# DRAFT MEETING NOTES - CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING

<u>Licton Springs Village CAC Meeting Notes</u>

#### CAC Review/Approval Pending

Date	March 21, 2019
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, David Osaki, Tim Prichard
CAC Members Absent	Marni Campbell, Kathryn Olson, Darryl Ulskey
Clients Present	NA
City of Seattle	Lisa Gustaveson HSD, Thomas Whittemore DON
Note Taker	Lisa Gustaveson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Community Members	Sally Kinney, Jay Willis

#### **Village and Case Management Report**

- There are 16 people enrolled in the Licton Springs program
  - Three have not engaged in preparing an exit plan. Those individuals are being encouraged to respond to the options being offered to them which have included permanent housing and shelter/village programs. The staff assured the CAC all efforts are being made to meet the needs of these people. The goal is to not exit them to the street.
  - Six are moving to the Lake Union Village program, three are moving to the Haddon Hall/ Bridge shelter and one is moving to Georgetown Village to continue working on their housing plans. Several of those will move quickly into permanent housing once they have addressed some of the elements missing from their housing applications (i.e. identification documents).
  - Three are moving to permanent housing (Ernestine Anderson Place and the Josephinium)
  - Two people have been exited from the program due to being in jail. The personal items for these individuals will be stored by LIHI until they are released.
- Plans for the property continue to be worked on by LIHI. Options include leasing the property
  for storage. LIHI will secure the property to ensure no unsanctioned camping happens on the
  site.

#### **Open Discussion**

- The group discussed the concept on ongoing engagement with the people who move into permanent housing. Elizabeth told the group that there has been an unprecedented number of unhoused people moving into permanent housing since the Licton Springs village was established.
- The group discussed an option of attending the Seattle Neighborhood Group Picnic where the successes of the program could be celebrated.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 25, 2019 at 5 PM

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

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	February 21, 2019
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David Osaki
CAC Members Absent	Darryl Ulskey, Marni Campbell, Tim
	Pritchard
Permitted Encampment Members Present	
Operator Representatives in Attendance	Josh Castle, Curtis Polteno, Jose Ruiz
Community Members Present	
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Thomas Whittemore
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	

# Village and Case Management Report

- There are 29 residents at the village.
- Ten of the residents will be moving into housing within the next two weeks.
- Of the remaining residents, 10 have vulnerability scores that should qualify them to be on the Coordinated Entry List but because of bureaucratic hurdles they are not on the list.
- Case Managers are working on obtaining forms of ID for some of the residents.
- Two of the residents are refusing housing offered to them.
- There should be a plan in place by February 26 for the remainder of the residents.

# **Open Discussion**

• Curtis expressed frustration with the formula used by the Coordinated Entry System and would appreciate CAC advocacy for changes.

# **Next Meeting**

• Suggested date is March 21, 5:00 at Aurora Commons. Elizabeth will send an email to check on availability for that date.



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

CAC Name:	Licton Springs Village
Date:	January 24, 2019
Meeting Location:	Aurora Commons
Call to Order (time):	5:00 pm
CAC Members in Attendance:	Tim Pritchard, Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David
	Osaki
Permitted Encampment Members in	None
Attendance:	
Operator Representatives in Attendance:	Josh Castle, Bradford Gerber
Community Members in Attendance:	Jean Darcie, Anne Dennon, Mary Riski,
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance:	Lisa Gustaveson
Recorder/ Note Taker:	Lisa Gustaveson
Previous Meeting Notes Approved:	Yes / No
Previous Meeting Notes Posted:	Yes / No

#### **CAC Member Reports:**

Issues/complaints raised by the community

- What is the plan for ensuring all people living in the village find a place to go before the end of March?
  - All people will have an exit plan in place by the end of February. Each
    person will work with staff to move into their new space. This
    includes storage of belongings.
- What is the plan for the property?
  - The space will be secured including fencing. A new tenant could move in to occupy the property before the planned development sometime in 2020.
- How do you track housing retention for those who exit the program into permanent housing?
  - The HMIS system tracks housing retention by agency through the percentage/ number of people who return to homelessness. LIHI will investigate if it is feasible to track by person over time (noting the village will be closed).
- How has the plan for serving women in the village going?
  - o There are 9 women at the village currently.
  - o LIHI manager of services, Stephanie Endres, will be on site to work with those women.
- Discussion around the final meeting
  - Continue meeting after March to keep up with how the housing placement is going and what the neighborhood impacts have been with the village closed.

#### **Progress/Case Management Report:**

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# of residents/# of spaces – in "tiny structures": 30 residents/ 30 units
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# of residents/# of spaces – in "dormitory" tents: None

# of youth: None # of infants: None

# of residents moving out during month and the reason (i.e. permanent housing, transitional

housing, returning home, etc.) (insert Josh's report)

## **Operations Report:**

Physical camp development and operations/meals/amenities: Bradford discussed the status of the units, and that all have been inspected. He will be onsite until the closure to coordinate the onsite activities.

# of "tiny structures": 30 # of "dormitory" tents: None

# of people barred and the reason: None

# of 911 calls, the reason and resolution (if known): None

Events, special activities, in-kind donations, visitors, media: None

SPD Report: (crime statistics update/comparison to baseline) None

New Business: None

Public Comment/Questions: (name/address/affiliation/issue raised/question asked) None

Next Meeting: (date/time/location) February 21, 2019 Aurora Commons

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

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

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	November 29, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David Osaki
CAC Members Absent	Darryl Ulskey, Marni Campbell, Tim
	Pritchard
Permitted Encampment Members Present	None
Operator Representatives in Attendance	Eddy Matlock-Mahon (Lifelong), Sean
	Watkins (Lifelong), Sharon Lee (LIHI)
Community Members Present	Jean Darsie, Mary Riski, Ferntree
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Lisa Gustaveson, Shawn Neal
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	

#### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes from previous meeting was tabled.

## **Update on Management**

- A Summary and Outcomes Report was presented showing status of residents in the village. A report is generated each week and provided to the Director of LIHI and to the Mayor.
- Eight residents had been referred to housing last month including 3 this week. There are 32 residents yet to place.
- The LIHI and Lifelong relationship is working well.
- LIHI and Lifelong maintain contact with residents as they are referred and follow them into housing. Placement into housing is intentional with regard to the needs of the residents. None of the referred residents have returned to homelessness.
- The dorm tents have been taken down and all residents have tiny houses.

