

Licton Springs Community Advisory Committee Meeting

June 28, 2017

1. Introductions

2. **Positions** - Meeting chaired by Elizabeth Dahl. Minutes taken by Kathy Olson.

3. **The minutes** of the May 24 meeting were approved.

4. Report on Village Operations

Occupancy and referrals

- 53 residents, 26 males, 27 females, includes couples and singles
- All referrals, except for 3, were from REACH

Challenges and Solutions

- Domestic violence—police have been called twice, decision to call police is a case by case process. Village now has an appeals process in place for consequences of behavior infringements that may lead to exiting
- Theft—thefts occurred before the village was completely set up, locking lockers were not available but now are
- Hording—connected to mental health. A process is being worked on to define what is allowable. There are monthly inspections with recommendations. Staff is “getting people ready for housing.”
- Drugs—there has been one overdose. Narcan was administered and the resident is doing OK
- Campers on Nesbit nearby but not affiliated with Licton Springs. Neighbors wrote to mayor. The Navigation Team responded and there was no one there today. 6 of the campers were referred to Licton Springs
- Furniture left out as “free” by community members becomes a scene and encourages campers in the neighborhood. Neighbors are encouraged to use the “Find it, Fix it” app to notify the city when cleanup is needed. The city will attempt to respond more quickly
- Once a week Licton Springs conducts a neighborhood clean-up with Aurora Commons. During those rounds, outside campers are encouraged to move on
- Elizabeth reported that the homeless population camping on sidewalk spaces on Nesbit has not increased or decreased due to Licton Springs presence
- Question of why those from the neighborhood who had complained about campers were not at the CAC meeting. George Scarola suggested it might be because he had responded to their emails and set up a neighborhood meeting
- It was verified that email complaints had stopped when problems were solved

Amenities and Offerings

- Meal Calendar—has limited participation
 - District 5 Neighborhood Action Council —1/mo
 - Operation Sack Lunch may provide 1 meal a day
- Monthly visit with the King County Mobile Medical Van
- Greenwood and Greenlake Libraries asking about what services they can provide, offered to bring books

5. Report on Village Development and Site Work

- Electrical work is almost done bringing electricity to all houses
- Shower house is done and operational
- Kitchen has new refrigerator and freezer, power needs to be hooked up

- Washer and dryer to be ready soon
- Small dorm tents for overflow will be set up soon and will accommodate 8
- There are weekly village meetings organizing kitchen, leadership jobs, and chores
- Work party July 1, 9:00-4:00 with lunch provided; construction and carpentry work and litter patrol

6. Community Relations

- Invitation to work party
- Towels and blankets needed
- Relationships with village business neighbors—good relationship with Blumenthals—have received donations, some problems with Seattle Fabrics when folks park in their parking lot doing village business
- Making best effort

7. Case Management Report

- New case manager has been hired to start July 4.
- Case management that has been done
 - accurate roster
 - HMIS
 - case management
 - medical referral
- Sound Mental Health info session to be scheduled
- 1 resident moved into housing 6/27, 1 to move on 6/30

8. Village Needs

- More help with meals, website to be established for scheduling
- Fans (WA Athletic Club may donate)
- Money
- Food
- Hand truck (Elizabeth has one)

9. Other

- Announcement: Aurora Commons will be closed the first two weeks of July
- A local journalist, Hanna Brooks Olsen, interviewed residents of the Village for an article in Real Change
- The city hearing on Tiny House villages revealed they were performing very well and above expectations
- Experiences at Interbay found that encampments and tiny house villages serve as a catalyst for creating community organization around the encampment/village
- The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has matching fund money available for small Sparks Grants up to \$5,000 to help build community. LS Village is encouraged to apply
- A veterinary service wants to provide services to all tiny house villages

10. Next Meeting

- Thursday, July 27, 5:00-6:30, tentatively at Cate Apartments