

TENT CITY 5 CAC MEETING MINUTES, January 8, 2018

Chair: Libby Stevenson

Note-taker: Janis Traven

Attending: Michele Marchand (SHARE/WHEEL), Joseph Procella (TC5), Garrett Smith (TC5), Janis Traven (MCC), Karen Ko (Dept of Neighborhoods), Stacy Goodall, Erin Rantz (District 7 NAC), Dana Dunklin (DESC), Pastor Joy Haertig (Magnolia UCC), Mick Shultz (Port of Seattle), Sibby DeForest (Magnolia Community).

Minutes from December were approved, with the corrected spelling of Pastor Joy's last name, Haertig. Minutes will be sent to both Michele (SHARE/WHEEL) and Karen Ko for publication on City/HSD website.

General Updates:

- Physical camp, From TC5: 51 residents in tiny cabins and dorms, including one family with a newborn. It was noted that unlike more typical census of encampments, there are only 9 women in TC5 currently.
- Child Protective Services has checked in on the infant and family.
- The camp has added more bark to even out the walking surfaces. More gravel and bark is needed. Port-a-Potties have been moved inside the fenced area
- Power has been hooked up to community areas and to individual cabins; campers now have heat and light!
- There is still no running water, or hookups for toilets or showers, as a result of the lawsuit. This continues to be of concern for sanitation and safety reasons.
- The camp needs City and LIHI involvement to install a fire exit in the rear fence section.
- Permit update: temporary permitting continues, pending completion of SEPA. SEPA review has not started.
- Community Relations: No complaints have been received; litter patrols have taken place. TC5 will focus on east side of 15th W, since they have encountered other litter patrols near Whole Foods.
- Library will set up 16 WiFi hotspots at TC5.
- Both Stacy and Michele discussed TC5's "old" neighborhood near 17th W. Stacy reports that litter and drug use has increased. One of the neighboring business owners, who was not supportive of TC5, experienced a break-in a month after TC5 left, and noted to the press that he had never had any problems with TC5.
- Stacy reported that Starbucks collected more than 100 donated coats, winter clothing, and blankets. She also nominated TC5 for a Starbucks grant, which resulted in 100 gift cards for the residents. Residents also received gift cards for Whole Foods from the Magnolia/Queen Anne faith community.
- Stacy also shared that she will be taking a management spot at the Starbucks at 12th and Columbia.

CAC moving forward – Discussion

- A representative from District 7 NAC will join the CAC. Either Nora Bennett or Erin Rantz will represent District 7 NAC at meetings.

- Libby Stevenson volunteered to contact the manager of Whole Foods to see if he'd be willing to join CAC.

City Funding Decisions and Impacts – Michele reported on the Mayor's funding announcement about bridge funding for shelters that should last about 6 months. SHARE and WHEEL will fight to reverse the cuts and keep the shelters open.

Other encampments –

- Licton Springs is stable. Population is equally divided between men and women.
- Ballard Nickelsville has received an extension on their permit to stay put while the city prepared new sites for them.

Camp priority needs

- Hot meals on weekends.

Press

- Press: Invisible People, a homeless awareness media organization, visited TC5 to explore their food situation with attention paid to wasted food. As a result of the visit, Invisible People purchased two refrigerators that were delivered immediately to the camp.
- Seattle Times continues its reporting on homelessness; they have focused on hotspots (WiFi).

Food & Meals Report:

- Hot meals on weekends are the current need..

Next Meeting:

- 5PM Monday February 5th, location: DESC Interbay Place.