

## **Tent City 5 Advisory Board | August 1, 2016**

Attending: Charlie, Michele Marchand, Sonny Brewer, Judy Maleng, Lyle Jones, Laurie Ames, Janis Traven

Chair for August 1 meeting: Laurie Ames. Note-taker: Janis Traven

Agenda approved. Approved last month's meeting minutes, amended to reflect LIHI successes in moving TC residents to housing. Motion to approve made and seconded

### **General Updates:**

- Numbers: full, with 73 + 6-10 overflow. There has been some overflow. No children are in TC5 at the moment – families have been facilitated into housing by LIHI.
- Infrastructure is working. Portable storage shed from ShelterLogic are being reviewed for use in TC5 to provide more structural stability.
- QFC gift cars are being used for ice.
- Michele reported that residents of all Tent Cities continue to be moved to permanent housing through LIHI.
- A number of TC5 residents have had success finding employment.
- Meals have been set up M-F, weekends are still spotty. Non-perishable foods are needed. Buy Nothing Lower Queen Anne is looking for Thursday Dinner partners.
- City of Seattle medical van provides services twice a month. It has been very well utilized.
- Crisis interventions have occurred; Laurie Ames discussed looping in Laura Wohlberg, of SPD, and Community Police Liaison, David Larrabee, as well as Metro Human Services and Mental Health Outreach in advance of and to avert future crises.

### **Community Relations**

- Neighborhood Cleanups occurred for July 15 at the Magnolia School, and Magnolia Village tree wells on July 16, in conjunction with Magnolia Chamber. The Magnolia School Cleanup went well; the Chamber Cleanup was less than ideal – more clarity in advance about a contact person and expectations will be incorporated into planning next time.
- Comment made that community relations will benefit if it is clear that the encampments under the Emerson overpass are separate from TC5, and are not overflow.
- Next City analytical article by Jen Kinney was discussed, and enclosed in the meeting packet.
- Seattle Public Library and the Magnolia Branch are helping residents to get library cards, address fines, set up hotspots, and utilize the many certifications that are available through the SPL website. Book van visits are also planned.
- TC5 is promoting voter registration.
- A community BBQ is planned for a time around Labor Day.

### **SHARE 's Permit Renewal**

- SHARE plans to apply for renewal of their permit to manage TC5. The renewal process is complicated because the rule-making regarding the permitting process has not been finalized. SHARE plans to flyer businesses in within 300' of TC5 prior to the public comment period, as required.
- Talks are ongoing regarding expanding the area of TC5 onto more of City Light's property.
- SHARE is still struggling. They have received a bridge grant from Catholic Community Services

- Close to a settlement with King County – there is a proposal for a partnership with Catholic Community Services, with LIHI providing case management. Church council is looking for other additional shelters.
- FEMA funding – FEMA considers tents to be fundable because it provides more outdoor shelter.

**Camp Priority Needs**

- Wish List/Urgent needs list posted on website. Blankets, weekend meals, grillable food are needed
- Small chest freezer – Janis Traven will donate, date TBD

**Other Business:**

- Next meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> at DESC