

DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING

TENT CITY 5 CAC MEETING MINUTES March 5, 2018

Chair: Erin Rants

Note-Taker: Niki Amarantides

Attending: Michele Marchand (Share/Wheel); Nora (alternate, Dist. 7 NAC); Janis Travern (MCC); Joy Haertig (Magnolia UCC); Mike (Port of Seattle); Karen Ko (Dept. of Neighborhoods); Sibby DeForest (Magnolia Community); Garrett and Joseph from TC5. Guest: Katie from Transit Riders and Housing for All

Minutes from February were approved.

General Updates:

- TC5 is full at 58 residents: 1 mom/teenage daughter.
- A husband/wife volunteer team have been installing hardware for curtains
- Cooking on the weekends in camp; more meal support needed
- Still in a holding pattern, month to month, until SEPA review period begins
- Several tours and interviews have been happening: Port-City tour; Bellingham City Commissioners; World magazine out of LA came by.
- Teresa Mosqueda, new at-large City Council person coming for tour in April
- Neighborhood encounters: mistaken identity w/Whole Foods; reduction of 911 medical calls.
- **NEEDS:**
 - ☐ bike racks needed; Karen will check to see if there are any available from the city.
 - ☐ More raised beds for gardens
 - ☐ A business rep on the CAC. Libby tried to get Whole Foods—not promising. Corporate Work Lofts needs to respond. Suggestion for West Marine or Brown Bear car wash.

Katie from Transit Riders Union & Housing for All reported on City Council: Finance Committee is having a hearing at 2 pm Wed. March 14 re. the employee hours tax to fund housing and homelessness response. Committee is chaired by Sally Bagshaw. Magnolia constituents encouraged to attend to demonstrate support for the tax. *This tax would be on high-grossing businesses to help address homelessness. A progressive revenue source, it would be 6.5 cents per employee, per hour, from companies grossing more than 10 million per year.*

Neighborhood Action Coalition (NAC) unanimously supports the resolution to look at the employee hours tax. This tax could bring in 25-75 million for funding. Hopes for the legislation to get moving by April. So far, 5 councilpersons are in support: Gonzalez, Herbold, Sawant, O'Brien, and Mosqueda. Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Council are opposed.

Other Encampments:

Licton Springs is full, with very little turnover. It is rare to bar people there. It is also rare to get into permanent housing since housing is so scarce. They are coming up on renewal. There are more work-intensive changes (longer public comment period). But it may be the only national model for low barrier encampment.

Nickelsville Ballard is moving to North Lake, at a smaller site.

Questions arose re. Magnusson Park building and it was noted that Mercy Housing is there overseeing a couple hundred units.

City-funded shelters had some restoration of funding (\$1M), while many of the original cuts are still in place.

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