- People are still damaging the fence from Nesbit and trying to break into the Village.
- The Village has 24/7 security including cameras.
- LIHI, Lifelong and the city are working to figure out how to place all residents into housing. Some may need to go to other villages. They are committed that no one return to homelessness. They use the Coordinated Entry score to prioritize placements.
- Apartments funded by DESC will be opening on 96<sup>th</sup> and Aurora and will include supportive housing for people with chronic issues. A letter of support from the Licton Springs CAC to include residents from the Village would be appreciated.
- Lots of food was provided by various organizations for Thanksgiving.
- 911 or violence issues
  - -one case of domestic violence which did not involve physical violence, police were not called, the couple was reunited.
  - -no bars
  - -no assaults
  - -the code of conduct is being enforced
- The need was expressed for gender divided resources/case workers
- There is a need to report transitional and bridge housing, in addition to permanent housing, to City Council in order for them to have a clearer picture of the successes in placement of homeless individuals.
- Plans for closing of Licton Springs
  - -exit date is the end of March
  - -at this point there are no benchmarks set for one month prior to closing
  - -some houses need repair, those that can be repaired will go to other camps
  - -kitchen cabinetry, if in good repair, will go to other camps
- More low-barrier camps are not a priority for the city. New camps will take a "housing firsts" model where behavioral issues will be not be a barrier to entering a village. Harm reduction will be a part of the model and will provide residents with what they need to move forward.

• LIHI would like to start building on the Licton Springs site as soon as possible. Start date depends on the Mayor. It is not yet permitted. It will provide work-force housing.

#### **Announcements**

- Aurora Commons will hold a drop-in Open House on December 4 from 6:00-9:00
- The Aurora Commons holiday party will be December 19, 10:00 1:00.
- Aurora Commons will be closed December 24 through January 1. They will provide winter resource guides while they are closed.

# **Next Meeting**

- No meeting in December. There will be an email check-in December 20.
- January meeting will be January 24, 5:00pm at Aurora Commons

# DRAFT MEETING NOTES - CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	October 23, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	4:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David Osaki
	Marni Campbell, Tim Pritchard (via phone)
CAC Members Absent	Darryl Ulskey
Permitted Encampment Members Present	None
LIHI and Lifelong Representatives in	LIHI: Curtis Polteno, Josh Castle, Stephanie
Attendance	Endres
	Lifelong: Eddy Matlock-Mahon, Sean
	Watkins
Community Members Present	Mary Preuss, Jean Darsie
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Laura Jenkins, Lisa Gustaveson
Recorder/Note Taker	David Osaki
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Minutes Approved	No. Approval of September 28, 2018 meeting
	minutes tabled.
Previous Meeting Minutes Posted	Unapproved September 28, 2018 meeting
	minutes posted on City website

## **Introductions**

Those in attendance introduced themselves. Elizabeth Dahl was appointed meeting Chair; David Osaki was the designated meeting note taker.

### **Minutes**

The September 28, 2018 Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") minutes were tabled to a date uncertain to allow more time for review.

### **Discussion**

Lisa Gustaveson stated that SHARE/WHEEL provided one week notice prior to discontinuing its operation of Licton Springs Village. The City appreciated the advanced notice.

The City has met with Licton Springs Village residents and made a commitment to them that the City would be engaged in the Village. The transition has worked. There have been no disruptions, security is maintained and residents are safe. Weekly reports are provided to the Mayor's Office and progress has been exceptional.

There are 38 residents currently in the Village. Five residents have moved into permanent housing; 16 have moved into bridge housing, and one has moved into treatment. The City's goal is that no resident exits into homelessness.

One concern the City is finding is matching the Village Roster with who physically lives there. The City is still trying to answer the question of who really lives in the Village.

Eddy Matlock-Mahon with Lifelong reiterated the commitment that no one exits into homelessness. Lifelong is navigating barriers to finding residents available housing.

Lifelong is finding that tenants now are coming to the realization and understanding that the Village will be closing and that the residents do need to move. There are 37 residents, which is down from 53. Now that residents see other residents leaving, residents are becoming more engaged in discussing where they can go.

Lifelong was also finding that residents thought the encampment was a permanent place to reside. The residents were told previously by SHARE/WHEEL that they did not need to leave the encampment and that they did not need to be engaged.

Kathy Olson mentioned that there is the perception that Licton Springs Village is a failure. She said that this is really not true.

Lisa agreed. The City doesn't see it as a failure. However, Licton Springs Village does provide opportunities to learn from.

Lifelong staff mentioned that the staffing model should be viewed as a lesson learned.

Lisa mentioned that LIHI has been trying to gain access to residents in the past. The City has been trying to add more resources to the Village. However, SHARE/WHEEL disagreed on the best way to move forward.

LIHI mentioned that it really tried to engage with SHARE/WHEEL but it was really difficult to do so.

Lisa mentioned that the City is not decreasing capacity for the homeless even with the closure of the Licton Springs Village encampment. As for existing facilities, some tiny homes will go to the Myers Way encampment (aka Camp Second Chance); others will go to a LIHI storage facility.

Josh Castle with LIHI passed out a rendering of what the future LIHI development of the Licton Spring Village encampment site might look like. He mentioned a new building would be five stories with 118 units serving a wide range of income levels. Housing for homeless would be a component and other units would be affordable to various income ranges. Case management would be available. 2020 was identified as possible opening date.

In response to a question about what the CAC can do as the encampment moves towards closure, LIHI staff mentioned that the CAC can support the transition. The goal is to find appropriate housing for the individual's needs. LIHI is looking for resources to help people move into housing appropriate for that individual.

LIHI mentioned that it is bringing some SHARE people on board as employees to help in the transition. LIHI will be meeting with Licton Springs Village residents to inform the residents on the status of the transition from SHARE/WHEEL to LIHI, where we go from here, and reiterate a code of conduct. Holiday activities are also being planned.

