

## **DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING**

TENT CITY 5 CAC MEETING MINUTES, February 5, 2018

Chair: Pastor Joy Haertig

Note-taker: Janis Traven

Attending: Michele Marchand (SHARE/WHEEL), Joseph Procella (TC5), Garrett Smith (TC5), Janis Traven (MCC), Karen Ko (Dept of Neighborhoods), Erin Rantz & Nora Bennett (District 7 NAC), Dana Dunklin (DESC), Pastor Joy Haertig (Magnolia UCC), Sibby DeForest (Magnolia Community), Mistina (WorkLofts).

Minutes from January were approved, with the corrected spelling of Pastor Joy's last name, Haertig.

### General Updates:

- TC5 thanked the community for the memorial service that was held for camper Susan Tarbuck, whose loss still affects the community.
- Physical camp, From TC5: 50 residents in tiny cabins and dorms. Family with infant has moved out and is living with relatives. It was noted that unlike more typical census of encampments, there are now 11, and 4 couples women in TC5 currently.
- There is still no running water, or hookups for toilets or showers, and won't be until the SEPA Review is done and expansion to the full footprint of the camp is possible. This continues to be of concern for sanitation and safety reasons. Information about Hep-A prevention and precautionary practices was included in packet for meeting. Lack of running water for meal prep and hygiene remain priority needs.
- The flu has circulated in the camp.
- The camp still needs more gravel and wood chips.
- An emergency/fire exit was installed in the rear fence section.
- The donation shed has been brought to the new site.
- Permit update: temporary permitting continues, pending completion of SEPA. SEPA review has not started.
- Since TC5 left the old site, there has been an increased in trash, litter and detritus at the old site and environs. A 6-person team from TC5 has volunteered to do litter patrol and clean-up there.
- Community Relations: The WA State National Guard Armory notified TC5 about troublemakers (not TC5) who had vandalized their property, so that TC5 could be on alert for them.
- The police were called to respond to a camper's complaint about an incident that was resolved. Their investigation showed that there was no cause for arrest or further action by law enforcement. The camp's own governance took disciplinary action against those who were involved, leading to 4 people being barred from the camp. A discussion followed about the appeals process so that campers could have an opportunity to be reinstated.
- Sibby has volunteered to work with campers to plant a garden. Mistina offered several planter pots.

- There was an announcement of CM Sawant's upcoming meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss budget cuts for women's shelters.
- Although the numbers weren't reported at this meeting, it is expected that the Women in Black report on homeless deaths in January will be distressingly high.
- A Bellingham group, including some City council members will visit TC5 in the coming weeks.
- CAC will follow up with invitation to Whole Foods for membership.

Other encampments:

- Licton Springs is stable. Population is equally divided between men and women.
- Ballard Nickelsville has received an extension on their permit to stay put while the city prepared new sites for them.

Camp priority needs:

- Hot meals on weekends.
- Plastic hangers (Erin and Janis will post a request on their respective Buy Nothing Facebook pages).
- Gravel and wood chips.

Next Meeting:

- 5PM Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, location: DESC Interbay Place.