**True Hope Village: Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

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| CAC Name: | True Hope Village |
| Date: | 12/18/2018, Tues. |
| Meeting Location: | New Hope Missionary Baptist Church |
| CAC members present: | Jenifer Haner, Tre Argerious, Bernie Creaven, Ben Curtis, Ursula White-Oliver |
| LIHI members present: | John Brown, Sasha Koeberling |
| City of Seattle staff present: | Lisa Gustaveson |
| Members of the public present: | Robert Jeffrey (New Hope Pastor), Matthew (neighbor), Josh (neighbor) |
| True Hope residents present: | None |
| Note taker: | John Brown and Sasha Koeberling |

**Introductions**

1. CAC members introduce themselves
2. John Brown, Special Projects Manager
   1. Role to ensure village is running smoothly
3. Sasha Koeberling, Case Manager
   1. Role to connect residents to local resources and to get them into housing

**Lisa Gustaveson, City of Seattle**

**Residents**

1. Houses
   1. 64 residents in total
   2. 46 adults
   3. 18 children
2. Demographics
   1. 60% Black/African American
   2. 22% White/Caucasian
   3. 6% Asian
   4. 5% U.S. Indian/Alaskan Native
   5. 5% other (Hispanic)
   6. 2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
3. Move outs
   1. 19 successful

**Holidays**

1. Wish lists, presents, dinners open to the public, caroling
   1. Google doc wish list shared with the public and we had a great response. We received a lot of donations.
   2. Santa; Giddens school K/1 brought hot cocoa cups, cards, and donations; donated Christmas tree; decorations
   3. Caroling by New Hope Church members tomorrow, the 19th
   4. No dinners planned for residents, but provided with list of public dinners
2. John and Sasha will not be at the village from the 20th to the 25th. We will be back the 26th. There will be staff on-site at all times.

**Open Discussion and Questions**

1. Parking lot adjacent to village and owned by Langston Hughes has been louder and messier since the village opened. People in their car playing loud music in the middle of the night, parking at an angle using multiple spots, or leaving trash in the lot. May not be residents, but staff will check in with all residents about cleanliness surrounding the village. We will register cars and provide tags to go inside of cars, so we can determine which car is owned by a resident.
   1. If there is a noise complaint in the evening, how should the neighbors address it? Call the village? Call the police?
      1. Village staff will be mindful of who is going in and out of the village, and if our car owners are sitting in the lot causing any disturbances. From the deck near the bathrooms, they can see into the parking lot and can determine if the noise disturbance is from a resident or from someone else.
      2. If not from the resident, how can they ensure everyone stays safe? Concerns about LIHI staff addressing issues in that are not directly in the village or on LIHI property. Looking at mitigation factors or actions in order to make calling the police the last resort. The village has connected with a police officer; make them aware of any concerns, so they can support village.
      3. Engage long time resident neighbors to discuss the historical usage and state of the Langston Hughes parking lot. Establishing an association or lack of association with the parking lot and the village. If the issues have been historically the same, then engagement with the community and Langston Hughes to strategize improvements.
2. Concerns about pests/rodents. The city of Seattle pays a professional pest control company. Will get in contact with pest control to ensure village has sufficient traps.
3. More fencing to block the bathroom. Privacy for both village and for residents of the townhomes.
4. Starting next year, SPD/Fire and tiny house villages will have better partnership.
5. Having residents come to CAC meetings. Their voice is important in these meetings. Incentive? Schedule every other meeting? Helping with transportation; New Hope van.
6. Google doc for agenda. CAC members can add what they would like to the agenda during the month. Staff will check it periodically and can address concerns before the meeting.

*Next CAC meeting: Tuesday, January 15th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm at New Hope Church*