

Community Advisory Meeting 9/11/17

Location: Tent City 5 Community Tent

In attendance: Janis Traven, Marilyn Cornwell, Stacy Goodall, Michele Marchand, Tim (TC5), Al (TC5), Lisa Gustaveson (City of Seattle), Libby Stevenson, Danielle Burt, Ali (LIHI)

Chairperson - Libby Stevenson

Note Taker - Janis Traven

The August minutes had not been submitted prior to this meeting, so could not be reviewed. Note-taker for the August meeting, Janis Traven, was abject in her sincere embarrassment and apologized profusely for her untimely and uncharacteristic oversight. The CAC was generous and forgiving, and perhaps unwisely gave her the opportunity to be note-taker for this meeting.

General Updates:

Physical Camp/Meals/Amenities – Tim

- 52 residents. Michele explained that in preparation for the move, they have suspended nighttime overflow in order to stabilize the community. Stacy noted that she has overheard complaints about TC5 turning people away. Michele clarified that TC5 is suspending the admittance of people who don't screen through the full intake required by the camp.
- Camp supplies are in good shape
- Meals are stable, kitchen is organized, ice and water situation are good.
- Stacy reported that the freezer door at Starbucks was left open, and that the contents, mostly pastries, were brought up to Licton Springs.

Community Relations – Al/Tim

- Marilyn reported that the Church Support Network met yesterday about mobilizing for the fall, and the upcoming move. They are ready to spring into action to support the upcoming move.
- No incidents/negative reports from neighborhood. The camp neighborhood has been pretty quiet.

Demographic

- Residents continue to move into permanent housing: 3 families with children (representing 7 children among them) and some singles got housing.

Permit Expiration on 11/18/17– Michele

- Update on Port Commission hearing on August 8th, Port-sponsored neighborhood meeting in Magnolia on 9/6/17, and Tsubota site plans discussed. Michele shared a map drawn for proposed layout of camp that didn't reflect the 18K sq ft area & will have to be redrawn.

- Lisa Gustaveson reported on what the City has accomplished re: leasing the site: City has the ability to lease, 18,000 square feet, expected occupancy of 82, with a front, non-exclusionary access to 15th W.
- Upcoming steps: positive vote to approve lease at Port, emergency order from the Mayor and council approval. Lease with Port to be signed next week, followed by SEPA review. Unclear if the City will have the funds to level the site.
- Electricity and water will be tapped into via the existing building on the site. The lessee of that building has offered to pay for the utilities.
- Important Port Commission meeting on September 12, to approve the lease for the Tsubota property.
- City will convene at least one Neighborhood Notification meeting prior to move.
- Friday is Day of Caring; LIHI and United Way will host. 70 Microsoft employees will be setting up and painting tiny houses on the site.
- Discussion about the setback requirements from 15th W and vehicle access area
- CAC has offered to accompany TC5 in canvass of local businesses.
- A discussion about whether to expand, change, reconstitute, or keep the same CAC in place was postponed until the next meeting.

Update from Licton Springs, other New Initiatives

- Licton Springs Village is full. Food donations are difficult, and campers are hungry. Half of residents are men, half are women. 29 tiny houses. Dorms are full. Many medically-compromised residents. Pop-up encampments are being reduced.
- Police response to incident calls at Licton Springs are disappointing.
- Councilmember Mike O'Brien is attempting to introduce a solution to RV parking issue
- Navigation Center is open, with 50 residents
- Homeless Services contracts to be put out to bid
- It was noted that Nickelville Ballard is still having a challenge re: an acceptable site for its campers; the Comcast site has been ruled out.

Priority list/Organizational Needs

- List was reviewed. The camp will need more blankets as the cooler weather approaches.
- Planning for a move was discussed. Tents, cots, wood for platforms, plywood, blocks and tarps are on the supply list. John offered to contact nearby construction companies and sites to see if they'll donate extra supplies.

Announcements: Women in Black, Homeless Remembrance, SHARE Auction 9/23

Next Meeting: October 2, 2017, 5pm location TBD