**Whittier Heights Village CAC Meeting**

**Date/ time:** 2/24/20, 5:30 pm

**Location:** United Church, 1420 NW 80th Street

**Present:** Jean Darsie, Michelle Wicks (CAC), Josh Castle (LIHI), Migdalia Verdejo (Lifelong WHV Case Manager), Brian Bass (Homestreet Bank)

Positions were assigned. Jean Darcie is Chair. Michelle Wicks is Minute Taker.

January minutes will be sent by email for approval.

Village Management report included:

1. One person moved into permanent housing at the end of January.

2. One person transferred to a different village.

3. Two new people moved into the village. - All houses are full now.

4. Six people have Section 8 vouchers, one more will be getting voucher soon.

5. One lady is first on the waitlist for a subsidized apartment.

6. One person got their ID after 6 months of trying.

7. Lindsey has been holding housing search groups for the ones who have vouchers to help them understand the process and look for housing.

8. Lifelong hired Migdalia Verdejo as the new full-time case manager for Whittier Heights. She has been on the job for about a week and is diving in to get to know the residents and the ways of case management at the village. She communicates with compassion and respect and is eager to help each resident become more self-sufficient on their path toward housing and other goals. She has a lot of experience working with this population.

Jean talked about the work of the Aurora Commons and the LEAD program. And also asked for a 2019 annual report of the programs outcome report.

The village is still working on adding lattice to the top of the fence on the north side of the village. In order to prevent people from hopping the fence to enter the village. Josh will check on the progress of the project.

There was concern by the CAC about a man working at the village on Friday 2/21. Apparently it was a desperate situation for finding someone to work at the village and they are short staffed right now. The CAC recommends receding this situation as soon as possible.

Theresa has been promoted to manage all of the SPMs for LIHI. They are working on hiring a new Whittier Village SPM.

The bank appreciates the residents of WHV with clean up of the area. They do a good job.

United Church is putting together a Supply Closet in a room at the Church to provide items that residents will need when they move into their new places. The idea is to set a room in the church like a little free store. There is a list available of the item that we will be accepting. It will also be up on their website soon.