Lifelong mentioned residents are making themselves more available and are looking for assistance. Lifelong will stay with clients until they get keys to a new place, plus a little longer. Lifelong wants to make sure people are getting the resources they need in the new housing.

LIHI will invite encampment residents to attend the next meeting.

# **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for Thursday, November 29, 2018 5:00pm, Aurora Commons.

Elizabeth announced the October 27, 2018 Aurora Commons fundraiser scheduled at the Ballard Bay Club and invited everyone's attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

# DRAFT MEETING NOTES - CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	September 27, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David Osaki
CAC Members Absent	Darryl Ulskey, Marni Campbell, Tim
	Pritchard
Permitted Encampment Members Present	1 (name?)
Operator Representatives in Attendance	SHARE/WHEEL: Michele Marchand, Charlie
	Johnson. Bobbi Ehly, Dan
	LIHI: Curtis Polteno, Josh Castle
	Lifelong: Eddy Matlock-Malton
Community Members Present	Mary Riski, Lucas McGee, Amber Matthai,
	Sally Kinney, Jean Darsie
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Karen Ko, George Scarola, Lisa Gustaveson
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Yes, Aug 30, 2018
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	?

#### **Minutes**

The Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee minutes of the August 30, 2018 and were approved as presented.

• Michele M., on behalf of SHARE: presented a letter to the CAC as a response to the city's decision to close Licton Springs Village (LSV) without renewal and its plans for closing procedures. SHARE proposes to move LSV to another location and maintain SHARE staff with direct oversight of operations. The city's intention to strip SHARE of direct oversight of daily operations of the Village and have LIHI hire a Site Supervisor to take over management is not acceptable. SHARE has worked hard to build trust and community with the villagers and the neighborhood. And it has been successful in fulfilling the mandate to create a welcoming, non-judgmental place to build trust and safety. If stripped of direct supervision of staff and operations, SHARE/WHEEL will give notice to cease work with LSV.

Dialogue Dialogue regarding the proposed closing of Licton Springs Village

- Communication between SHARE and LIHI has been fractured. The city's contract for LSV is with LIHI which subcontracts with SHARE to provide day to day services. The city contract with LIHI sees the two agencies as partners working together toward the goals. They must be equal partners. A Memorandum between SHARE and LIHI is needed to work toward a solution. The city wants to talk about a plan and timing for the next six months. They plan to add resources and are looking for money to meet goals. More clearly defined roles of the new Site Supervisor are needed.
- Why other encampments have been permitted to extend their contracts and move, but not LSV?
- The city is operating more villages and offering more services with the purpose to support the Navigation Team and provide space for people from camps that have been cleaned. The plan is to have new capacity. The city wanted to respect the LSV community by sticking to the two-year plan. No resident will be put in a position they don't want. All will have a place to go that works for them.
- The SHARE staff has always asked for more resources, but the city has not provided what has been requested. Though asked for, LIHI has never had an on-site point person.
- The new LIHI staff will be full-time and there will be room to develop partnerships.
- As a high percentage of LSV residents deal with mental illness and/or drug issues, will the city budget provide needed services?
- There is increased funding to the Village from the county for mental health. There has been a lack of case management. The city is holding LIHI accountable for the gaps.
- Lifelong is a case management agency that has been contracted by the city to provide services to new villages and has been asked to help with LSV. They are resource/client/peer navigators. They have been brought in to help update assessments of vulnerability regarding access to housing.
- All involved saw the lack of provision of case management as missing from the start along
  with a lack of funding. The model provided by LSV works when it is fully funded. Case
  management should be made a priority. There is a need to solve the partnership with LIHI
  and SHARE. Someone needs to hold LIHI accountable on site.
- The city needs to be held accountable to hold a meeting with SHARE and LIHI.
- I don't see LIHI and SHARE as being anything but partners. There are now 3 ½ case managers at LSV. The city underfunded the project and created challenges.
- The villagers are vulnerable and have asked for services including case management for housing. The Village needs a point person to handle questions about resources and needs such as the fence, dorms, garbage, etc.
- From the beginning, LSV has been underfunded and there has been a lack of communication which have created challenges.
- The addition of Lifelong was made before the decision to close LSV. It was not brought in for closure.
- Through work at UW has been tracking homelessness for years. The division between SHARE and LIHI is a repairable relationship that needs structure that the city has failed to provide. In Seattle, the SHARE/Nickelsville model is unique in the country demonstrating

the important concept of community building. Don't muck it up. It is providing a national model. People at the UW can help negotiate the differences between SHARE and LIHI, but they don't get asked.

- Recommended creating a Closing Task Force with leadership of SHARE and LIHI equal with shared responsibilities and leaving SHARE where it is for operations.
- It boggles the mind to imagine closing LSV in six months. It is not possible to find housing for all the residents.
- As the city is to close down LSV, is it going to incorporate SHARE into new villages?
- If a proposal is made that fits the scope of the new villages, we can talk, as long as it is housing focused.
- If the partnership between SHARE and LIHI cannot be fixed and SHARE finds another partner, could the Village be moved?
- Adrian has said "no". If a proposal is submitted that fits all the criteria, we can explore models, need to go through all the steps.
- There is need for SHARE and LIHI, with shared power, to work closely and rapidly.
- The intention is to give equal balance
- The Village needs the city and the CAC to act.
- How can we accept that the village will not be relocated? How ill residents survive? Some may not survive the winter. Need to rally to relocate. Grateful for all at the table.
- There are six months to demobilize and work for the residents, to make something work. If this blows us, it will be a big set-back to this experiment.
- **Neighbor:** wants to see people moved into care.
- One resident is getting long-term treatment and then housing. SHARE has lived experience.

