

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, October 6, 2017

Link:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

MISSION UPDATES:

Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Planning and field work for re-siting two authorized encampments at the end of their two-year permit term.
 - Planning and site preparation work continues for the use of the Port of Seattle property as a new authorized encampment located just north of the Magnolia Bridge. The City intends to use the site as the new location for Tent City 5, currently located at 3234 17th Ave. W., which must move by mid-November due to an expiring permit.
 - A public meeting took place on Monday regarding the relocation of Tent City5 to the Port of Seattle site at 1601—15th Avenue West; about 50 community members attended with generally favorable reception for the encampment.
 - SHARE/WHEEL Tent City5 Interbay spokespeople and leaders provided operations information about the new encampment, and our Community Advisory Committee representatives spoke about the collaboration in planning for this new location.
 - We are actively planning for the use of a city-owned parcel at 3814 Fourth Avenue Northeast as the location for the replacement of the current encampment in Ballard.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- As of Oct. 4, a total of 3,077 tons of trash and garbage have been removed from locations across the city.
 - This week, the crews worked at the following locations:
 - Greg Davis Park
 - I-5 Corridor, Southbound from North 87 Street to North 65th Street
 - On Oct. 14 there will be a lane closure for equipment and safety purposes to remove the collected trash from along the freeway.

Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments

Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at sites spread across the city. This team is made up of outreach staff including a dedicated team from the Seattle Police Department and professional outreach providers.
 - This week the team was working with and providing outreach services to people living near and along I-5, (southbound lanes side), between NE 65 to NE 82.
- From Feb. 20-Sept. 21, 2017, the Navigation Team's outreach to people living outdoors has resulted in:
 - 5,127 total contacts to a total of 1,340 individuals.
 - Of those 1,340 individuals, 528 (39%) accepted relocation to safer spaces, including shelter, authorized encampments and reconnecting with family or other support system.
 - 864 of 1,340 (64%) accepted some sort of service, including case management support/referral; mental health support/referral; substance use disorder treatment referral; state ID acquisition assistance; medical support/referral; coordinated entry housing assessment (VISPDAT); King County Housing Authority lottery registration; employment support; benefits activation support; vehicle repairs; and basic needs.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- The Multi-Department Rules (MDAR) Advisory Committee will next meet on Oct. 10 in the Boards and Commissions Room L-280 of City Hall.
- The federal district court ruled in a case alleging the City is violating the civil rights of unsheltered people. The court found the evidence does not demonstrate the City is violating civil rights, denied a motion to enjoin encampment removal and denied a motion to certify unsheltered people as a class.

Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Continuing development of the overall strategy and recruitment for a leadership group of property owners, managers, and other business leaders to move toward an effective initiative launch in early 2018.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Proactive work of City staff continues, as we engage business and community representatives to hear their concerns and observations. This informs and enables our future work to prioritize and implement upcoming operations based upon the needs throughout the city.
- In response to neighborhood concerns about camping in the right of way, we are working with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to install ten bollards on Nesbit

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

Avenue North along the southwest planting strip behind Seattle Fabrics to discourage active camping along this street.

- The public is invited to provide their comments directly to the City Council on the proposed 2018 City of Seattle budget in relation to the homelessness response. The budget includes ongoing funding for:
 - City Outreach (Navigation) Teams
 - Hazardous Site Cleaning Efforts
 - Outreach Services and Needs Assessment for People Living in Vehicles
 - Community Resource Officer for Seattle Public Library
 - Case Management at the Six Existing Permitted Encampments
 - Housing Resource Center to Help Unlock the Private Apartment Rental Market to Risky Renters

The final public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at City Hall – Council Chambers – 600 Fourth Avenue – Second Floor

- **Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.**

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk, City Budget Office

- Measurement collection continues for situational awareness and for budget planning.

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication

Lead: Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Continuing implementation of the training plan for encampment removal work.
- Ongoing communication with City labor unions.

Mission 9: Communications

Leads: Julie Moore, FAS Communications and Meg Olberding, HSD Communications

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Responded to media inquiries.