**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING**

**Whittier Heights Village CAC Minutes**

**Date / time:** February 22, 2020, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Members attending:** Jean Darsie, John Lederer, Maureen Brinck-Lund, Sharon Newman, Zsuzsanna Larson

**LIHI Staff attending:** Alyssa Colville, Becca Finkes, Josh Castle, Dustin Davies, Lidya Stamper

**Lifelong Staff attending:** Renata Bryant

**Members of the public attending:** Sally Kinney, Richard

**Note Taker:** Becca Finkes

**Topics:**

1. Introductions
2. Review and approval of January meeting minutes
3. Village Management Report
   1. Alyssa is leaving WHV for a new shelter that LIHI will be operating (official announcement coming soon)
      1. LIHI is in the process of interviewing new people, Dustin is going to support in the meantime
   2. Mobile food bank coming to the village soon to offer resources to residents such as support signing up for SNAP benefits
   3. Partnered with local restaurant - providing warm meal and socks
   4. Got a new dryer and repaired dishwasher
4. Case Management Report
   1. 2 residents moved into permanent housing
      1. Cheryl Chow Court
      2. Apartment where another past WHV resident is her new neighbor!
   2. Discussing coming back together for community meetings and how to do this safely with COVID protocols in mind
   3. Still hiring for Behavioral Health Specialist
   4. Vaccination efforts will be difficult for residents
      1. Staff in process of getting vaccinated
      2. Many residents believe COVID is a hoax and are unwilling to get vaccinated when it is made available
      3. LIHI and Lifelong in discussion about this - continuing to engage with residents and support them in their decisions
      4. CAC members recommend providing vaccination access on site when residents are eligible
5. Open Discussion
   1. SB5428 - legislation working its way through the WA State Senate that would reduce SEPA restrictions for temporary encampments - if passed this would allow for rapid development of more villages!
      1. Josh will send out details about how to advocate for this Bill with your representatives
   2. LIHI is expanding!
      1. New shelter to open in March, acquisition of permanent housing in Capitol Hill, new villages in Tacoma, Bellingham, Skyway, Seattle
   3. Alyssa shared donation requests - creating welcome kits for new residents
      1. Blankets, toiletries