## Minutes Tent City 5 Community Advisory Committee April 2, 2018

Present: Janis Traven (MCC, chair); Erin Rants (D7 NAC, minutes); Joy Haertig (Magnolia UCC); Michele Marchand (SHARE/WHEEL); Garrett (TC5); Joseph (TC5); Sibby Deforest (Magnolia community). Guests: Erica West, Organizer, Church Council of Greater Seattle; Josh Castle, Community Engagement, LIHI.

Minutes from March 5 meeting approved.

TC5 currently holds 53 people: 40 men, 13 women, including 5 couples, 4 cats, and six dogs. There is one minor, a 14-year-old girl.

Camp Needs: bicycle racks and gardening assistance.

<u>Update on SEPA review</u>: TC5 wrote a letter to LIHI and the City of Seattle regarding the SEPA review. Josh Castle shared email he'd just received from William Mills, Seattle Dept. of Inspections, that laid out the SEPA process:

- 1. LIHI will post a large sign on the property
- 2. A public comment period of two weeks will commence (it can be extended to four weeks)
- 3. Notice of the review is posted in publications
- 4. If there is an appeal, the matter goes to the City Hearing Examiner
- 5. If there is an appeal, the decision can be extended by two months, and the case will go onto the Hearing Examiner's docket
- 6. The Hearing Examiner has 15 days to make a decision.

All in all, the process could take 2-4 months. The permit is good for six months. It's unclear if physical testing of the soil is part of the above process, and Josh will find out.

<u>CAC Participants:</u> Locating a business to take part in the CAC is ongoing. TC5 has reached out to several businesses about participating, but hasn't yet found one. Erin and Nora (D7 NAC) will reach out to businesses this month.

**News from the Camp**: Panda made a ham dinner on Sunday for the camp. TC5 residents have been giving lots of tours to politicos and interested agencies. One couple was housed in the last month.

## **Other Sanctioned Encampments**:

**Licton Springs Village** had their community meeting. A good number of neighbors were there and complaints were leveled about activities outside the camp, not in it. The camp's permit expired on March 24.

Nickelsville Ballard moved to the Northlake site. Electricity isn't yet in. The tiny houses are set up.

The Whittier Heights build has begun on one tiny house. It will hold 16 houses with about 20 women.

<u>Progressive Revenue Task Force</u>: The proposal is being refined. There will be a public hearing about the Employee Hours Tax on April 23 at 6 pm at City Hall.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm