**Whittier Heights CAC Agenda/Meeting Notes**

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| CAC Name: | Whittier Heights Village |
| Date: | **July 22, 2019** |
| Meeting Location:  | United Evangelical Free Church |
| Call to Order (time):  | 6:05pm |
| CAC Members in Attendance:  | Jean Darsie, John Lederer, Michelle Wicks |
| Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance:  |  |
| Operator Representatives in Attendance:  | Theresa Hohman, Josh Castle, Renata Bryant |
| Community Members in Attendance:  | Maureen Brinck-Lund |
| City of Seattle Staff in Attendance:  |  |
| Recorder/ Note Taker:  | John Lederer |
| Previous Meeting Notes Approved:  | No |
| Previous Meeting Notes Posted:  | Will be soon when approved at <http://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/city-permitted-villages#whittierheightsvillage>  |

Meeting called to order at ~6:05p by Chair Michelle Wicks.

**June Meeting Minutes**

Draft June meeting minutes were reviewed by the CAC and minor changes were made and typos corrected. John Lederer moved adoption of the minutes as amended, Jean Darsie seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Josh Castle agreed to have the amended minutes posted.

**Village Management Report:**

Theresa Hohman reported that the 15 units are full with 16 residents and a few small pets. Folks from Microsoft brought hygiene products. Work is underway to start Thursday Tai Chi classes. Four additional security cameras are being installed on the premises, and barbed wire is being installed on the perimeter fences. Theresa told the committee how she had come to working with the homeless. She explained that she has found that each person in the village can only move forward as fast as they are able. The public has to understand this and adjust their expectations accordingly.

Theresa was asked about the residents’ unmet needs. She mentioned that small soft chairs are needed for television watching in the common area. Also a coffee cart so that coffee can be provided in the morning in the courtyard.

**Case Management Report**

Renata reported that one resident secured employment, two permanent housing, and two entered substance abuse treatment over the last month. Renata is working to secure chemical dependency support on site and looking at possible self-defense classes. Residents were offered zoo passes this month.

Josh reported that we are now one year into the tiny home village. Over that time there have been 31 residents in the village, 10 have secured permanent housing, one transitional housing, and seven have moved to emergency shelters such as The Bridge.

**Open Discussion:**

 Jean wanted to follow up on last month’s action items. Theresa will contact Andrea at Sustainable Ballard regarding their Free Letters Home program. Theresa will also follow up with Officer Mary Amberg to do a security check of the premises.

The group discussed how best to get the word out about the one year interim results achieved at the village. John suggested that committee members write an article for My Ballard highlighting the results so far and providing an update. Theresa said she would post the one year state by the front door for people walking by to see.

We also discussed the City process for reviewing and renewing the village for its second year. Josh said he would confirm that this review/determination had been made and get back to the committee members

**Public Comment**

Maureen commented on the importance of getting the word out about how the village is doing and what it has accomplished.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 26, United Evangelical Free Church at 6 pm.

**Adjournment:** 7:30pm