

Community Advisory Meeting 8/7/17

Location: Tent City 5 Community Tent

In attendance: Janis Traven, Marilyn Cornwell, Stacy Goodall, Michele Marchand, Sibby DeForest, Tim (TC5), Al (TC5), Tom Von Bronkhorst (City of Seattle), Libby Stevenson, John Gaines

Chairperson - John Gaines

Note Taker - Janis Traven

June minutes and July minutes were approved

General Updates:

Physical Camp/Meals/Amenities – Tim

- ~70 residents, all tents filled. There are 2 families, 3 young children, including 2 toddlers, and a 15 Year old. in residence.
- Camp supplies are in good shape
- Meals are stable, kitchen is organized, ice and water situation are good.
- Stacy reported on Starbucks' upcoming Food Share Program, in which their unsold lunch entrees will be donated to Food Lifeline. It is not clear if stores can designate recipients, or if a larger distribution structure and network will be put in place. It will be a test of mobile donation service.

Community Relations – Al/Tim

- Marilyn reported that the Church Network met yesterday about mobilizing for the fall, and the upcoming move. Sibby reported that the District 7 Neighborhood Action Committee had gathered > 300 signature to keep TC5 in the neighborhood.
- Camp is appreciative of all the support from churches, District 7 NAC, and CAC, who attended and spoke in support of TC5 at City Council Committee meeting on June 28
- No incidents/negative reports from neighborhood. The camp neighborhood has been pretty quiet.

Demographic

- Residents continue to move into permanent housing 1 got housing in past month, with hopes that the family with small children will get prioritized for housing soon.

Permit Expiration on 11/18/17– Michele

- Update on Port Commission hearing on July 25th.
- Port and City reps, including Commissioner Gregoire met at TC5 on 7/28, and learned about the self-governance model of the encampment, and discussed the location needs for a new site.
- Update on what sites might be viable at Port. Update on how Port authorities seem to be changing their perspective on whether the Port can participate in addressing homelessness by offering the use of their property.
- Interbay Neighborhood Association's recent letter to the City was discussed. Marilyn commented that the ecumenical council is frustrated by the conflation of the issues with

unsanctioned vs sanctioned encampments. Stacy, on behalf of Starbucks, questioned whom exactly does the INA represent? She has operated a business in Interbay for many years, and has been unable to contact INA (website is inactive/email is dead), nor has there ever been any outreach from them. John Gaines, who has been representing Interbay businesses in the area at the CAC, explained that they are reorganizing, with the rehire of their previous Executive Director, Bruce Wynn. John announced that he will be leaving the CAC, and that Bruce Wynn would replace him.

- Important Port Commission meeting on August 8, to discuss the port's response to homelessness.

Update from Licton Springs, other New Initiatives

- Licton Springs Village is full. Food donations are difficult, and campers are hungry. Half of residents are men, half are women. 29 tiny houses. Dorms are full. Many medically-compromised residents.
- Police response to incident calls at Licton Springs are disappointing.
- Councilmember Mike O'Brien is attempting to introduce a solution to RV parking issue
- Navigation Center is open, with 50 residents
- Homeless Services contracts to be put out to bid

Priority list/Organizational Needs

- List was reviewed. The camp is stable.
- Planning for a move was discussed. Tents, cots, wood for platforms, plywood, blocks and tarps are on the supply list. John offered to contact nearby construction companies and sites to see if they'll donate extra supplies.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017, 5pm at Tent City ; meeting delayed a week due to Labor Day holiday.