**CAC Agenda/Meeting Notes**

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| CAC Name: | Camp Second Chance Community Advisory Committee |
| Date: | 09-07-2019 |
| Meeting Location: | Arrowhead Gardens Welcome Center 9200 2nd Ave SW, Seattle |
| Call to Order (time): |  |
| CAC Members in Attendance: | Willow Fulton Aaron Garcia  Judi Carr |
| Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance: |  |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance: | Josh Castle |
| Community Members in Attendance: |  |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance: | Tom Van Bronkhorst Lisa Gustaveson |
| Recorder/ Note Taker: | Willow Fulton |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved: | Yes |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted: | Yes |

**CAC Member Reports:**

Willow – Has been to camp a couple of times – seems to be going well – those moving into housing are excited. Surrounding areas along Myers way are staying fairly clear and clean though there is still some evidence of camping in the wooded areas – requests REACH check in on to assess. There has also been significant dumping in gated areas under power lines – gates are broken open and truckloads of debris are showing up

Judi – set up the room today, glad to see everyone here

Aaron – Sub area plan community meetings hosted by King County are coming up regarding zoning – check their site for schedules – the CDA is working to support affordable housing in the area

WC Summit coming up Sat Sept 9 – breakouts in several languages – topics like housing, health, economic opportunity and community building. Will be discussions and food Theme: Systems Change – trying to identify a couple of priorities for state and county reps to focus on

**Progress/Case Management Report:**

Eric –

55 residents – 17 women 38 men

No 911 calls,

no permanent bars, but there have been 5 referrals to IPTX (inpatient treatment) for over medicating/drug use – 3 have accepted, 2 have not yet. This is a great option because they get to come back at completion -they have a safe place for their belongings and to return to when the come out, and assistance with next steps (employment, housing, etc)

8 residents moved into permanent housing

3 more this week – total of 6 by end of month

Josh (LIHI) – No formal report, but here to answer any questions

**City of Seattle**

Lisa (HSD):

Relayed information from recent public update – C2C permit has been extended for 6 months (Until March 2020).

Have been approached by faith communities to sponsor the village – will have a decision by end of October about sponsorship – if that doesn’t happen by Nov, they will plan to phase out the village – meaning they would work closely with LIH to find housing for any residents or refer to another program that works for them.

Tom:

Has had conversations with CAC, NHUAC, HPAC – they all requested a community meeting regarding the HSD plan – this is being planned and will likely be in October or possibly November, hopefully at the Joint Training Facility next to C2C

**Public Comment/Questions:** (name/address/affiliation/issue raised/question asked)

Billie (Arrowhead Gardens Resident): As a neighbor, is very happy about having the camp there and not sure who is complaining about it - the positive activity in the area cuts down on unsanctioned camping, and reduces the impact the neighborhood would have if there more people without the resources of the camp . Also, if they could be easily re-housed, that would have happened already – so shutting down the camp will be an impact. The idea of moving the camp is absurd and a waste of money and community effort – the community built there should be left there – it would be a waste of taxpayer money and inhumane to move. If there is not actual affordable housing for them, allow them to stay until there is.

Marty (Another AG resident): Agrees with Billie – we have a homeless problem around the US as there is very little actual affordable housing – 2nd chance should be a model and be copied, not destroyed until we can address the base issues with affordable housing, fair wages, homelessness and addiction

Tracy (west Seattle Blog): What, if any, change does the recently announced city/county plan mean for places like Camp 2nd Chance?

Lisa: The announcement of the regional entity should have minimal impact in the first year – the villages are currently considered part of the existing shelter system – so the main change is that the contracts would be awarded, paid and assessed by the regional entity [rather than the city]

Judi: There is an email that letters can be sent to for supporting the camp?

Lisa: [homelessness@seattle.gov](mailto:homelessness@seattle.gov)

Aaron: From last meeting – this community has really stepped up and helped c2c – If we are making a long term commitment to having the camp here, how can we also make sure that other challenges in the immediate area are addressed? Like dumping, unsanctioned camping, adding sidewalks, traffic safety, activating the surrounding green spaces

Tom: The “objections” to the village in the area are based on other issue in the area (dumping, unsanctioned camping, etc), plus infrastructure (sidewalks, traffic safety, activating the surrounding green spaces) – if the camp were to continue, the focus on those things would likely continue – especially the nav team in the area.

Has also been in contact with Parks dept about trimming overgrowth north of village – will follow up with them if it has not been done.

Willow: At previous meetings there were requests to have REACH/Nav team check on the situation across Myers way – there has definitely been some traffic in the area – it would be better to get it addressed if it’s just a few people.

Lisa: will follow up on Monday

Aaron: With winter approaching, how can community help C2C?

Eric: blankets are most important – electric blankets, too. When they have overnight guest, they want to be able to give them a new blanket. The c2c community is thriving due to the support of the community – it’s making a difference and he hopes that can continue.

Tracy: Of 5 ppl offered treatment, are they all back now?

Eric: No – they are not permanently barred, but they are not at camp – they may return pending 30 days treatment. This keeps the unhealthy behavior out of camp, but allows the people to have an option if they choose to get treatment.

Marty: If we can have more spaces like this, it would be much cheaper and more dignified than the repeated sweeps and cleanups.

Link to WSB coverage of meeting: <https://westseattleblog.com/2019/09/camp-second-chance-permit-extended-another-6-months-city-announces/#comments>

Next Meeting: Sunday October 6th