

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, July 28, 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

- Navigation Center
 - As of today, just two weeks after opening, 50 people are living in this new facility.
- Planning for the renovation 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.
- Planning and field work for potential new authorized encampments continues.

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. As of this week, nearly 3,000 tons of trash have been collected.**
- Crews have been working at several sites this week to remove accumulated trash:
 - Spokane Street, between Airport Way South and First Avenue South
 - Dearborn Street, between I-5 and I-90
- City and contracted crews also conducted a cleanup in the Queen Anne West Greenbelt, with outreach before and during conducted by the Navigation Team.



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 contacted several people that were affected by the recent fires that were set near camps along the Burke Gilman Trail in Ballard, as well as the fire under the Alaskan Way Viaduct last weekend.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Planning work continues with staff from SOCR and the Navigation Team for future outreach/field work observation visits.

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. There is a high volume of calls from clients, due to the information sent out to provide information about the program. At least half of the calls are from people who were not existing tenants, but received the phone number through the increased visibility and referrals from outside agencies.
- Office of Housing policy and HomeWise staff attended a meeting at the New Holly Gathering Hall hosted by the Department of Construction and Inspections and Office for Civil Rights on tenant protection legislation to provide information to property owners and managers about the HRC and weatherization programs.

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).
- Responded to media inquiries.
- Assisting with responses to Council Central Staff questions.