**Camp Second Chance Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

**Sunday May 5, 2019**

**Arrowhead Gardens Welcome Center**

**CAC members present:**

Cinda Stenger and Aaron Garcia

**Camp 2nd Chance/LIHI rep:**

Eric Davis

**City of Seattle rep:**

Sean Neal – Contracts

**CAC/LIHI/City Updates**

Cinda: Explained how Alki United Church of Christ building at Camp Second Chance has evolved into Sounds Foundations NW, representing the wider community involvement and volunteer base that is present at camp. This broad base of support has brought many types of resources to the camp, one example being a volunteer who has a start up on the eastside, brought his HR manager with him to create and review resumes with the residents. SFNW has finished their 20th tiny house on site, and is looking to finish up at camp, getting all campers into tiny houses, this summer. They will also be building new houses for the guest area, and provide help to rebuild the kitchen site should LIHI be able to fund that.

Sean Neal: nothing to report from the city

Eric Davis: The camp has 49 residents now, 15 women and 34 men. One resident has been reunited w/ family; two more are moving into permanent housing. There are 43 tiny houses and five tents left; two spaces have been earmarked for additional tiny houses. There were no bars this last month, and no 911 calls.

Eric announced that the film “Stories of Us/Camp Second Chance” will be shown at the Seattle International Film Festival in June. The filmmaker, Melinda Raebyne, resided at the camp for a week in the winter, interviewing and filming the residents. They are very excited and hope to see everyone there!

The shower truck is on site, needs customization to make it viable, with water bladders and hot tank. Should be in operation within two weeks. UGM will continue to bring their shower truck on Fridays.

Eric continues to be pleased with the amount of community support and volunteers wanting to come on site.

Aaron: White Center Community Development Assoc (CDA) traditionally has a big volunteer event each year (~500 people), but is redirecting their focus to smaller events each quarter (~100 people). They have chosen CSC for a beautification event in June, possibly to include Myers Way property. They want to commit to financing two tiny houses. Targeting $5k for the homes, paint for the houses that still need finishing, food and music. Looking at early June for the event (note: date has since been set for June 8th).

If they get as many as 100 people for the day, some could go across the street to work on restoration on the WSDOT property. The suggestion was made that the city should scope out that property first to make sure it’s all clear of camping that could make a volunteer visit unsafe.

Eric: Asked Sean to have the grass along Myers Way mowed, down by the fire training facility. Sean responded that he will ask Tom B (Dept of Neighborhoods) about who would do that

Community member: Shout out to Eric and his management of the camp, showing what is possible when there is strong leadership

Zsa Zsa Floyd, member of CSC: Thanked CSC for her two years at the camp, they are now housed in Kent.

She had received care at Navos, who connected her to REACH for case management. She is a living example of how the sanctioned encampment model can work to help those find rest, safety and resources to move on in their lives.