

Tent City 5 Community Advisory Board Meeting | March 6, 2017

Attending: Libby Stevenson, Danielle Burt, Laurie Ames, Charlie, Lyle Jones, Michele Marchand, Marilyn Cornwell, Lisa Gustaveson, Stacy Goodall

Meeting was chaired by: Pastor Marylyn Cornwell

Note taker: Lisa Gustaveson

Meeting Minutes from February 13 were approved.

General Updates:

- **Physical Camp:** Camp is full – mid to high 60's. Power, electric are working fine. The Propane brigade is very responsive and keeping up with the need. Most of the tents that were in bad shape have been replaced with the stronger models. The Magnolia Lutheran Church held a fundraiser and contributed \$1,400 to the costs of the new tents. WHEEL also contributed some of their mats to TC5, which has been helpful. Magnolia ACE gave the camp a chance to purchase some new cots at cost, which helped stretch their dollars further.
- **The Magnolia Library:** is bringing the camp 13 Verizon Wi-Fi hotspot devices for the campers to check out, as they need them.
- **Rat Abatement:** The LIHI exterminator process has been working – there is a considerable reduction in the physical presence of the rats.
- **Community Relations:** SPU students have been coming by on a regular basis. There have been visitors from Atlanta and San Francisco also.
 - **Magnolia Community Council:** The Advisory board was briefed on recent allegations during the Magnolia Community Council of increased shoplifting at QFC. The board reviewed a series of communications around the issue and discussed the fact that there is a lack of police reports by QFC. The camp will discuss setting up a meeting with the QFC manager to see if there is a problem or, if it is an untrue story that is being spread.
 - **Trash Can Fires:** The Advisory board was informed of a complaint by a local neighbor around fires in the neighborhood. There is no evidence that links the camp to these fires.
 - **Trespass Barred Camper:** There are rare instances where the police are called to help move a person who was barred from the camp. Unexpectedly, and for the first time, last summer the police refused to trespass a person who had been duly barred. The camp went through the process to establish the camp leadership authority with the head of the West Precinct. Last week, the police were called and they indicated they could not recognize the camp leadership authority to trespass a person on their property. The camp is asking to meet with the new Community police representative to help address the problem.
 - **Food and Meals:** the calendar is getting full with groups who are bringing meals into the camp.
 - **Housing:** Coordinated intake is happening alongside the LIHI process to help get people connected to housing. The majority of the senior campers have been offered

- and secured subsidized permanent housing. Many have received housing at a LIHI property.
- **Department of Neighborhoods Encampment Website:** Laurie shared an update on the city's web-based information on the sanctioned encampments. The advisory board members will be listed on the site, along with the meeting minutes. This site will help keep the community informed about the progress of the encampments.

TC5 Interbay Permit Expiration: The Advisory board reviewed the materials provided regarding the city's previous information regarding possible future transitional encampment sites. The TC5 community and the Advisory board would like to be proactive about the reality of the November 2017 expiration. The Advisory board will extend an invitation to Councilmember Bagshaw to attend a meeting to discuss the future of the encampment.

New Encampments: The Advisory board was updated on the progress of the low barrier Nesbit Village encampment. This site will be comprised of dormitory tents and tiny houses. The new staffing model will include 2 SHARE/WHEEL staff on site along with a case manager. April 5th is the estimated opening date. TC5 members attended the Nickelsville Georgetown village opening and shared information about that site.

Camp Priority Needs: The cargo van broke down and affected the laundry service. SHARE/WHEEL is in need of donated vehicles and are interested in exploring possible in-kind support by a repair shop.

Other:

Women in Black Update: the Advisory Board reviewed the List of the Dead in King County and were invited to attend the Silent Vigil on March 8th. After an unprecedented delay, WHEEL received the Medical Examiners Office list of homeless deaths by name, location and cause for the months of December and including February 2017. These numbers are shocking and point to a disturbing increase in the number of people who have died when homeless.

Update on the April 2, **Magnolia Churches Poverty Simulation:** Lisa shared an update on the planning and registration and invited the board to attend. Additionally, TC5 will send 4 people to participate.