**DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING**

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

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| **CAC Name:** | **True Hope Village** |
| **Date:** | *05/21/2019* |
| **Meeting Location:** | New Hope Missionary Baptist Church |
| **CAC members present:** | Tre Argerious, Natalie Bicknell, Bernie Creaven, Robert Jeffrey, Ben Curtis, Ursula White-Oliver |
| **LIHI members present:** | Shelby Henkel, Sasha Koeberling, LaDonna Hurn |
| **City of Seattle staff present:** | Lisa Gustaveson, Tom Van Bronkhorst, Corey George, Brian Blase |
| **Members of the public present:** | Yendrick Zieleniak, Bill George |
| **True Hope residents present:** | none |
| **Note taker:** | Natalie Bicknell |

1. Distributed and verified notes

Sign-in completed

Introductions

2. Action Item briefing and updates

**Community Police Presentation - Officer Corey George & Officer Brian Blase**

Looked at crime statistics within three blocks of the village; crimes against persons have remained steady (6 last year so far, 6 this year as well in same period); there has been an increase in property crimes, an increase in 9 over same period last year. 5 of which were package thefts, which is in keeping with citywide trends.

For calls for service at True Hope -- 6 total since it opened - vast majority have been related to domestic violence, not necessarily assaults, could be a disagreement between a couple, positive experience with staff and community when situations arose.

Question about whether or not it was accurate to exclude hotspots from data gathering.

Officer George response - overall percentages for thefts remained steady within a 6-8 block radius.

Question about suggestions for how the community can help further safety at the True Help Village. Suggestion to call 911 to help the city in data collection. Most minor crimes go unreported.

411 & 911 calls both go to the same data collection agency - 911 calls are triaged.

Question about crime prevention tips -- Answer: know where you are going, walk on well-lit and traveled roads to increase safety; most crime occurs at nighttime -- additional witnesses decrease the likelihood of an instance occurring.

It is possible report low-level thefts and car prowls online, particularly if there is no suspect. It all goes to the same location. Online reporting can help with insurance claims.

Warmer months - big uptick in street robberies with people listening to headphones and watching their phone.

Question from Sasha -- how can we have the conversation with safety with residents and strengthen the relationship with SPD so that they know that they are safe? Residents should also know to call 911. Officer George - understands that people who have lived on the street often feel the justice system works one-way and that it works against them. Residents should know they are just as protected as anyone else is.

Question from Bernie about de-escalation techniques for SPD; all officers who go through the academy now who work for Seattle go through crisis intervention training. Additionally, there is a crisis response team who have additional training.

40-80 hours of training per year - much of which focuses on de-escalation and other crisis intervention techniques.

How many people are on your CPD team in this region -- 5 officers - no females

CPD officers volunteered to attend future meetings and Sasha invited them to go to the village to learn more about how it works.

**Action Item - Abandoned vehicle** -- Shelby tried to fill the flat tire but it did not work. The vehicle was from the village & did not have a spare tire. Owner did not have a title and does not want the vehicle anymore. They did want it towed. Shelby contacted the City to report an abandoned vehicle so that the vehicle will be ticketed and towed.

The parking lot is actually owned by the City, not Langston Hughes.

CPD will work with a parking enforcement officer to help get the vehicle marked and towed.

**Action Item - Food** -- Received a quote from Fare Start - the dinner option does not serve fruit, children in village depend on fruit, trying to see if its possible to alternate fruit with lunch and dinner - also trying to network and connect with other restaurants who may want to donate to the village.

**Village Census** - current residents 37 adults/13 kids

Will provide statistics on residents (in email)

Question about what exiting to streets or shelter - means they exit without informing case managers - they might be found as enrolled in a different shelter in HMIS

What is the current capacity of the village? 1 person just exited into permanent housing - 1 REACH opening

Bernie - asked about fans - currently have 15 fans in storage

**Community Events**

Neighborhood Night Out - You can invite elected officials, police, firefighters -- possible to use the parking lot that is adjacent to the Village

Squire Park Community Council - BBQ in July - Natalie will email to confirm date - also put a blurb for the CAC in the newsletter

Quarterly Neighborhood Cleanup - villagers and neighbors could participate in a group clean up

Juneteenth Celebration in Pratt Park

Idea to create a Little Community Library near True Hope - one of the current residents is learning woodworking skills at SVI

Bernie -- Country Doctor clinics updates -- really helpful resource

Ursula -- Idea to create tee-shirts for kids so they can be easily identified at community events.

Volunteer Need -- community events calendar to help residents integrate engage in community activities and connect with the neighborhood.