

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

CAC Name:	Camp Second Chance
Date:	1—7-18
Meeting Location:	Arrowhead Gardens
Call to Order (time):	2:00pm
CAC Members in Attendance:	Willow Fulton, Cinda Stenger, Grace Stiller, Judy Carr
Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance:	Eric Patton, Jim Culpepper, Ron Parker
Operator Representatives in Attendance:	LIHI: Amy Friedman – new case manager, Josh Castle - volunteer coordinator
Community Members in Attendance:	David Baum, Tracy Record, Joan Schneider, John Walling
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance:	Tom Van Bronkhorst
Recorder/ Note Taker:	Willow Fulton
Previous Meeting Notes Approved:	No
Previous Meeting Notes Posted:	No

CAC Member Reports:

Willow

Attended holiday party at camp – met new campers and saw new shelter logic tents and houses, as well as solar – they all look solid

Path with Art gave out lanterns and campers were very excited

A community member raised a concern in the last month about a stolen ladder and made an indication that maybe someone at the camp was involved – was asked for more info but none was provided – not sure of timing – could have been something old and related to unsanctioned camp

Garbage is piling up on Myers and has not been picked up for a couple of weeks – items that were gathered are now strewn around.

Cinda

Helped organize a hot breakfast the day after Christmas

Alki UCC has funds they raised to build houses (\$21,000) and are working on making plans to start building

Has been in touch with Operation Sack Lunch on coordinating a weekly hot meal delivered to camp, and Westside Interfaith Network is working to provide other meals

Grace

Also attended holiday party at camp

Coordinated with Bakery nouveau to get left over pastries brought to camp 3x/week

Weed warriors grant status: did not get one that was applied for, and the second one ranks their requests, and ran out of money before they got to her request – these would be to coordinate with the campers to start removing noxious weeds in the parcels

Judy

Wants to know if tiny houses are insulated – heard that they are not

Josh: the ones already there are not, the ones LIHI has brought in are and will be – they are working on a plan to insulate the pre-existing shed/houses.

David: There are issues with mold in one, 3 others have been done, and they have some builders providing consultation – just need to see what resources/funding is available to get them done

Cinda: Alki UCC can pay for insulation materials.

Does Amy have an office to work in?

Amy: yes – tiny house just built for office – will be working with camp to determine office hours

Camp Report

David:

42 res 27 m 15 w 7 couples

8 ppl intake 13 departed - 3 only stayed a few days

42

8 lihi

12 c2c

11 Shelter Logic

11 regular tents

6 vacancies (tents)

3 platforms where a tent could be placed

10 addl spaces

Incidents and Bars

1 90 day bar – can return with proof of treatment

1 permanent bar (intoxication after previous temp bar/treatment)

1 30 day bar – can return with proof of treatment (missed shift and refusal to serve 3 day penalty bar followed by intoxication and sneaking into camp over fence)

1 permanent bar for drug paraphernalia

1 60 day bar for inappropriate behavior

2 14 day bars (couple – intoxication) – can return with proof of treatment

LIHI Report:

Josh:
Case manager hired – Amy Friedman
Close to hiring site coordinator
10 Shelter Logic tents built with Alki UCC

Fare Start provided holiday dinner to all camps
Love Wins Love and Path with Art provided holiday meal/party Dec 23
Mike Hughes wants to build covered/improved dishwashing station

2nd year permit application has been submitted (1-5-18)

Amy:
Office is getting set up
Is ready to start meeting with clients Wednesday

City/DON Report:

Tom:

Also noticed trash pile up when coming in to meeting – took pics and is going to follow up with SPU
Re: Permit Request: Human Services Dept will be rolling out a process

Public Comment/Questions:

Willow:

For Grace: Is there anything the community can do to help influence the Weed Warriors grants?
There are community members willing to work on and support those projects
Grace: We can coordinate – stewardship w

Tom: DON has matching funds available for application that could be used as well

For Tom: Asked for information about community input process for permitting ASAP

For Amy: asked for some info/bio

Amy: Has been doing case management work for about 2 years – started with outreach in Minnesota, worked in mens shelter in Minneapolis, moved to Seattle in September – started working in Compass housing 24 hr shelter as councilor, and now with LIHI

Grace:

Is the permit for 2 more years?
Josh: it's been 1 year, and it would be a one year renewal.
There is talk of reviewing the ordinance
Tom: any change in the ordinance would require city council review/vote

Cinda:

Re: the house that had mold issues – heat would help prevent that – are all the new houses going to have heat to prevent that?
David: The camp power isn't set up to get heat to every house, but they are working on upgrading that
Chris: the house with the mold issue also had a leaky roof

Grace: is there a fire plan if there was an issue with the propane heaters?

Chris: yes – there are extinguishers and emergency exits – the heaters used are very safe – Mr Heater brand designed for indoor use

Willow: May be able to get heaters donated

Chris: once electric is upgraded, they want to get small electric “radiator” heaters.

Timing on electrical upgrade?

Josh: needs to confirm with build team

Grace: Thanks to the community member that donated solar panels (Mark Buick) – encourages camp/lihi to look at more ways to use solar in order to keep energy footprint low

John: Does public health dept have any relationship with camps? Do we know about possible communicable illness rates?

Josh: There is a process being created with HSD to have a safety/sanitation checklist – C2C has everything checked.

Willow: Are resources provided to the campers that are barred and required to seek/prove treatment?

David/Amy: There is guidance within the camp, and Amy will be building resource list

For Tom: With city and county election changes, is George Scarolla still in the Director of Homelessness role?

Tom: George has moved to FAS – it’s not known if there will be a new director appointed – HSD now leads the daily multi-dept meetings regarding homelessness. Myers parcels are still under FAS portfolio

Carol:

Community has questions about the funds that were in questions with Polly (Patacara) – is there any action taken about that? A mechanism to stop that from happening again?

Can C2C adopt a quicker transition system like mary’s place?

Are there Job needs/job fair plans?

Josh: there were funds left from Patacara that were passed on to LIHI – LIHI is moving forward with their management process and staff – they have good practices, donated funds can be specified for camp or even specific needs (houses, meals, etc) and will be recorded and tracked.

Tom: The city only monitored city-provided funds with Patacara – and those funds were spent appropriately – concerns about non-profits and funds donated directly to them can be logged with State Attorney

Joan: Can the LIH budget be shared so there is transparency?

Josh: will talk with colleagues that are working on budget and bring what he can to next meeting

David: there were allegations made that Patacara mis-spent donated money – but the city money was never in question. LIHI has good track record and practices, and there is confidence that they will use all funds appropriately.

Josh: LIHI is in the process of hiring a fundraising manager – which will help them develop additional process and transparency.

Cinda: Alki UCC had donated \$6000 to Patacara – all funds that were not spent were returned in full, and what WAS spent, was spent appropriately.

Carol: is there a budget to get people into traditional housing? Could we follow Mary's place model?

Josh: LIHI has 62 properties, 2000 units – and is acquiring/developing more as opportunities arise – residents from camps move into these properties

David: The issues with additional housing are much deeper than LIHI – there is also the need to create community and build beneficial relationships to address these issues, not just finding housing

Josh: For community building - One night count/Count Us In coming up – looking for volunteers
Also has bus going to Olympia on Feb 1 for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy day

Next Meeting: Feb 4 2018 – Arrowhead Gardens

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

WSB Coverage: <http://westseattleblog.com/2018/01/camp-second-chance-what-its-community-advisory-committee-heard-during-first-meeting-of-2018/>