is approximately \$130 per platform. Gary from LIHI offered that he may have volunteers to help with project.

Community Relations

One-year anniversary party – big success with more than 80 people in attendance. Gifts from Starbucks and Ace Hardware were appreciated; \$400 was donated, food and jackets were collected and some new people were interested in volunteering.

Church Support Network -- The church support network is going well.

Queen Anne Interfaith Group -- Michele and Tent City 5 residents attended the Queen Anne Interfaith Committee meeting and provided updates. Members of the Interfaith Committee expressed interest in helping with meals and may be able to help provide tents and/or tarps. Other needs discussed included GED, job training, jobs networking, and job referrals.

Food and Meals – Food on Thanksgiving was provided by several unscheduled groups. Buy Nothing Queen Anne has been the consistent provider for meals on Thursdays.

Winterizing: Continuing need for tents, tarps and warm coats/blankets. Amazon wish list has been updated and is working.

Demographics, Successes and Press -- were provided for Ballard and for Interbay. 60 days is the average length of stay; LIHI has served 575 people, 67 people have moved to housing and 64 found employment. The consolidated stats from TC 5 and from Ballard exceed the established performance commitments.

Case Management/ Low Income Housing Institute -- Ali Sharekian and Gary Norton from LIHI provided information about demographics, case management and volunteer programs services. Ali explained that LIHI will be involved with doing casework for 2 new encampments. He does intake for new residents and helps with looking for housing, with job searches, and with paperwork/networking for getting people signed up for different benefits. Housing, jobs, DSHS assistance, federal assistance, Social

Security, retirement, medical assistance, and housing are some of the services provided. Gary works to expand capacity of volunteer programs and works with volunteers at the different sites. He has secured a grant from United Way to provide a catered meal on MLK Day on January 16 at Ballard and Interbay sites.

Holiday Offerings and Needs -- Stacy talked about the Winter Warmth Drive being conducted at the Interbay Starbucks during December. They are collecting blankets and coats. Stacy talked about other connections that are being made between Starbucks and Mary's Place.

Permit Renewal – Submitted by November 1. No news on the permit renewal.

New Encampments -- Discussion about new encampments to be at 86th and Aurora, Myers Way, and in Georgetown. SHARE/WHEEL wants to do additional camp

Camp Priority Needs -- Amazon wish list is live and functioning.

Other -- Discussion about shower trucks and some movement by Magnolia Community Council to try and get them for Interbay and other sites.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 9 @ 5:00 at Interbay Place
(One week delay from usual first Monday)