

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, March 10, 2017

Links:

- **Presentation to Seattle City Council Human Services and Public Health committee of March 8** - <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos?videoid=x71083>
- **Navigation Team Chronicles (blog)** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

MISSION UPDATES:

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

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Real-time shelter availability is now provided to the Navigation Team every morning at 8:30. Kinks are being worked out to make sure the data is comprehensive.
- Georgetown and Meyers Way sanctioned encampment sites were permitted and contracted.
 - Georgetown site at 1000 S Myrtle Street opens to referrals on March 15.
 - Meyers Way site preparation continues this week.
 - Planning continues for outreach to various community organizations
- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
 - Construction activities began and the first construction permit issued.
 - Next week the referral protocols are being designed.
- Based upon the experience at the Royal Brougham site this week, a “best practices” template was created for future site clean-ups.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Over 600 tons of debris and contaminated soil was removed from the site of the Royal Brougham encampment after closure on Tuesday, March 7.
- Work to identify new field coordinators with the help of City departments.
- Planning continues for the March 13 clean-up at the Emerson Street encampment.
- Continued to tackle tasks associated with the non-encampment work plan.
- Arranged tour of I-5 trash sites with WSDOT during an express lane closure as the beginning of planning for trash removal.

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

Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor’s Public Safety Advisor

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- Participated in the March 7 closure of the encampment at Royal Brougham and Airport Way, including providing outreach and storage services.
 - The following organizations provided crucial partnerships for this site closure:
 - Union Gospel Mission
 - Salvation Army
 - Seattle Animal Shelter
 - Seattle Fire Department
 - Seattle Police Department/Navigation Team
 - Of the 37 people who were at the site on the morning of March 7, 19 accepted offers of safe shelter alternatives.
- Participated in the planning for the site clean-up at Emerson Street

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs –

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Continued the final edits to proposed encampment removal rules for release the week of March 13.
- Planning for the tentative implementation date for the week of April 3rd.

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication –

Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Continued to engage with our labor union partners (Local 1239, Local 21, Local 77) for the homelessness emergency activation; shared safety and operational plan for the Royal Brougham and Airport Way encampment clean-up and additional information on the EOC activation.
- Worked with Safety officers from SDOT, SPR, SPU, SCL, FAS and SDHR to develop a standardized City-wide training curriculum for City employees who clean-up encampment sites and identified existing resources to assist in deploying those trainings.
- Mayor's Office sent out the all-employee email drafted by SDHR and EOC Communications team; will be sent to employees by each department head.

Mission 9: Communications

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

- Communications Team continues to respond to inquiries regarding trash around the City; they continue to work closely with SPU to respond to questions.
- Communications Team participated on-site for the closure of the encampment at Royal Brougham and Airport Way.
 - Contact with approximately 20 media outlets including all local TV stations, radio, blogs and wire services.

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- Worked in partnership with the Public Health department on messaging concerning the severe health risks at the site.
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Participated in the planning for the new site openings for Georgetown and Myers Way.
- Updated Multi-Departmental Administrative Rules (MDARs) release planning.