**DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING**

**Licton Springs Village**

**Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

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| Date | June 28, 2018 |
| Location | Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N |
| Call to Order Time | 5:00pm |
| CAC Members Present | Elizabeth Dahl, Rachel Long, Darryl Ulskey, Kathy Olson |
| Permitted Encampment Members Present |  |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance | Michele Marchand, Charlie Johnson, Sherry Sternhagen, Bobbi Ehly, Curtis  Polteno |
| Community Members Present | Mary Riski, Sharon Holt, David Baum |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance | Thomas Whittemore |
| Recorder/Note Taker | Kathy Olson |
| Meeting Chair | Elizabeth Dahl |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved | Not available |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted | No |

**Permit Renewal Report, Update and Discussion**

* Physical changes include plans to make use of a “pedestrian” gate which is more easily monitored. The default would be for the gate to be closed and use a buzzer system for entry. The larger gate would be opened as needed for vehicles.
* Excess “stuff” and garbage are more controlled.
* There are plans to replace the dorms and a couple tents with 8 tiny houses. This will require a slight reduction in village population. Some people will transfer to the new Whittier Heights Women’s Village. New referrals are being held off.
* Staff will meet with the city and LIHI in August regarding renewal and, hopefully, reach an agreement to continue.
* Plans for the Village are to relocate after next March of 2019. LIHI owns the current property and plans to develop the property for low income housing.

**Report on Village Operations**

* George Scarola is working as a half-time staff member with ordinary responsibilities. He has a special focus on neighborhood relations with a goal of creating a more positive image of Licton Springs in order to ease the way to open more encampments.
* Seattle Public Utilities has started a litter abatement program in the neighborhood which has been beneficial to all.
* Monthly dump runs for residents continue.
* Marni and Elizabeth are working on writing an op-ed piece for a variety of news sources. They plan to interview residents and write short stories showing the varied backgrounds, talents, and skills of the people in the Village and to address misconceptions. Submissions from CAC members and others about how their thinking has shifted regarding the Village residents would be appreciated and should be sent to Elizabeth and Marni.
* Sharon Holt spoke of frustration in getting information from the city and from LIHI about Village effectiveness. She and other neighbors would like to see numbers that show the accountability of the Village. It is hard to get quantitative data on numbers served and the results of their stay in the Village. It was suggested that Josh Castle attend the next meeting and come with data. Michele will talk with him.
* There are currently 56 residents in the Village.

There has been one bar.

Some residents will transfer to Whittier Heights

* Staff training regarding the hoarding project is planned for July.
* A complaint from a neighbor a few blocks away has resulted in that corner being added to the regular litter patrol.
* A list of materials needed from the Needle Exchange is given on Fridays and materials are delivered on Mondays.
* Staff have noticed new people in the neighborhood. It is thought that this is a normal seasonal change. Also, due to the closing of *Back Page*, there is more street traffic.
* Case Management

Sherry will soon be moving to Whittier Heights. Curtis Polteno will be taking her place at Licton Springs.

Three residents are close to permanent housing. One has gotten a part-time job with LIHI.

**Community Relations and Opportunities**

* An Open House is scheduled for July 8, 4:00 – 6:00pm and will include a barbeque and live music.
* Lessons learned from first year

--More funding is needed. There is need for 3 staff during the daytime.

--Have the site fully set up before residents arrive, including having dumpsters on site.

--Mental health challenges are a big factor.

--Have more policies in writing.

**Village Needs**

* Funding, blankets, cold drinks
* $10 gift cards have worked well as rewards for residents—Jack in the Box, Starbucks, Fred Meyer, etc. LIHI funded some use of gift cards.

**Next Meeting**

* July 26, 5:00pm at Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N