# **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23, 4:00-5:30, Aurora Commons

## Licton Springs Village CAC notes 8/30/18

CAC members present: Elizabeth Dahl, Rachel Long, David Osaki

Long, Rachel-minute taker, Dahl, Elizabeth-chairperson

Others present: Josh Castle, Michele Marchand, Licton Springs Village Staff, Speak Out Seattle members, Seattle Police Department – N. Precinct Sergeants, analysis staff, Karen Ko, George Scarola,

Approved previous meeting notes from July by Elizabeth and Rachel

## Encampment report

- 27 men, 22 women, 6 exited dorm into hotels, 1 barred for violence, no exits to housing in the last month
- · Gate makes positive effect for foot traffic
- · Dump runs completed
- · Meeting with bike works to get racks
- Neighborhood clean up 8/19/18, 20 total from staff and villages, went well
- · Fewer pop up camps on Nesbit
- · Policy for "pop up" camping being drafted
- · Rise in HIV among heterosexual individuals, increasing testing
- More meals on calendar and increasing meals through OSL
- · Op-ed: written by CAC to advocate for LS. It needs more CAC perspective, the voices of villagers captured well
- · Open house and Aurora Commons?
- · Unknown status of permit renewal but expected soon
- · Commons hosting coordinated entry for all, assessors for housing twice a month, villagers welcome

#### Case management report

• Services: transitional and permanent housing connections, connecting to CD services for assessments and treatment, also connect to MH services and DSHS

SPD: N precinct sergeants: neighborhood has changed, increase in calls around the village. Trying to have officers nearby more often. SPD working with the village to address village issues. Person locked themselves in a tiny house. SPD Crisis Response Team called and helped the resident.

Correction: This incident occurred at Whittier Heights, not Licton Springs.

Two recent arrests of persons outside of the village (non-Villagers): Department of Corrections warrants and hard narcotics on them, another was car theft and had narcotics.

SPD not able to enter tiny house without a warrant. It is viewed as a residence which require a warrant for entry.

SPD decrease in shoplifts since gold buyer closed down from business nearby.

- · Back page shut down impact? Seen some uptick of sex workers on the street. N precinct working vice
- LEAD also now in north end. Will be sited at 105<sup>th</sup> and Aurora once office is complete.
- · LEAD jail division program for low level arrests for narcotics. Etc. to connect services and treatment.
- · LEAD referrals through SPD and REACH.

· Most increases in sex workers below 145 th on Aurora.

Are school 911 calls being factored into the increase in calls in the area?

• SPD looks at call numbers and types. Work with the organization to address issues to decrease calls.

SPD: increase in population, in general, increases 911 calls.

Elizabeth: Lots of neighborhood focus on the village.

SPD: Increase in calls near village, on views (seen by SPD), and opinion due to increase in homelessness overall

Village: made more calls about pop ups, commons increase as well due to policy change.

- · SPD- 911 and non emergencies lumped into one, SPD only, not medical
- · Can SPD message the complexities of calls to the general neighborhood or community?

George Scarola: A neighborhood group adopted Nesbit, 800 block

- · asking people to fill out the survey
- · surveymonkey.com/r/SNGnesbit
- · in person with SNG staffer
- call anonymously 206-323-9666 between 10am-3pm, Monday-Friday
- · examples: architectural changes

Village needs: \$5-\$20 gift cards (Jack in the Box, Taco Bell, Mc Donalds), bike racks and locks, plastic bins with lids, breakfast, spices, condiments, pastries, canned food

#1 priority: Blankets!

Seattle Health Clinic @ Seattle Center 9/20/18-9/23/18

No decision on permit renewal on HSD

Commons Fundraiser-10/27@7pm Ballard Bay Club. Tickets are \$25

Replacement for Rachel? No action taken

Next meeting 9/27/18 @ 5 PM @ Aurora Commons

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	July 26, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Kathy Olson, David Osaki
CAC Members Absent	Rachel Long, Darryl Ulskey, Marni Campbell,
	Tim Pritchard
Permitted Encampment Members Present	None
Operator Representatives in Attendance	SHARE/WHEEL: Michele Marchand, Charlie
	Johnson.
	LIHI: Curtis Polteno, Josh Castle
Community Members Present	None
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Karen Ko, George Scarola
Recorder/Note Taker	David Osaki
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Yes, May 24, 2018 and June 28, 2018
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	Yes (June 28, 2018); No (May 24, 2018)

### **Minutes**

The Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee minutes of the May 24, 2018 and June 28, 2018 were approved as presented.

# July 8, 2018 Licton Springs Village Open House

Charlie Johnson mentioned that the July 8, 2018 Licton Springs Village Open House was well attended with approximately 60 people. The Open House went well. The event was very positive.

# Permit Renewal Report, Update and Discussion

- Charlie mentioned that there is a great deal of activity taking place in July. Much of the current effort and activities are based on an agreement regarding camp operations between LIHI, the City of Seattle and SHARE/WHEEL.
- Activities include opening up a second gate that is more easily monitored and taking down the couples dorm (to be replaced with tiny houses). The encampment is also working on reorienting the office. This will provide a better view of the Seattle Fabrics parking lot. It will also provide a better view of the gate.
- There have been some transfers of women to the new Whittier Heights encampment site.
- Fence repairs are about to get completed in order to stop unauthorized nighttime activity.
- SHARE/WHEEL is to meet with the City and LIHI. There will be a concerted effort to remove clutter inside of the encampment.

# Village Operations

- Current occupancy at the Licton Springs Village is 51 people.
- The City will be doing a walk-through of the encampment next week.
- SHARE/WHEEL feels it is keeping the encampment residents well informed of issues.
- George Scarola discussed the pop up encampments on Nesbit Avenue. George mentioned there are about 20 people that hang out on along Nesbit Avenue at this point in time.
- Elizabeth mentioned that they are looking at possibly implementing a stipend program for unhoused neighbors on Nesbit. If implemented, a stipend would be provided to certain individuals, who themselves are pop up encampment residents, to work towards assisting in getting certain pop up encampment activity on Nesbit to stop and to keep things clear.
- There have been three bars since the last meeting. When a resident is barred, SHARE/WHEEL finds that the barred individual really wants to get back in the encampment as a resident. In these cases, all three individuals wanted to get back into the encampment. Two of the three have since gotten back in to the encampment through processes set up to review requests to be allowed back into the encampment.
- George mentioned that the police have good relations with those in the pop-up
  encampments. When the discussion with pop up encampment residents is cordial, the police
  get a good response.
- A therapist currently comes by each Thursday. SHARE/WHEEL is working with DESC to host programs and reestablish relationships with DESC case workers. A walk through with DESC is scheduled for August 8, 2018.

