

Camp Second Chance Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
Sunday July 2, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Arrowhead Gardens Welcome Center

## Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Camp Updates
3. Camp Needs
4. CAC updates/concerns/questions
5. Community updates/concerns/questions related to camp

## Attendees

Community Advisory Committee: Willow Fulton, Aaron Goss, Stephanie Lieberman, Grace Stiller  
(Unable to attend: Cinda Stenger, Aaron Garcia, Judi Carr)

Patacara: Polly Trout

Camp Second Chance Residents: Chris, Michelle

Community Members: Janice, John Walling, Tracy Record

## Camp updates: Polly

- Benefit concert and potluck at camp today from 12-7 – raising funds for additional solid structures
- Progress on solid structures to replace tents:
  - 6 solid structures up, have funds for 5 more
    - Alki United Methodist donated \$6,000 for structures
  - Recently made contact with shed making business that wants to help create structures for camp – could be much cheaper than buying pre-fab because materials are purchased wholesale through business) - \$1500 opposed to \$2500

***Update 7/10 - the services offered did not meet camp needs so this will not be moving forward***
- Volunteer Days are Saturdays and Sundays 10-4 – can sign up for shifts online <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aafaa2ca5fc1-camp>
- Currently 62 residents – all 50 units full
- Meeting goal of 1 per week into housing
  - 1 to boarding house room (with deposit assistance)
  - 1 to section 8 (with help with criminal record barrier)
  - Some re-united with family
- One barrier that some people have to housing is references – if a camp member has been in camp for a while and is in good standing, the camp is able to serve as housing reference

- Camp has 2<sup>nd</sup> cistern now – install happening this week
  - The water vendor donates the water, but the delivery fee is about \$300, no matter how much they deliver – so a second cistern is a big cost savings
- Arrowhead Gardens hosted a forum last week with camp members
  - About 60 AG residents attended and a few Camp residents on panel and in audience
  - Format was pannel/open q&a
  - Most concerns about trash and safety on Myers; also some questions about if the camp was really drug free.
  - Info about volunteering and donating
    - some AG residents have various helpful skills but no shop, etc.
    - Volunteer signup info provided
    - Camp and AG staff looking at ways to partner.
- Representatives from the Neighborhood Safety Alliance visited camp recently – added FB post that was fairly positive:
 

“Below are photos from Camp Second Chance. As you can see, this camp is clean and organized. This is the first sanctioned campsite that we could actually see as a productive alternative. The board members explained their rules and regulations, expectations from the campers and the need for personal responsibility. None of these camps are long term solutions, but this particular camp looked to be an acceptable alternative to ones that have been around for a while.”

### **Camp Needs**

- Volunteers to help housing case manager
- Meals
- Supplemental funding

See <http://patacara.org/help/volunteer/> for updated needs and sign up pages

Chris (resident) wanted to add that he knows some community members are opposed to the camp, but if the camp wasn't there , there would likely be more challenges in the area.

### **CAC Updates/Questions**

Stephanie:

- Are there concerns about personal safety in the area for camp members? Need for self-defense classes?
  - Michelle (camp member): Has not had any issues when walking in the area – walks from camp to Park and Ride (past some of the RVs) often – sometimes later in the eve. Says she experienced more issues when she was staying in the U District – usually from non-homeless
  - Polly walks area on occasion and has not felt unsafe – has had some interaction with RV residents but nothing threatening

- How many camp members over 55?
  - Those attending not sure - Aprox 5 over 62 (receiving Social Security)

Aaron:

- Can the camp water be provided by the city? And sewer for grey water?
  - Polly: The city has said this is not an option
  - CAC will ask City reps about this
- Some customers of Aarons Bicycle Repair are area homeless – they come in to see the cost of used bikes and save up for them
  - Bikes provide transportation and freedom
  - Free bikes may be available from bikeworks
  - Another resource might be some of the new bike share companies coming in to replace Pronto: <https://www.seattlebikeblog.com/2017/04/28/by-killing-pronto-seattle-could-become-the-center-of-private-bike-share-innovation/>
- May be able to host a bike workshop day –
  - Chris says there are about 10 bikes in camp – 2 are available for check out – Aaron says he can offer to help keep the shared bikes tuned up

