

## Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes

CAC Name:	Camp Second Chance
Date:	12-3-17
Meeting Location:	Arrowhead Gardens
Call to Order (time):	2:00 pm
CAC Members in Attendance:	Cinda Stenger, Willow Fulton,
Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance:	Chris Kinser, Chris Weaver, Eric Davis, Ron Parker – Also David Baum admin volunteer
Operator Representatives in Attendance:	Josh Castle
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance:	Tom Van Bronkhorst
Recorder/ Note Taker:	Willow Fulton
Previous Meeting Notes Approved:	Yes
Previous Meeting Notes Posted:	Yes

### Camp Report:

46 residents (up 5 from last month)  
30 men, 16 women – 8 couples - Close to capacity of tents/tiny homes

Intakes - 12  
Departures – 8

Lihi tiny houses – 8  
C2C built micro homes – 14  
Shelter Logic tents – 2  
Regular tents – 17 (some in bad shape)

Permanent bars: 4

- 1 for missed security shifts, followed by poor behavior after 7 day bar
- 1 for missed shifts, and cigarette butts found in tent during 7 day bar (smoking is a fire hazard and is prohibited)
- 1 couple for providing prescription drugs to another camper

2 week bar

- Couple intoxicated, then missed and/or sleeping during security shift
- Missed security shift and did not sign in for several days – at end of bar, camper decided not to remain at camp

Upcoming Camp Events:

- Eco-builders visit to make plans to improve some existing buildings
- CAC meeting
- Camp tent build – LIHI bringing 9 shelter logic tents (steel poled – sturdy)
- Holiday meals – several scheduled: Officer Weibke, Love Wins Love, WIN, Fare Start

## **LIHI update:**

Total of 8 tiny houses (fully insulated)

- Adding electricity (??when??)
- Solar coming through donation – may happen on 15th
- Bringing premade tent platforms (10) - some replacements, some new
- Kitchen tent needs improvement or maybe replacement – winterizing tiny houses is priority, but this is next
- Started contract with pest control – have visited site, will be setting up abatement
- Mike Hughes (water/piping) – wants to come lead project to improve dishwashing facilities – separate covered areas – probably on 12/15 work weekend.
- Candidate for case manager in interviews – hope to be on board in 2-3 weeks
- Site coordinator candidates also in review – should be in place by next CAC meeting

Work party 15th!!!!!!

- 9 shelter logic “super tents” coming
- Insulating tiny houses
- More volunteers and donations requested

## **CAC Member updates/questions**

Willow:

Asked for confirmation of size of Shelter Logic "super tents"

They are 8x10 and tall enough to stand in.

Issues from activities outside of camp? Seems like less trash and less vehicles – how has it been for the camp.

Eric: Has been peaceful and quiet – the increased police and Nav team presence has been a huge help – as well as the bright lights. It feels safer to walk on Myers way when going to bus, etc.

Cinda: Is there a way to make sure the camp has funds available for emergency expenditures – like a line of credit? So that they don't have to wait when supplies are immediately needed.

Josh: They are trying to get list of needs, and find a way to get needed items faster.

## **Community Questions/Comments**

Fred Miller – noticed decrease in RVs – thanks and for lights, too – it ebbs and flows – is there a regular policing? Also, there is a lot of building going on

Tom – there are patrols – city policy on RVs is 72 hours, and they move from area to area. Tom noticed the building also – will make city leadership team aware.

Liz Giba – is the city/county/state monitoring the environmental impact of unsanctioned camps?

- City has been communicating with WSDOT – The city will step in to do clean up if there is a specific danger, otherwise WSDOT is responsible

Willow – is nav team monitoring for dangers when they visit? How is that detected? Are we able to be pro-active rather than re-active?

Tom – they have been there a lot, and would respond to extreme issue, but may not be aware of how to identify environmental issues. The nav team is focused on the people. There is not a regular visit/assessment schedule – visits are prioritized depending on crime, danger, etc.

Pat price – Has noticed a big increase in trash along 509 recently – like it's just being pushed down the hill. There were clean-ups in the summer, but it's worse now. Can city/DOT/EPA coordinate on clean up? Maybe involve ECOS?

Tom: There is a pilot project to get those in the unsanctioned areas to clean and place garbage in designated pick up places, and pick up is 3 times a week. Pressure from all on state might help. Re: EPA – There may not be funding any longer.

John – some neighbors have expressed concerns about health issues like hepatitis c – has been in touch with Lisa Herbold about public health and been connected with the person in the county that is responsible. If anyone has specific questions they want passed on - Gardengazet.org –

Tom: Seattle/King Co health monitors health in sanctioned camps closely – the biggest prevention is wash stations.

Willow: Vaccines may be available as well – maybe we can look into this for the camp – and residents of Arrowhead Gardens may want to ask their provider if they are "at risk"

Joan

What is a site coordinator?

- Josh: Part time position ensuring needs for camp are coordinated centrally

Paid positions – Eric has been doing the work that is described in some of the paid positions – where does that stand – since he is already doing the work.

- Josh: They are working on hiring a full time case manager and part time site coordinator – they have a position posted and are interviewing potential candidates. They do not have budget for full time site coordinator.

Disappointing that it has taken so long to get tiny houses coming in – it's already rainy and cold – glad it's finally happening

- Tom – there was a Q at last meeting asking the city to help provide a place to build tiny houses – the city and LIHI are working on that.
- Josh: This would really help the process

Fred Miller:

Is there any follow up on the funds left over from Patacara

Willow – The city determined that the funds they provided had been used appropriately, and the amount that was left was returned and will be provided to LIHI

David Baum: Is there a status on the permit?

Josh: Needs to look into the details – there is a 1 year permit, with a possible renewal – the renewal will be in a couple of months

Liz – what is the progress on getting the residents into actual housing?

- Josh: This is the role of the case manager – they have gotten a couple of people into housing – availability is a blocker.

Liz encourages support of mandatory inclusionary zoning – rather than developers just paying an extra fee and no housing exists.

Eric Davis – are there more tiny houses coming this month or just super tents?

Josh: Right now just super tents are lined up – will be working with group to determine what can be brought in – other camps have just moved and had some structures added.

Eric would also like to have his job back as camp manager – says he is the best fit for it.

Next meeting Sunday Jan 1, 2018

WSB coverage of this meeting: <http://westseattleblog.com/2017/12/camp-second-chance-community-advisory-committee-hears-about-supertents-tiny-houses-hiring/>