# **Community Relations and Opportunities**

- Staff from Congresswoman Jayapal's office visited the encampment.
- Goodman Realty Service Group (a new development near 80<sup>th</sup> and Aurora) wants to help and be supportive of the village.
- A credit union consortium has a visit scheduled to the encampment in August and wants to possibly provide philanthropic support.

# **Other Reports on Village Operations**

- The needle exchange program is operating well.
- Staff training regarding the hoarding project is planned. The entire hoarding training program is not affordable, but the training group will send an intern.
- Domestic violence training is being scheduled.
- On case management, Curtis Polteno mentioned he is working with residents on issues such as treatment, income verification, and insurance. Staff is helping women find hotels while the dorms are being vacated.
- A resident recently found employment at LIHI.

# Village Needs

• There was mention of need for bike racks, gift cards and food donations. Gift cards are particularly popular incentive among residents and are a desired donation.

• It was also mentioned that the Phinney Neighborhood Association's (PNA) provision of meals on Wednesday's has been great.

# **Comments/Questions/Announcements**

- Josh Castle mentioned a July 30, 2018 King County Council public hearing on using Hotel/Motel tax funds to upgrade Safeco Field. The money could be used instead to fund affordable housing and service. Attendance/testimony on behalf of affordable housing was encouraged.
- Karen Ko mentioned the Seattle/King County Clinic to be held September 20-23, 2018 at the Seattle Center.

# **Next Meeting**

• The next meeting will be Thursday, August 30, 2018, 5:00pm at Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave North. (NOTE: August 30, 2018 will be the fifth Thursday of August.)

# Adjournment

The CAC adjourned at 5:55pm.

## DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	June 28, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, Rachel Long, Darryl
	Ulskey, Kathy Olson
Permitted Encampment Members Present	
Operator Representatives in Attendance	Michele Marchand, Charlie Johnson,
	Sherry Sternhagen, Bobbi Ehly,
	Curtis Polteno
Community Members Present	Mary Riski, Sharon Holt, David Baum
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Thomas Whittemore
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Not available
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	No

# Permit Renewal Report, Update and Discussion

- Physical changes include plans to make use of a "pedestrian" gate which is more easily monitored. The default would be for the gate to be closed and use a buzzer system for entry. The larger gate would be opened as needed for vehicles.
- Excess "stuff" and garbage are more controlled.
- There are plans to replace the dorms and a couple tents with 8 tiny houses. This will require a slight reduction in village population. Some people will transfer to the new Whittier Heights Women's Village. New referrals are being held off.
- Staff will meet with the city and LIHI in August regarding renewal and, hopefully, reach an agreement to continue.
- Plans for the Village are to relocate after next March of 2019. LIHI owns the current property and plans to develop the property for low income housing.

# **Report on Village Operations**

- George Scarola is working as a half-time staff member with ordinary responsibilities. He has a special focus on neighborhood relations with a goal of creating a more positive image of Licton Springs in order to ease the way to open more encampments.
- Seattle Public Utilities has started a litter abatement program in the neighborhood which has been beneficial to all.
- Monthly dump runs for residents continue.
- Marni and Elizabeth are working on writing an op-ed piece for a variety of news sources. They plan to interview residents and write short stories showing the varied backgrounds, talents, and skills of the people in the Village and to address misconceptions. Submissions from CAC members and others about how their

- thinking has shifted regarding the Village residents would be appreciated and should be sent to Elizabeth and Marni.
- Sharon Holt spoke of frustration in getting information from the city and from LIHI about Village effectiveness. She and other neighbors would like to see numbers that show the accountability of the Village. It is hard to get quantitative data on numbers served and the results of their stay in the Village. It was suggested that Josh Castle attend the next meeting and come with data. Michele will talk with him.
- There are currently 56 residents in the Village. There has been one bar. Some residents will transfer to Whittier Heights
- Staff training regarding the hoarding project is planned for July.
- A complaint from a neighbor a few blocks away has resulted in that corner being added to the regular litter patrol.
- A list of materials needed from the Needle Exchange is given on Fridays and materials are delivered on Mondays.
- Staff have noticed new people in the neighborhood. It is thought that this is a normal seasonal change. Also, due to the closing of *Back Page*, there is more street traffic.
- Case Management

Sherry will soon be moving to Whittier Heights. Curtis Polteno will be taking her place at Licton Springs.

Three residents are close to permanent housing. One has gotten a part-time job with LIHI.

# **Community Relations and Opportunities**

- An Open House is scheduled for July 8, 4:00 6:00pm and will include a barbeque and live music.
- Lessons learned from first year
  - --More funding is needed. There is need for 3 staff during the daytime.
  - --Have the site fully set up before residents arrive, including having dumpsters on site.
  - --Mental health challenges are a big factor.
  - -- Have more policies in writing.

### Village Needs

- Funding, blankets, cold drinks
- \$10 gift cards have worked well as rewards for residents—Jack in the Box, Starbucks, Fred Meyer, etc. LIHI funded some use of gift cards.

## **Next Meeting**

• July 26, 5:00pm at Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

#### **Attendees**

Charlie Johnson—SHARE/WHEEL Licton Springs Staff Josh Castle—LIHI Marni Campbell-CAC Michele Marchand-SHARE/WHEEL Char Holtz-Resident of LS and ALUV, Mary Preuss-Volunteer Cathy Olsen-CAC Amber Matthai, neighbor Dave Smith, neighbor Captain O'Donnell, SPD Dave Gordon, SPD Jennifer Coates, resident Tim Pritchard, CAC David Osaki, CAC Ranji S., Brian S., KIRO Sherry Sternhagen, LIHI Karen Ko-Seattle Shawn L-SPD

## **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Q: Are they posted?

A: All minutes are posted by encampment online with the City of Seattle Marni moves, Tim seconds for approval, no objections. Approved unanimously.

#### Minutes from February are still not approved

We can try to approve, recreate the minutes—missing from February meeting. Michele will try Joy one more time.

# Permit renewal report. March 16 was renewal meeting. Deadline for comments in April. Has permit been renewed?

No decisions yet per Josh Castle.

Whatever action they took, still deciding if they want to renew permit.

Who here understands the process by which renewal is continued?

