

Community Advisory Meeting 6/5/17

Location: Tent City 5 Community Tent

In attendance: Niki Amarantides, Janis Traven, John Gaines, Michele Marchand, Sibby DeForest, Stacy Goodall, Karen Ko, Libby Stevenson, Tim (TC5), Amber (TC5), Charlie (TC5)

Chairperson - Niki Amarantides

Note Taker - Libby/Janis

May Minutes approved

Special Announcement – Karen Ko

Upcoming activity regarding the Fort Lawton Redevelopment plan.

Seattle is hosting a Public Open House and Scoping Meeting on Monday, June 19, 6:30pm (open house) and 7:30 (public comment) at Daybreak Star Center, 5011 Bernie Whitebear Way. Public is welcome to come to learn more about the vision and the environmental review process and to provide public comment on the scope of the proposal. Karen said that plans include various level of housing, including affordable, low income, veterans, and homeless. She encouraged the TC5, Sharewheel, and the entire community to attend. Michele advised that the camp members could discuss at their weekly meeting the following night.

General Updates:

Camp/Meals/Amenities – Tim

- Occupancy is at around 64
- Camp supplies are in good shape
- A lot of neighbors are bringing food
- Sibby arranged a big donation from Value Village-Crown Hill that included clothing, household items, etc.
- Tim brought up the hot meal option offered by the City and suggested that TC5 would like a hot breakfast as their selection. This is a program being offered to all 6 encampments, wherein the City will provide a hot meal 6 days a week. It is subject to city council approval, but everyone really hoping for success.
- Stacy will check to see if Starbucks can donate oatmeal

Community Relations – Amber

- The District 7 NAC clean up was a huge success. Volunteers cleaned up a large area, at least 2-3 block radius and beyond.
- Camp is appreciative of all the support from churches

Demographic

- 4 residents moved into permanent housing
- The family with children that had been living at the camp has moved out and onto another state.

- Camp is basically at capacity. There is some community tent availability for women, but they are full up on men. They are routinely turning people away.
- The camp neighborhood has been pretty quiet.

Permit Expiration

- Community groups are still writing to the City to support an extension of the permit
- Community is very encouraging of keeping TC5 in the Interbay vicinity, if not in its current location
- Janis called Jason at HSD. Jason said King County Public Health is behind the 2 year limit, citing public health concern.
- Community group, including Marilyn, Janis, Sibby, and others wrote a letter to George Scarola, a cabinet level homelessness director. There is confusion as to whether a cabinet member can override department heads. CAC member Pastor Marilyn spoke directly to Scarola and voiced the opinion the community is supportive of the extension or keeping TC5 in Interbay and he said “good luck with that.”
- The City called TC5 and others to meeting downtown on Tuesday (June 6) to which all encampments are invited and will be represented. It seemed likely that proposed replacement sites will be revealed at that meeting, and that they would not be in the Interbay neighborhood. After discussion, CAC member Janis Traven was selected to join TC5 at the 6/6 meeting. Attendees pledged to advise the CAC on the outcome of the meeting.
- Sibby brought up Expedia and what they might be able to do for the camp. John knows someone in the real estate department at Expedia and will reach out to them to see if they will get involved or can offer any solutions.
- It was noted that the Armory property along 15th W is WA State property – Janis will contact Senator Carlyle’s office to see if he can facilitate contacts re: use of that property.

Update from Licton Springs

- 44 residents. Camp is running smoothly
- Still no power to site
- Discussion/praise for Navigation Team members who have worked with residents to relocate them after sweeps

Priority list/Organizational Needs

- List was reviewed

Next Meeting: July 3, 2017, 5pm at Tent City (will be confirmed after next TC5 camp meeting).