

Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes

May 24, 2017, 5:00 pm

Members in attendance: Marni Campbell, Elizabeth Dahl, Rachel Long, David Osaki, Tim Pritchard, Darryl Ulskey.

Temporary chair: David Osaki

Temporary minute taker: Marni Campbell

Report on Licton Springs Operation:

- Refers to papers connected to agenda
- Opened on April 5
- Not fully set up, but there are 41 residents. Intake, referred by city.
- All houses are full.
- Big dorm tents each hold 10 cots.
- When first opened—helping group self-manage, using tents to take people in at night without a formal intake process. Helped to get to know the locals. Natural thing—if we have space.
- We have gotten word that there is more demand for intake, so have stopped doing overflow.
- Every bed is full.
- “Are you tracking how many people you have to turn away?”
- We are hoping to fill up with referrals and then stage people to get into houses.
- Still hoping for overflow—want to provide space at night for locals. Helps us get to know people in the community.
- Referrals coming from . . . (part of the mayor’s plan)
- “Are you getting heat from the feds? Are these aliens?”
- Low barrier encampment, so we don’t require ID.
- Majority women community at this point. Different than our experience.
- “Do you have numbers?”
- Just a hair over half are women. Usually tent cities are 3:1 men to women.
- Referrals from “sweeps” (trained police officers, outreach groups, sift and decide where people are best suited).
- “You are at capacity or close?”
- Yes, but there is a house getting delivered tonight.
- “What’s the experience like for someone who shows up and there’s no room?”
- We were concerned about that. Originally we didn’t have the problem. To the extent we can we offer ideas of other places where people can go.
- There is a tone of people who sleep outside on Aurora.
- “Are we doing something for the homeless around our area?”
- Yes—point of contention if people see the nice houses and they can’t get in.
- We can’t control the REACH referrals. This is a city encampment.
- Elizabeth can tell you that we fought to get an overflow component so that we can take rough sleepers from the area.

- That wasn't an option initially. Overflow tents as an option. The way to manage the hostility for people in the neighborhood who can't get into the houses.
- "What do we as business owners in the area—what do we get? Homeless people out of our front yard."
- REACH did manage to refer some neighborhood folks.
- *Referral Protocol-Setting*
- Disadvantage to overflow—destabilizing to the villagers—like running a sub shelter.
- Showers and power coming next week.
- Still working on meals. Lots of open spaces. *What's involved?* Hot meals—preparing and serving. 50 next week, and 60 eventually. 65 maximum capacity.
- Meal brought. Plates and forks can be provided by LIHI.
- Group coming every Tuesday evening—St. Dunstin's.
- Potential for getting money from the city to contract with a hot meal provider. Will require some advocacy.
- Evenings—but really anything at any time. We have been light on food.
- "Where do people go during the day?"
- Out. They can be there during the day. We don't monitor. Give everyone two bus passes per day.
- Food bank opening on 130th.
- No cooking facilities in the houses, but there is a community area with a kitchen and propane.
- Two grills. Electricity will be run to the kitchen tent.
- "Do you need more barbecues?"
- We have three right now.
- 20' by 20' kitchen and community area.
- "Community refrigeration?"
- Very large coolers and ability to get ice. Power next week.
- Only cold water in the showers.

Village Development and Site Work

- CACs can be a conduit for information transfer.
- House come along without flooring. Getting volunteer parties on Fridays.
- Opportunities to work on site. Always a work in progress.
- Total number of houses is going to be 29, 8' by 12'. Mixture of different people who build them.
- Schools and pre-apprenticeship programs. Mismatch of different designs.
- Still 5 houses coming.
- Friday 10-3 pm.
- Links—sign-up link gets sent out and can be shared.
- Utilities: Once houses are in place, we can wire all houses. Many are wired but there is no electrical yet. Enough power for heater, computer, phone, light.
- "Donating heaters?" (hot oil heaters—don't surge, fine for pets)

- Hygiene unit: Showers—will have a washer dryer hookup. Two shower stalls, but no permit until we build a ramp. One of the port-a-potties is accessible. Honey Buckets.
- City doesn't pay for any of the tiny houses or connection to water, sewer, electrical.
- Had to fund raise through Lucky 7 and Seattle Foundation. Whoever donated during Big Give had a dollar for dollar amount.
- City pays for case management, bus tickets, staff oversight, port-a-potties, trash.
- It seemed that the city was going to be hand in hand. They're not?
- Human service department—initial budget said so much wood for tiny houses, etc. City said, "take that out."

Community Relations and Opportunities

- Fair amount of neighborhood interest, some donations.
- Skepticism. However, we pick up trash in the neighborhood. We've been making a point of keeping the area clean—getting shopping carts home.
- A dozen needles a week. Do we have containers to put them in?
- HSD and council member's office (District 5) re. safety concerns. We need a needle drop.
- Needle drop at the commons. The public needs access to the sharps container.
- Neighbors are thankful for trash pick up.
- Business owner has sent benches.
- Tent City 5—people on there that would give us feedback.
- "Has there been an improvement in trash?" (Darryl has been picking up trash for 30 years)
- It's definitely been better.

Licton Springs Village

- *Wall Street Journal* covered it. They were in town for the May Day riots that didn't happen.
- Video just got shown to the San Diego city council.
- Tulalip Tribe chief of police was here today with wellness program, did a tour of the village. Looking at duplicating that on tribal land.
- Huffington Post is going to be doing a tour.
- City has commissioned a study of the effectiveness of tiny houses and encampments. Model is more effective than traditional shelters. High performing and cost effective.
- Portland has a program where residents can apply to have a tiny house built own their back yard.
- "Are neighborhood watch patrols happening?"
- Still working on this.
- Adopt a street sign outside the village. Is someone still sponsoring this section of Aurora?
- Reach out to rotary clubs. Not money, but things (heaters).
- Mercer Island, writing a Global Grant.
- **phinneywood.com**. Posting notifications about community meetings.
- Share-Wheel—want to hear feedback. Curious about community resources we might not know about right now.
- lictonsprings@**[sharewheel.org](mailto:lictonsprings@sharewheel.org)**

- **Need 29 heaters**
- **WeCount.org**. Building is a drop site. Clothes, phones.

Case Manager Report

- Do not have a case manager yet for Licton Springs.
- Temporary case manager providing Goodwill vouchers, hygiene items, underwear. Work can be handed over to a case manager eventually.
- People are really open to case management.
- Positions available on the web site. Might be getting meals.
- Facilities and utilities—first house to your right off Aurora is the case management office.
- Been training case managers to do Coordinated Entry.
- 7000 singles on the coordinated entry list. Only 10 rental units available per month. Paying for people to do intake assessment, outreach, with no housing.
- People are sent one at a time. If they're not ready to be housed then the unit sits empty.
- Encampments are important—we can fill LIHI units without coordinated entry.
- Are you getting qualified applicants for case management? *Not enough applicants*. These are paid positions.
- Federal budget?

**Next meeting: June 28, 5 pm, 312 NW 85th St.
Maybe a tour of the site?**