City has sent SHARE/WHEEL and LIHI a letter. Still waiting on the MOU.

Recommendations still being followed up on.

Formalizing documentation of rules.

#### May 24 2018, LS CAC

Community Member: Final decision is whether the city cuts a cheque? What is the actual artifact or procedural step?

Human Services dept. –Tiffany Washington—city of Seattle. She knows about decisions. Is encampment underfunded currently?

LS Village contract was based on a 9 month year, hence the under-funding.

Number that is being asked . . . unknown artifact.

Working to have it fully funded.

That question was asked at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting—George Scarola said that the decision would be made in a couple of weeks.

Georgetown Village and Camp Second Chance has also not been finalized.

Between the two organizations, doesn't someone know about the exact legal process?

Master permit was renewed on 3/26 to operate on the property.

Human Services department will have the information.

Is this the same person in charge of homelessness projects?

# **Camp Operations**

One space. Not a lot of exits lately. Some people getting close on housing.

27 women, 31 men

Physical camp: 2-week project of clean up and reducing the "hoarding" property. Went relatively well.

Working on securing fences—not so much for security as reducing unwanted property. At last meeting—we talked about reducing the amount of people on Nesbit—we took that on and reduced the number of people. It's getting warmer, staying light later.

Time to start thinking about it again.

Typically not residents on Nesbit.

Noticed a reduction in number of people on Aurora.

Gold Exchange was shut down. Was biggest magnet in the area.

# DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	April 26, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave North
Call to Order Time	5:00 PM
CAC Members Present	Marni Campbell, Elizabeth Dahl, Rachel Long,
	Kathryn Olson, Tim Pritchard, Darryl Ulskey
	David Osaki
Permitted Encampment Members Present	None
Operator Representatives in Attendance	SHARE/WHEEL: Charlie Johnson, Michele
	Marchand, Bobbi Ehly
	LIHI: Josh Castle, Sherry Sternhagen
Community Members Present	Mary Riski, David Baum
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Karen Ko, Department of Neighborhoods
Recorder/Note Taker	David Osaki
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Yes (March 22, 2018 meeting)
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	Yes, March 22, 2018 meeting (City website
	still missing February 2018 meeting notes)

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 22, 2018 Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") were unanimously approved as presented.

## PERMIT RENEWAL REPORT, UPDATE AND ISSUES DISCUSSION

Michele Marchand thanked the five members of the Citizens Advisory Committee who attended the March 26, 2018 Licton Springs Village permit renewal meeting at North Seattle College.

Michele indicated that the City of Seattle has sent a letter (dated April 23, 2018) calling for an improvement plan for the Licton Springs Village encampment. Among the key items mentioned in the City's letter were security, improved opportunities for village residents during day hours, aesthetics (e.g. village cleanliness and property perimeter), and professional staff service provision. The letter asks that the Low Income Housing Institute ("LIHI") submit a written plan to the City by May 4, 2018 addressing the issues identified in the letter.

Security deals with limited incidents of non-encampment residents obtaining unauthorized entrance into the property. This mainly occurs at night due to breaches in the fencing that

enables individuals to sneak in. People also climb over the fence to gain unauthorized entry into the encampment. Stronger enforcement of the no visitor policy was discussed, including a need to secure the gate.

The encampment trash issue is being resolved with the twice a week pick up. Hoarding continues to be an issue. Staff has prepared a draft outline on how to deal with hoarding. The Hoarding Network has been called to help.

Professional training for staff is continuing. Harm reduction is a big issue. Encampment staff will be documenting its encampment experiences and what has been learned into a written guidance policy document/manual. The document/manual will identify best practices for camp operations.

Michele stated that SHARE/WHEEL will need better coordination with LIHI on big items for the encampment. There will be a need for LIHI's resources on matters regarding encampment improvements and maintenance.

The encampment is now moving to implementing 12 eight (8) foot by x eight (8) foot cabin style tents rather than the dorm style housing.

SHARE/WHEEL is also seeking more services and case worker related help.

There was discussion about the encampment's impacts on businesses. It was mentioned that SHARE/WHEEL and nearby businesses, including Seattle Fabrics, do not interact much.

Charlie indicated that areas around certain nearby businesses could benefit from clean up. Clean up actions by the businesses themselves would be helpful to improve the overall appearance of the neighborhood and around the encampment.

Crime was discussed in context of recent news articles and information being presented by the public. The crime studies and reports are conflicting and often are being prepared and/or interpreted to support a particular narrative, whether for or against the encampment.

There was mention that 911 calls alone are not a good indicator or metric of an increase in crime associated with the encampment and that crime itself is going up in general citywide. It was also mentioned that the three schools (i.e. Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, Licton Springs Elementary, Cascadia Elementary) opened in the fall of 2017. These schools may have contributed to an increase in the number of 911 related calls, unrelated to the encampment, over the prior year.

Darryl mentioned there seems to be two groups: 1) People that reside in the camp; and, 2) People that hang around outside the camp. Concerns being raised seem to be with those outside the camp. He also mentioned that none of his apartment complex tenants on Nesbit Avenue have expressed issues with activities along Nesbit.

Elizabeth mentioned that the Seattle Times encampment article (April 24, 2018) sensationalized the encampment issues. Charlie said the reporting seemed to be a lazy effort. Both indicated that they had talked to the reporter for a lengthy time prior to the article being published.

There was discussion about a nearby business and how it seems to be a magnet that encourages crime activity. The discussion included a desire to see if the property owner and/or City could investigate.

It was mentioned that the CAC should write an Op-Ed piece to the local media addressing recent news articles and social media stories.

Michele mentioned that, overall, what the City is asking for in its April 23, 2018 letter will require more resources to implement. Discussion ensued that SHARE/WHEEL may want to specifically quantify the additional cost and inform the City of what additional funding the City needs to provide for these improvements to be implemented.

Elizabeth reported that the mobile methadone clinic still cannot find a good location in the area. Elizabeth thought that a good idea might be to let the mobile methadone clinic operate from a parked location in the street. She also reported that fentanyl test strips are now available at the Commons.

Marni said that the encampment has had minimal impact on the schools. She indicated that the school does receive an occasional report due to some item or event. However, these events are not necessarily related to the encampment.

