Georgetown Tiny House Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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| CAC Name | Georgetown Tiny House Village |
| Date | Tuesday, July 9, 2019 |
| Meeting Location | St. Vincent de Paul, Georgetown |
| Call to Order (time) | 4:10pm |
| CAC Members in Attendance | Erik Maus, Bill Oliver, Barbara Grace Hill |
| Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance | Stacy J, Ian Boote, Hattie R, Justin G, Lorraine H |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance | Andrew Constantino/LIHI |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance | Tom Van Bronkhorst/DON, Shawn Neal/HSD |
| Recorder/Note Taker | B Hill |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved (No or Yes/Date) | No/July 8 |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted (No or Yes/Date) | Yes as Draft, July 8 |

**Introductions/CAC Member Reports:**

Intros only, no reports

**City of Seattle: What steps have been taken to start a conversation with the Georgetown Community?**

The City (Tom and Shawn) were asked for an update specifically on what had been done to engage and inform the community on village permit status.

Tom Van Bronkhorst reported: HSD is still looking at different options and issues. Tom has been talking with the GCC, more specifically with Holly Krejci, they determined that another “community listening session” would not be advisable, Holly suggested a facilitated “results based” session to come up with an action plan. Tom said that would not be possible as anything agreed for one village would have to be done for all villages. The focus is on the 3 villages with expired permits – Georgetown, Othello and Camp 2nd Chance. He plans on having 2 sessions of some kind with the GCC soon. The Georgetown Merchants Assoc. invited him to attend their next meeting.

Barbara expressed frustration she has heard from community members that nothing has been set up to date to inform the community of the City’s process or plans over the last 3.5 months. She strongly recommended, since the GCC doesn’t have a public meeting again until September, that the City/DON/HSD include a wider representation of the community in any information sessions they might schedule between now and then. She’d like to ensure that the broader community be given the opportunity to be included in information dissemination; suggested Public Safety Task Force, Georgetown Arts group, CAC and any others (residents, business owners, workers) who would like to attend.

Tom reported that HSD plans to inform the community of their decision about the fate of the village in September. Barbara expressed concern that since this is also the deadline for the 6 month extension the community will likely feel like the City had no intention to inform along the way or include the community in the decision making process.

Andrew Constantino/LIHI reported that they are researching church sponsorship for the village. Church sponsorship precludes the need for 2 year permitting.

**Operations/Village Development Report:**

62 adults, 39 men, 23 women, 1 child, 1 family, 18 pets

No bars, 1 re-entry due to a successful appeal

Eight 911 calls, 1 for medical emergency, the other 7 were from the same individual having a mental health crisis

Referrals continue to come from the Navigation Team. Tend to be people with difficult issues and the village self-managed team is proud of the progress they are making with their new Code of Conduct, progressive discipline and de-escalation abilities. Andrew shared a report showing a marked decrease in bars year-to-date vs the prior year. The team feels this is directly the result of their newly instated team approach, including the Case Managers. The result seems to be a more cohesive and calmer village environment.

Regular neighborhood clean-up walks continue, and residents are enjoying meeting each other.

Every other week the village community meeting is now focusing on community building and fun i.e. a BBQ, Karaoke, Movie or Game Night. The business meeting nights seem to be more focused, solution oriented and quicker now!

The Fourth of July BBQ was a big success.

3 new interns from LIHI through AmeriCorps.

Boeing coming soon to do volunteer work.

**Case Management Report:**

In Scott’s absence, Hattie shared the Case Management Report of the past 30 days:

2 residents got jobs

The new ½ time CM is a help and equally overworked to the FTE CM, Scott.

Erik Maus reminded the village residents that St Vincent de Paul / Catholic Community Services can help share the workload with Case Managers regarding counseling, housing, etc. Call Erik at 767-6449

**Next Meeting:**

 Tuesday, August 13 at 4:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul

**Adjournment: 5:10 pm**