

TENT CITY 5 CAC MEETING MINUTES, December 4, 2017

Chair: Marilyn Cornwell

Note-taker: Janis Traven

Attending: Michele Marchand, Tim (TC5), Jennifer (TC5), Janis Traven (MCC), Karen Ko (Dept of Neighborhoods), Marilyn Cornwell, Stacy Goodall, Nora Bennett (District 7 NAC), Dana Dunklin (DESC), Pastor Joy Haertig (Magnolia UCC), Mick Shultz (Port of Seattle), Imineka Taijo (Buddhist Temple), Sibby DeForest (Magnolia Community), Niki Amarantides (SPU), Mistina (manager, Work Lofts), and Greg (tenant, Work Lofts).

Minutes from November were approved, with the correction that TC3 moved to the SPU site on November 18, not the 17th. It was agreed that minutes and corrections be sent to both Michele (SHARE/WHEEL) and Karen Ko for publication on City/HSD website.

General Updates:

- From Tim: the move was rough, with logistics hampered by delays in permitting and resizing and reconfiguring the camp subsequent to lawsuit filed pre se by Elizabeth Campbell. This has resulted in hardship on the campers and the community; the population of the camp is limited by its reduced size, and there is a concomitant increase in camp operations workload on campers, some of whom are medically and/or physically compromised.
- There are currently 24 residents in 22 houses. 54 residents, 3 dogs and 1 cat overall, including men and women in dorms. There are currently no families with children in the camp.
- No power to camp; current promise is for power in the Community tent by the end of the week, and power to cabins by Christmas. In the meantime, the campers are very cold.
- There is no running water, or hookups for toilets or showers, as a result of the lawsuit. Tim reported that they have configured a dishwashing system with bottled water.
- Gravel was delivered to entrance of site so that it will not be a deeply rutted field of mud
- Permit update: there has been an appeal filed on the 4-week permit that was issued. It was assumed that the temporary permit is not appealable.
- SHARE/WHEEL is seeking consultation with a land use attorney, so that the full site can be utilized as soon as possible.
- The SEPA review has not started
- Community Relations: No complaints have been received; litter patrols will begin.
- Demographics and successes: note – these numbers are from LIHI, and combine results from sanctioned encampments – in 2016, 23% exited to permanent housing. To date, through 2017, 27% have exited to permanent housing.

CAC moving forward – Discussion

Michele led a discussion about updating and reconfiguring the CAC. The ordinance guiding the CAC states that there should be 7 members. SHARE/WHEEL has designated positions be filled in the following categories. The following members have agreed to stay on or serve:

- Faith Community- Pastor Joy Haertig will replace outgoing member Marilyn Cornwell

- Community Members – Janis Traven and Libby Stevenson from Magnolia Community Council will continue
- Academia – Niki Amarantides from SPU will continue
- Social Service: Dana Dunklin will replace Danielle Burt from DESC
- Neighborhood Organization TBD: representative from District 7 NAC?
- Business community TBD: Stacy Goodall will be replaced by rep from Whole Foods or WorkLofts.

City Funding Decisions and Impacts – Indoor shelters and downtown services (urban reststops, restrooms, women’s healthcare) shutting down. Tim reported that cuts to funding will affect women the most. Michele reported that Women in Black will stand vigil for the 9 homeless citizens who died in the past month; yearly total so far is 87.

Other encampments –

- Licton Springs is stable. City has agreed to fund one hot meal/day through 2018
- Ballard Nickelsville has received an extension on their permit to stay put while the city works out new siting for them.

Camp priority needs

- In addition to Wishlist items, gas and oil for generator

Announcements

- Stacy announced that Starbucks will be doing a blanket drive, and will send out a notice for circulation.
- Stacy reported that litter has increased around her store, as has drug activity SINCE TC5 MOVED from the City Light site near QFC. She reiterated the positive impact that the presence of TC5 had on its immediate neighborhood.
- Janis shared a plan that Mark Linsey and Rob Wilson (Magnolia Ace Hardware) are proposing for an emergency supply network for TC5. Pending the establishment of procedures to draw on the account, Rob will set up an account at Ace Hardware for community donations. He will match the donations up to a level TBD, and will give a 25% discount. SHARE/WHEEL and LIHI will determine how this account will be structured/accessed, with thanks in advance to Mark Linsey and Rob Wilson for their generosity and dedication to solving problems.

Food & Meals Report:

- Stable. All donors/organizations have followed the camp to the new site.

Next Meeting:

- 5PM Monday January 8th, location: DESC Interbay Place.