#### SHARE/WHEEL REPORT ON VILLAGE OPERATIONS

#### SHARE/WHEEL reported:

- There are 57residents consisting of 26 women and 31 men.
- Work on the dorm conversion to tents is continuing.
- Pop up encampments are not too bad at this time. There is concern about what might happen during the summer.
- The on-street parking on 88<sup>th</sup> near Aurora Rents is a concern as it can lead to individuals parking and sleeping in cars.

- Michele asked about the status of the City's on-street activation effort along Nesbit.
   Karen Ko said she will talk to Tom Von Bronkhorst with the City Department of Neighborhoods and get an update.
- Needle service has been spotty and not reliable; however, there are more receptacles which have been helping. The number of receptacles is sufficient.
- Some complaints from residents about the quality of the food.
- The entire completed University of Washington study is not yet in publishable form.
- There has been considerable recent publicity about the Licton Springs Village encampment including the Seattle Times, Weekly Standard, KUOW, and KOMO.

# **LIHI - 2017 Performance Commitments and 2018 Funding**

Josh Castle with LIHI mentioned that in 2017 there were 79 unduplicated homeless individuals who had emergency or immediate shelter needs met at the Licton Springs Village encampment. LIHI's contracted 2017 performance commitment with the City was for 75 unduplicated individuals served. The performance metric was exceeded.

The other performance commitment was that a minimum of 50% of homeless households exiting Licton Springs Village go to permanent housing. It was reported that of the 27 homeless individuals who exited in 2017, 13 exited into permanent housing. This is 48%, which is very close to the 50% performance commitment. Josh mentioned the City is satisfied with this performance.

Josh reported that for 2018, the encampment budget is \$719,758 for operations and services. The City share of this is \$528,000. The encampment is therefore underfunded by \$191,758 for 2018.

Sherry Sternhagen with LIHI mentioned that resolution of compulsive hoarding requires mental health professionals. Compulsive hoarding is genetic. There is trauma associated with individuals losing hoarded items.

#### **LICTON SPRINGS VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT NEEDS**

Because remaining CAC meeting time was limited, it was agreed that SHARE/WHEEL would email Licton Springs Village encampment needs to CAC members.

#### **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Discussion again occurred about the CAC writing an Op-Ed piece addressing community and media statements about the encampment. The Op-Ed piece could be circulated to various media. Elizabeth indicated she would reach out separately with CAC members to make sure such a letter/article was acceptable to everyone. Marni indicated that she would coordinate

preparation of the Op-Ed piece if CAC members each contribute and write a portion for her to consolidate into an article.

In response to a question, Josh mentioned that the 2018 Licton Springs Village encampment contract metrics are the same as the 2017 contract metrics.

## **NEXT MEETING/MEETING LOCATION**

The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 24, 2018, 5:00pm, Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, 1330 N. 90th Street. Room TBD.

Elizabeth and Darryl indicated they will be unable to attend the next meeting.



# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	March 22, 2018
Location	Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Elizabeth Dahl, David Osaki, Kathy
	Olson
Permitted Encampment Members Present	
Operator Representatives in Attendance	Michele Marchand, Charlie Johnson,
	Sherry Sternhagen
Community Members Present	Mary Riski
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	Karen Ko
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Not available
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	No

## **Report on Village Operations**

- --Occupancy and Referrals
- 60 residents, about half men/women
- Dumpsters functioning well, dumpster runs 1/mo
- Meal calendar filling in
- Not many exits to housing
- Occasional bar and re-entry
- LIHI pushing to get all residents into the system
- Other behaviors are not an issue

#### --Challenges and Solutions

- Cars accumulating on 88th next to Aurora, folks sleeping in cars
- Michele has lined up trainings for staff for needle safety and LIHI's "Hoarding Project"
- Needle Exchange going well, every Monday, recovery of dirty needles is a success
- Mobile Methadone Clinic—suggestion to invite representative to the next CAC meeting. LS Village is perhaps not a good location for the clinic, perhaps Epic Life Church or Seattle Fire Station
- UW Study will soon be finalized and published. The #1 finding was that LS Village is under resourced and needs more funding from the city related to service offerings. Also more training for staff is recommended. No or negligible change was found in crime statistics.
- There is lots of "stuff" on the grounds of the Village. Lockers would be helpful.
- There are plans to convert the dorms to 10-12 tiny houses. They would be pod houses set up on site.
- The city, REACH, and the Village need to meet to talk about the referral process.

• KUOW is creating a story about Aurora in its Region of Boom feature, including LS Village, to air on 3/29

# **Community Relations and Opportunities**

- New visitors have indicated an interest in helping.
- The city Request for Public Comment regarding Permit Renewal will be Monday, March 26, 7:00pm at North Seattle College. LS Village was not consulted about the structure of the meeting and have not been asked to present. A presentation, however, has been prepared. LS Village has exceeded the city's expectations for exits to housing. The permit is in the name of LIHI.
- There is a need to re-engage the DESC outreach case manager and nurse.

## Case Management Report

A few residents have exited into housing recently. One resident has interviewed to work at one of the encampment properties. The job would include one year of housing.

## Village Needs

Adult diapers (S/M/L sizes, men's and women's) Bike locks, bike chains/cables

## Report on Other Organized Encampments

- Nickelsville Ballard will move to Wallingford
- Whittier Heights Tiny House Village for Women proposed to include up to 20 women. The Community Meeting was March 22.

#### Announcements

• Aurora Commons will be open on Fridays when they hire a new staff person.

