**Whittier Heights Community Advisory Committee Agenda/Meeting Notes**

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| CAC Name: | Whittier Heights Village |
| Date: | **June 24, 2019** |
| Meeting Location: | United Evangelical Free Church |
| Call to Order (time): | 6:05pm |
| CAC Members in Attendance: | Jean Darsie, Kelly Paananen, Michelle Wicks |
| Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance: | Lonnie McMurtrie |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance: | De Hunter, Lindsay Shoeneman, Josh Castle, Renata Bryant |
| Community Members in Attendance: | David Moody, Maureen Brinck-Lund |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance: | None |
| Recorder/ Note Taker: | Kelly Paananen |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved: | No, will be approved via email |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted: | Will be soon at <http://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/city-permitted-villages#whittierheightsvillage> |

Meeting called to order at ~6:05p by Chair Michelle Weeks.

**May Meeting Minutes**

* May meeting minutes were approved by voice vote

**Updates:**

Lindsay will no longer be attending our CAC meetings; she will now be working at 2 sites.

Josh shared that Alexa, is now a Special Projects Manager and is in her no role. She is no longer at our Whittier Heights Village.

We have a new Housing Supervisor for the Village and her name is **Theresa Hohman**. Teresa has experience with Plymouth and Catholic Housing services. She will be at future CAC meetings. It was shared that she wants to get folks up and involved and that she is inspirational.

Renata shared she will be splitting her time between our Village and the Lake Union Village and Jess will continue to be here, so we continue to have 1 FTE.

**Case Management Report**

2 women are ready to move when their documents are ready

1 resident working with case management to get on suboxone

Exits: 1 moved to permanent housing today and anticipating 1 person in the next few weeks

2 residents have abandoned their tiny houses.

Total # of document-ready clients: 8

Chemical Dependency treatment: 2 contemplating and one schedule first appointment, one has started

Mental Health Treatment: one has enrolled

Medicaid: 1 enrolled

Work: 2 resumes completed

Employed: 1 part-time temporary

13 total residents as of this date, out of 15 capacity. 2 pets total in the village.

**Further Discussion on Security at and around the Village**

Tonight, we had two officers present to engage with us on safety and security concerns in and around the Village. **Officer Mike Cruzan** of Seattle Police Department’s Community Police Team – Contact information 206-233-3733 or [Michael.cruzan@seattle.gov](mailto:Michael.cruzan@seattle.gov) and **Officer Mary Amberg** 206-684-7711 or [mary.amberg@seattle.gov](mailto:mary.amberg@seattle.gov)

* There was a general discussion about safety and some concerns expressed about police response to Village and persons that may not be welcomed to the Village. There was discussion about the recent tents that appeared on both Mary Ave and 83rd. While there had been outreach to the persons in these tents, and outreach for the women, the women have declined because partners would continue to remain in a tent community.
* Discussion also centered around issues discussed previously when calling the police. Officer Cruzan shared that officers need to take into consideration the landlord/tenant laws and gave examples of some of the situations encountered. He shared that the police are still looking for clarity and learning. If questions do arise, it was suggested a call to the precinct Sargent could be helpful.
* On further discussion of safety concerns, Officer Mary Amberg offered to do a security assessment of the Village and surrounding area as we also discussed the trees that afforded persons the ability to get into the village from the north side.
* Jean asked what we could do to solve safety issues and 2 plans will be moving forward:
  + Officer Amberg to come to the Tiny House Village to do the above noted security check
  + Officer Cruzan to come to our meetings as he is able. His current role is public relations, outreach and he is working on ongoing community issues to help build a community coalition to solve problems. He has stopped in at the tent camps.

**Open Discussion:**

1. Officer Cruzan provided his contact information and noted above, if anyone has questions or comments, people are encouraged to reach out to him.
2. Jean brought up “free letters home”. This is sponsored by Sustainable Ballard and they offer stationary and stamps. Sustainable Ballard is willing to do this for our Tiny House Village. Lindsay and Dee have agreed to pass this on to Theresa if Village is interested in taking advantage of this.

**Public Comment:** Neighbor David Moody asked about fence and fence climbing as well as contraband being thrown over the fence. As noted above, Officer Amberg will do a security check and provide recommendations to strengthen security for the village. Recommendations may alleviate ways of mitigating fence concerns and potential contraband going over the fence.

**Discussion on Security at front gate.** Only staff open front gate to control who has access at the entrance of the Village. The Village is also interested in mitigating any security risks from the fence or the trees

**Discussion about information on what some of our Village numbers show as it seems the minutes may not be getting posted in a timely manner.** LIHI will follow up with the City to ensure minutes are posted and our Village will continue to have report outs on status as above.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 22, United Evangelical Free Church at 6 pm.

**Adjournment:** 7:30pm