

Weekly Report

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Link:

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

MISSION UPDATES:

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

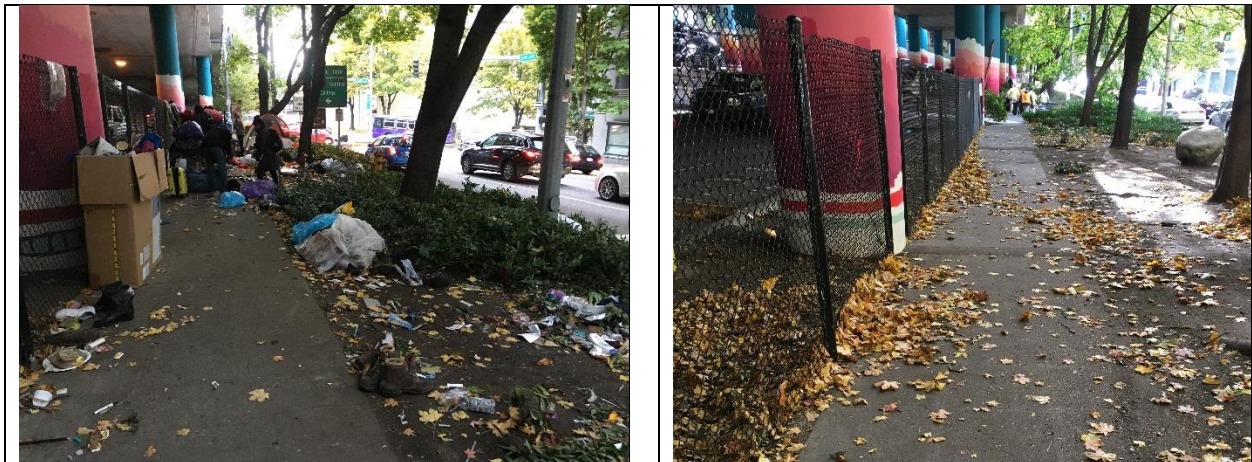
Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Planning and field work continues 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 will be relocating soon due to an expiring permit.
 - We are actively planning for the use of a City-owned parcel at 3814 Fourth Ave. Northeast as the location for the replacement of the existing encampment in Ballard.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- As of Nov. 2, a total of 3,111 tons of trash and garbage have been removed from locations across the city.
 - The crews worked at several locations along the I-5 corridor recently:
 - NE 50th Street to NE 55th Street.
 - NE Ravenna Boulevard.
 - Sixth Avenue: Columbia to James streets; James Street: Sixth to Seventh avenues.



Above: before and after cleanup along Sixth Avenue between Columbia and James streets.

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:

6000 Block 8th Ave NE	6th Ave & James St
7th Ave NE & NE 50th St (Grassy Area)	Airport Way S & 7th Ave S (S Royal Brougham Way)
Bhy Kracke Park	Columbia Street & Post Avenue
Ballard Commons Park	Foster Island
I-5 NB offramp at NE 65th St and Ravenna Blvd	Jose Rizal Park
Licton Springs Park	Meridian Playground
Gasworks Park	2200 block of Occidental Ave S
3800 block of 9 th Ave S	8800 Nesbit Ave N
Ballard Commons Park	Meridian Playground
Ravenna Woods	Roanoke Park
Under Spokane St Bridge at Colorado Ave S	Westlake Greenbelt

- From Feb. 20-Nov. 2, 2017, the Navigation Team’s outreach to people living outdoors has resulted in:
 - 6,169 total contacts to a total of 1,545 individuals.
 - Of those 1,545 individuals, 607 (39%) accepted offers of safer spaces, including shelter, authorized encampments and reconnecting with family or other support system.
 - 985 of 1,545 (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.

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- Office of Housing, Human Services Department, King County, and All Home hosted a successful visit with the executive director of Open Doors, the model program based in Atlanta. Meetings were held with City Council staff, property owners, service providers and our leadership group.

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.

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.