Grace:

- Submitted Letter of Intent for King County WaterWorks grant and has full proposal drafted – will hear in August if Letter of Intent moves to Finalist or not – if so, full proposal will then be finalized and submitted. Focus of proposal is on noxious weed removal and wetland preservation and restoration in Myers Parcels leveraging engagement and assistance from local community (including Camp Second Chance) and other stakeholder groups with specific interest, expertise or jurisdiction.
   
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/grants-and-awards/waterworks.aspx>

Willow:

- Working with Cinda on letter to city about the importance of continued attention and assistance on the issues in the area – delayed due to personal issues but should be done this week and sent to CAC for review/approval
- Concerns with area cleanup services from last meeting were improved (Tom from DoN made inquiries that helped)
  - There was a pickup done the next day
  - Someone (still not sure who) set 3 old trashcans out at the spot on the N end of the camp parking lot
    - This spot was designated for homeless in the area to use prior to C2C being established
    - The cans are being used but seem to fill up quickly and there is still often bagged trash piled around
    - CAC still working with City to see if additional containers can be provided in this space as well as the space on the east side of Myers Way

- Any additional illegal dumping can be reported via Find It/Fix It app or illegal dumping site  
<http://www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/> – you can see if somethings been reported, but it’s probably helpful if anyone that sees it reports it
- Received some training from Hunnie on how to update the camp website
  - Basic updates were made to remove old info about location, needs, etc
  - New info/details need to be provided by the camp
    - There may be some social challenges causing barriers to collaboration on website – Polly working with camp to resolve – Willow can offer assistance as well

### **Community Updates/Questions/Concerns**

- RVs parked on street are often parked close to the line in order to have space on the “inside” - they need to leave more room for pedestrians and bikes to get by without having to be in the roadway
- Some Arrowhead Gardens residents have inquired if there is more info about making Myers way an “Emphasis Area” – 0 tolerance for unauthorized camping – Info:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/unauthorized-encampments/emphasis-map>
  - These areas may not be equitably dispersed – other neighborhoods may be able to also support some safe options
  - Some community members (and CAC members) question the real value of this – those who are camping in unauthorized areas don’t “go away” when an emphasis area is established – they are just moving to (and maybe concentrating in) other areas
- John – notices challenges on Nextdoor with misconceptions about camp – some members very vocal with opposition. Has shared positive information when possible. Has a great page on the Gardens Gazette site: <http://www.thegardensgazette.org/camp-second-chance.html>
- Discussion came up about transportation as there are no busses that go down Myers – park and ride is a .4 mile walk with a hill that can be a challenge for those with physical limitations
  - Are Access vans an option? No – most people that would qualify would have disabilities beyond what could be supported at C2C
    - Arrowhead residents have trouble getting good service from Access vans – they often arrive too early or too late
  - After dark drop off at bottom of hill is sometimes an option
  - 113 only operates M-F peak hour so riders must take 60 east to Georgetown, Beacon Hill, Capitol Hill or west to Westwood Villiage to catch connecting transit if going downtown – can take over an hour
  - Camp member works in Newcastle and starts at 7 am – has to leave at 4:30 am – gets home at 7:00 pm
  - Arrowhead residents have trouble with getting to Southpark senior center, which is 6 blocks from the nearest bus stop

- South park senior center looking at shuttle service in their service area (Beacon Hill, Georgetown, South Park, Highland Park – may be able to coordinate with Camp to serve members as well (and possibly Georgetown Village)
- Car to go might be another option but is cost prohibitive.

Next meeting will be Sunday 8/6/17 2:00-4:00 pm at Arrowhead Gardens Welcome Center

WSB coverage of meeting: <http://westseattleblog.com/2017/07/camp-second-chance-community-advisory-committee-talks-tiny-houses-while-concert-raises-for-them/>