

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, June 30, 2017

Links:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
 - **Navigation Team video** - <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos?videoid=x78447>
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MISSION UPDATES:

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

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening on July 12)
 - Recruiting and training efforts for the center’s new staff continues.
 - Yesterday, DESC hosted an open house at the site for the community. Guests toured the facility and asked questions about the upcoming operations and provided their thoughts about the facility.
- Planning for the construction and opening continues for the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing and located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill.
 - This new shelter will operate 24 hours a day/seven days per week for a co-ed population. Opening is expected in August.
 - Recruitment and training of staff is also occurring now.
- Identifying the new permanent location for Operation Nightwatch continued this week. A new location is expected to be operational in September coinciding with the planned closure at the current site.
- Planning and field work for potential new authorized encampments continues. On Wednesday, HSD staff presented an assessment of the first three authorized encampments to City Council’s Human Services & Public Health Committee. The report intends to determine the extent that City of Seattle temporary sanctioned encampments are an effective homelessness response strategy and, identify successes, challenges and areas of future study.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Work continued this week by the hard-working crews from **Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation as well as the Washington Department of Transportation.**

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- On Tuesday, the management of Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks & Recreation, Finance & Administrative Services and the Seattle Department of Transportation hosted a crew appreciation breakfast at the Museum of Flight to acknowledge the efforts of the dedicated crews over the last several months. Specifically, crews were recognized for the homelessness response cleanups and trash removal; winter storm responses in Seattle and also the deployment to Portland, OR, to assist with its snow and ice emergencies; and the recent Pothole Palooza. Some of these deployments were made with integrated staff from the three departments, working together at specific sites. One of the accomplishments was the fostering of new friendships and working relationships that will benefit the City in the future.



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. As of June 23, the team has made more than 2,800 contacts with a total of 842 individuals.
- The Seattle Channel released a short video highlighting the work of the team this week to coincide with the #SeaHomeless media blitz. (see link above)
 - This team offers a full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
 - Successful referrals to drug and alcohol counseling programs.

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- Aid people needing transportation to medical appointments and to offices to receive new identification cards.
- The team's management staff has been working on internal assessments of the work to-date to use in future reports.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Planning work with staff from Seattle Office for Civil Rights and the Navigation Team for the upcoming outreach/field work observation visits.
- Planning continues for the MDAR Advisory Committee, and its first meeting, scheduled for July 11.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- King County's two new interim staff are on-board and working to maintain relationships with existing Landlord Liaison Project property owners and to fill vacancies and manage tenant issues as the YWCA contract ends today.
- Yesterday, we hosted a productive workshop for non-profit housing operators to get their feedback and to understand their needs as we launch the new Housing Resource Center program.

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 & Desiree Omli, 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, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Worked with Seattle Channel on its video featuring the Navigation Team.
- Provided communications support for HSD's \$30 million homeless services RFP announcement.
- Planning and preparation for the report on the Sanctioned Encampments Assessment to the Human Services and Public Health committee, chaired by Councilmember Sally Bagshaw.
- Responded to media inquiries.