

Weekly Report

Date: Wednesday, November 22, 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

- The new authorized encampment on the Port of Seattle property located just north of the Magnolia Bridge opened this week. This site is the new location for Tent City 5, which was required to relocate after its two-year permit expired at its previous site.
- We are actively planning and preparing for the use of a City-owned parcel at 3814 Fourth Ave. NE ("Northlake") as the location for the replacement of the existing encampment in Ballard. It is expected to open in late December.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- As of Nov. 17, a total of 3,118 tons of trash and garbage have been removed from locations across the city.
 - The crews have worked at several locations recently:
 - S Jackson St, between Seventh Avenue S to Ninth Avenue S
 - I-90 Corridor, at the Rainier Avenue west sound barrier wall
 - E Shelby Street at Franklin Avenue E



Above: Before and after cleanup under I-5 between East Shelby Street and East Gwinn Place.

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Above: before and after the cleanup along the I-90 west sound barrier wall.

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.
 - The team has been working with and providing outreach services to people at several locations, spread around the city:

I-90 & Rainier Avenue South	9 th Avenue South & South Jackson Street
E Shelby Street & Franklin Avenue E	4th Ave S & S Royal Brougham Way
S Forest Street & Airport Way S	Ballard Commons Park
W Galer Street	Beacon Avenue S & S Cheasty Street
1000 block of Airport Way S	3111 27th Avenue S
400 S Massachusetts Street	4700 Denver Avenue S
900 block of S Dearborn Street	Georgetown neighborhood
Jose Rizal Park	15th Avenue W & W Garfield Street
8 th Avenue S & S Massachusetts Street	North End of Ballard Bridge
Mercer Corridor	Prefontaine Place

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- From Feb. 20-Nov. 16, 2017, the Navigation Team's outreach to people living outdoors has resulted in:
 - 6,419 total contacts to a total of 1,592 individuals.
 - Of those 1,592 individuals, 620 (39%) accepted offers of safer spaces, including shelter, authorized encampments and reconnecting with family or other support system.
 - 1,020 of 1,592 (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 met on Oct. 10. Its next meeting is scheduled for January.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Continuing development of the overall strategy and program design and recruitment for a leadership group of property owners, managers, and other business leaders to move toward an effective initiative launch in early 2018. This effort also included a feedback session for service providers to provide input on the development of the HRC.

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.
- This week our staff met with neighbors and parents of children that attend school nearby to the new Nickelsville encampment site located on Fourth Avenue NE ("Northlake"). This meeting was designed to answer questions of the nearby neighbors and to provide information for them to engage with us as they expressed interest in being supportive to the community that will soon be living at the site.

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.

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- 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.