**C2C CAC 8/5/2018**

Committee and Reps In attendance:

* CAC: Judy Carr, Willow Fulton, Aaron Garcia,
* LIHI: Josh Castle, Richard Horne,
* Camp: Eric Davis
* City: Tom Van Bronkhorst

Willow –

Read report from Cinda Stenger (not able to be there):

* info Alki USS finishing houses – 2 complete, 5 almost done – working on ways to fundraise for more
* Working with UGM to get a second visit from the shower trailer during the week
* Still workin with operation sack lunch to get alki UCC volunteer members on staff so they can get the meals delivered – they are short on drivers, and all that do this specific work have to be “on staff” (probably health codes)

Willow’s report

* Notes from May and June have been posted and approved

Aaron – WCCDA - no updates

Richard – 8 housed since he’s been there – 4 more possible (2 couples) – seeking resources for seniors and would like community help finding resources – they have residents that have spec needs ranging from physical health to mental health, help with medications, etc.

Josh

* Camp Permit was officially renewed for another year
* working with facilities director and electrician to get power to houses for fans and heat in the winter
* Site coordinator position posted – Eric has applied

Tom

* Tiffany Washington new Director of Homelessness – she is currently the Deputy Director at HHS homelessness@seattle.gov; tiffany.washington@Seattle.gov

Eric – camp report 46 res 13 women, 33 men, 31 houses, 22 tents, served 220 meals at the gate

No new res no bars, 1 7 day out of camp for missing security shifts

Community discussion

Saturday Aug 11 will be summer shindig at camp 1-3 pm

Judi – many articles about homelessness in the city but none seem to be addressing the need for actual housing that case manager needs - does anything seem to be being done?

Richard – there are many in need that are competing for spaces and resources – and those resources need to be supportive as well as in good locations in order to be sustainable for those placed

Tom – some housing is being built but capacity is out-paced by demand – Tom working with Mayor Durkan on additional 500 spaces – part of that is opening new encampments, part is new shelter spaces

Judi – does it seem that things are improving? Do we need to contact anyone to make sure it’s supported?

Tom - “better” varies by opinion – calls to leaders with what you support are always helpful

Aaron – housing support for men is a big need – there is not enough and we need to support more

David – to Richard – do you have access to databases of resources?

* Richard - Has 7 that he prints out regularly – LIHI adds info to these resources

David – sounds like there are challenges as there have not been any new camp residents or placements this month

* Richard – there are a couple in the works – one is a board member and placement is imminent – people are not always as motivated when the weather is warm - there are few places, and he is working on making contacts to find additional resources –it requires a lot of time and face to face contact
* Josh – common question is how long are residents allowed to stay in villages – it’s not easy to put a specific time limit because the availability is not there.
* Richard – due to the camp being well run, some campers are less motivated to move when some things become available – they also have a strong sense of community – he is working with them to understand they need to take what’s available

David – Re: community at camp – this camp is not just a way-station – it’s a community – if they are offered housing far away from their supportive environment, that may be a barrier to being motivated to move – to somewhere they might be isolated.

* Richard – the sense of community at the camp is very strong – People feel safe at the camp and might have a struggle if they are moved away from their support system

Eric Patton (camp co-founder) – shout out to alki ucc for the houses – they are really great – they have said they want to replace the tents with housing but that seems like a big burden – can LIHI help provide some?

* Josh – other houses through LIHI are similar efforts LIHI coordinates but individual groups donate the work and materials –

Willow – seems like the residents that are the most likely to be able to be resilient on their own are integral to what makes the camp safe and successful – they may not want to leave their community because they know they are needed there - are there any resident training programs to help bring up these skills for others?

* Aaron – University housing may be a good model to research
* Richard – everyone at camp has responsibilities at camp and that builds those skills – people will have different levels of being ready for housing depending on their personal situation

Matthew Cook (Community member) – We have lost a lot of affordable units and it’s getting harder to be a “small” landlord – is there any work being done to make it easier for landlords?

* Tom – with last mayor there was HALA (Housing and Livability Agenda) - they started to look at various zoning and initiatives to improve affordable housing and the council will be looking at those – there are legal proceedings in progress on some now

Liz Giba – bringing up mandatory inclusionary zoning = all developments over a certain number would include units for all types of people – would like to see LIHI and CAC advocate for this

* To Richard – think of keeping people (friends) together in housing – the Vintage development may be a good option
* Richard – Aware of Vintage; it would be difficult to find the right space to house friends together if they are not a couple. A good thing at CAC is that people come back to visit. With C2C, many placements need to be in the right place with the right services in order to succeed – they have many highly vulnerable that are priority.

David – Re capable campers – LIHI is working on creating some independent camps and it’s not decided how those will be run, but may be an opportunity for a model where people from camps fill paid roles – there are some in place like the low barrier camps that do this.

Josh – Whittier Heights Village is first where LIHI is operator and manager – True Hope Village in progress – they are working on somewhat of a hybrid to staff and resident responsibility and will be working through figuring out the right blend – having the village be part of the community.

Matthew – There is a LIHI parcel in North Seattle – has Dormitory building but is vacant – why has it been empty for so long?

* Josh – not sure of status – will bring info to next meeting – other depts. (Housing Dept) will have details. Affordable housing projects at Othello and Lichton Springs will be built out in the next few years

Judi – Developers in Seattle are supposed to be putting $$ toward affordable housing – where can we see what that is going to?

Tom – Office of Housing and Office of Policy and Community Development would have these answers - we may be able to get a HALA rep to next meeting

Aaron – Now that the permit has been renewed, what is the date it goes through?

* Tom: Assumes March 2019

Matthew – also has concerns that developers can pay the fee to have affordable housing elsewhere rather than in the developments they are working on – or that they only have to keep them affordable for a specific time

* Tom: the funds may end up going to some of the affordable builders like LIHI

Willow – though having housing available is key to placing camp members, this meeting is about camp, so re-focusing after one more question, and we will look into having the right people come and speak to the housing/HALA questions

Liz – HALA is not passed yet, so maybe the funds and affordable housing aren’t happening yet

Liz – Regarding the meals at the gate – are they from across the street?

* Eric not sure where they are coming from – they walk up or drive up and ask for something to eat, and they give them a plate.

Josh – King Co council had a proposal for a hotel/motel tax – 185 million for upgrades to Safeco (a for profit business), and 7million for homelessness – there was a hearing about it with very little notice but there was a huge turnout to support flipping the priorities – contact king co council member and ask them to prioritize for affordable housing and services for homelessness – Joe McDermott is local contact

Next meeting TBD – may skip for holiday or may schedule for 2nd Sunday

West Seattle Blog coverage of meeting: <https://westseattleblog.com/2018/08/housing-challenges-and-other-updates-camp-second-chance-community-advisory-committee/>