

DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING

Licton Springs Village
Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
5 pm January 25 2018

Elizabeth Dahl—Aurora Commons
David Osaki, ALUV
Marni Campbell
Mary Riski
Josh Castle (LIHI)
Mary Preuss (LIHI volunteer)
Michele Marchand (SHARE/WHEEL)
Joshua Shay (Licton Springs Worker)
Bobby Ealy (Licton Springs Worker)
Rachel Long (DESC Aurora House)
Karen Ko (City)

1. Introductions
2. Chair for this meeting-Elizabeth Dahl
3. Minutes reviewed and approved.
4. **Village Operations**
 - 61 villagers. One moved out due to violence , one reunited with family out of state, four self-exits (one medical), one graduated to permanent housing; currently 5 openings in women’s dorm, 2 openings in men’s dorm.
 - Finally have a dumpster.
 - Meals are working well.
 - Primary issue—medical care for villagers.
 - Amenities—got in touch with needle exchange people. Going to start doing a needle exchange service dropping off/picking up 1x per week. Providing training for needle safety and harm reduction.
 - Library is coming at least once per month.
 - Medical van is coming once per month.
 - Elizabeth: Villagers can use the medical unit, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Aurora Commons.
 - UW Study kicks off next Thursday (February 1): UW Dept of Health grad class doing an evaluation on new experimental low barrier tiny house community. Student group of 8 to 10, looking into longevity, stability of villagers, exits, resources offered to villagers, cost per person per bed night.
 - CAC members invited to kick off meeting on 2/1 from 3 to 5 pm.
 - Elizabeth-any couples space? Michele-We graduated a couple into the only available couples space. Two couples tents for spots for two couples each. Currently full.

- Women's opening sometimes go unfilled for a couple of weeks. Completely at the mercy of the street outreach team. Notify them every weekday by 8 am. Had a handful of referrals the past month. When there is attrition or self-exit, sometimes it remains for a while. Decelerating sweeps or what?
- Elizabeth-Coming from experience, people are more willing to let a woman stay with them (couch surf) than men. Especially when it's colder out. Soliciting more and using that for shelter.
- First time in the last few months that we have had openings on a day to day basis.

5. Community Relations & Opportunities

- ALUV Meeting: KOMO news, you can go online and watch the meeting.
- Generalizing—for consistent members of ALUV, everything from lukewarm to very strong support for the village. Those who spoke are not regular members of the group.
- A lot of speakers from around Green Lake. Charlie (Licton Springs Staff) did a great job addressing pop up encampments. For the most part, the village is pretty stable.
- Flip side—many people at the meeting went to the original community meetings, city was talking about metrics of success. DHHS supposedly had ways to measure success—crime activity. George said we have those. But didn't follow with the promises of earlier meetings.
- Extra folks who weren't ALUV members came from Next Door Seattle.
- George Scarola, no longer homeless director, still working on encampments. Never specified what the benchmarks were beyond exits to permanent housing. George was solid in recognition that the village has exceeded expectations.
- Next Door Seattle not blaming for the problems of Aurora, but expect village to solve the problems.
- We can show that more than 50% of villagers are from this neighborhood.
- Is George S.'s role refilled? (Director of Homelessness)

6. Permit Renewal

- On track for two-week public comment period in February.
- Some potential that city will ask to do a public meeting in addition to the public comment period.
- Not required by the ordinance, hasn't been requested for the renewal of Othello Village, Nickelsville sites, TC5 Interbay. Would be a new thing.
- Sign of good faith. Might not be worse than public meetings last year.
- Would be helpful to show data/information.
- Michele will let us know what is decided and what is needed.
- Meeting could be held at Robert Eagle Staff MS.

7. Village Needs

- Still winter—hand warmers, blankets, towels things to keep the villagers warm. Food.
- Pantry is surprisingly bare.

- Meals from Operation Sack Lunch are well-received. Need bread, eggs, potatoes.
- Laundry and dish soap.
- Locking container for toiletries. Personal items are kept in house. Perhaps they are forgetting to take items out after showers.
- Bitter Lake had cans of fruit and ham. That is gone.
- Safeway donations. Sometimes almost moldy.
- NAC (Neighborhood Action Coalition) coming in monthly. Greenwood Senior Center does lunch once per month. Vegan burritos.
- U. District food bank?
- Small appliances-microwave. Burn through them quickly.
- Coffee makers.
- We Count donations.
- Epic Life church.
- Ibuprofen, acetaminophen. Villagers have had flu shots.
- Checking for Hepatitis A.
- How can our CAC provide more support? Business support, church support. Mobilizing community members.

8. Report on other Organized Encampments

- There may be two new encampments. Mayor announced. Women only?
- \$11 million sale. \$5.5 to tiny houses (micro-homes).
- Somebody is going to have to operate the new camps. What we currently have is under-funded.
- Need both housing and crisis response.

Next Meeting: 5 PM Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ Aurora Commons

Commons Updates: Community meal on Sundays once per month. Elizabeth will send dates.
Hiring staff to be open on Fridays. Will be sending job announcement.