#### **Next Meeting**

April 26, 5:00pm at Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N

#### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

Minutes for CAC 11/30/2017
Location: DESC Aurora House
CAC members in attendance:
Elizabeth Dahl- Aurora Commons
Rachel Long – DESC
David Osaki – ALUV
Darryl Ulskey – Business Representative

Darryi Olskey – Business Representative

Meeting Chair: Rachel Long

Meeting Secretary: Elizabeth Dahl

## Village Operations:

- Things are feeling stable
- LIHI hired an additional case worker
- There are 65 residents, half men and half women

### **Challenges and Solutions:**

- Still waiting on dumpster/ gates to village will stay locked and secured.
- The development of the empty lot behind LSV will have an impact on parking since there is no current plan by the developers to provide parking to any of the residents.
- Garbage and people's property on site at LSV are the biggest issues
- Daryl said that things have actually gotten better since the Village moved in.
- There is some issues with people continuing to dump furniture on Nesbit.
- There is a general consensus that North Seattle lacks shelter, people linger
- Domestic violence has toned down, things are going well.
- The community is stable and doing well.
- It was suggested that everyone read the book Trauma Informed Care.
- Operation sack lunch is going well.
- The washer and dryer are going in, they are working on a strategy to let the residents use it.
- UW students are going to do an evaluation of the village.
- Staff is excited about having an office door!
- Kitchen cabinets went in, they found a cabinet maker and they were built and installed.

#### Needs:

- Winter gear of any kind
- Sleeping bags
- Cold weather gear

Will need a permit renewal to operate for year 2. There will be a two-week period likely in February for the required public comment period—communities will be notified by leaflet and direct outreach.

The City council passed funding 2 new sanctioned encampments.

The next meeting will be January 4<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Commons, 8914 Aurora Ave N.

# Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	October 26, 2017
Location	Cate Apartments
Call to Order Time	5:00pm
CAC Members Present	Don Toboll, Charlie Johnson, Marni
	Campbell, Michele Marchand, Elizabeth
	Dahl, Rachael Long, David Osaki, Joy
	Olskey, Kathy Olson
Permitted Encampment Members Present	
Operator Representatives in Attendance	
Community Members Present	
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance	
Recorder/Note Taker	Kathy Olson
Meeting Chair	Elizabeth Dahl
Previous Meeting Notes Approved	Yes, as amended
Previous Meeting Notes Posted	Yes/No

## Report on Village Operations

- --Occupancy and Referrals
- Camp is full, 59 residents, split fairly evenly between men and women
- There is room for 4 more couples
- They expect more people as winter approaches.
- 40%-50% of the residents are from the north end of Seattle.
- Staff is having to turn away about 4 people a day.
- A total of 5 residents have moved into housing. This is an increase of 3 since the last meeting.

#### --Challenges and Solutions

- A visit including the Mayor and news representatives to create a 10 minute feature of a success story has been postponed and not rescheduled yet.
- Nesbit Ave is tidy, though there is more activity around the fabric store.
- After a long permitting process, the Village has been given the OK for a dumpster permit. It will be located behind the site on Nesbit Ave. Village staff will continue to take abandoned objects and random junk found in the neighborhood to the transfer station. Cardboard and pallets from Aurora Rents continue to be taken from Aurora Rents and left in public space. Village staff are working with Aurora Rents
- There are new rules about what people may bring to the site and a defined "patio area" for each house has been established. There are also new regulations about inside space, especially with regards to heaters. They are striving for consistency with all staff, and residents are asked to sign a statement regarding these rules.
- The Village is doing better with regard to issues of hording.
- Washer and dryer are working well.
- The new dish washing station, including hot water, is working well.

- Four new modular kitchen cabinets are being built and donated including locked and open storage and a stainless-steel counter.
- The mural helps with appearance of the Village.
- Heaters are in the tiny houses and will be randomly inspected.

## -- Amenities and Offerings

- Operation Sack Lunch began serving a daily hot meal on October 26 and will continue for the rest of the year. A proposal to continue for 2018 has been submitted. Training is needed for staff regarding serving and storage of the meals
- . Sandwiches and breakfasts are being offered several times a month.
- The Health Department will be offering Hepatitis A vaccines and flu shots 11/1.
- The Village is Wifi connected through a Public Library Hot Spot through April, 2018.

## **Community Relations and Opportunities**

Marni Campbell reported that Seattle Public Schools has funded a crossing guard for 90<sup>th</sup> and Aurora and suggested it might be a good opportunity for a Village resident. Elizabeth Dahl had someone in mind that might be a good fit.

Marni, after doing some door to door outreach in the neighborhood, expressed concern about the Gold Store on Aurora. It was believed by some present to be a front for a fencing operation. SPD has been notified.

## Case Management Report

Case Management is helping folks get housing vouchers, ID, and housing. Support has been provided by the REACH team and the DESC host team.

#### Village Needs

- The office needs stairs and a door
- There is a need for winter gear—gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, hand warmers, hot cocoa
- Community advocacy is needed regarding the Gold Store and the dumpster presence. Tom Von Bronkhorst of the Dept of Neighborhoods may be able to help. David Osaki will talk with George Scarola.

## Report on Other Organized Encampments

- Tent City 5 should receive its permit the weekend of 11/4 and move by 11/11. There will be a work party on Sunday, 11/11, 9:00am-5:00pm. Capacity will increase by 10 spots to a total of 80, including 32 tiny houses and 4 dorms. There will be showers and 2 plumbed toilets.
- Officials from Denver visited Licton Springs Village. Denver is looking to follow the model of tiny house/low barrier villages used in Seattle. The Tulalip Tribe is also interested in this model.

#### **Announcements**

• Aurora Commons will have their Christmas/Holiday Party on 12/20, 10:00am-1:00pm. Village residents are invited. Gift bags will be provided and so number of

guests anticipated is needed. Marni Campbell said the school may be able to donate items for up to 30 gift bags.

- Aurora Commons will be closed 12/21-1/2.
- wecount.org may be of use to folks who need items and those wanting to donate items.
- A budget proposal has been submitted to the city to provide funding for 12 tiny house villages to be operated by SHARE and Nickelsville. This would double the current number. The budget proposal includes meals for all 12 sites.

## **Next Meeting**

November 30, 5:00pm at Aurora House, 10507 Aurora Ave N

#### LICTON SPRINGS VILLAGE

#### **Community Advisor Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

CAC Name:	Licton Springs CAC meeting
Date:	September 28, 2017
Meeting Location:	Cate Apartments, Seattle
Call to Order (time):	5:00pm
CAC Members in Attendance:	Elizabeth Dahl, Cathy Olsen, Zach Alexander,
	Mary Risk, Charlie Johnson, Don Toboll, Tim
	Prichard, Michele Marchand, Karen Coe, David
	Osaki
Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance:	
Operator Representatives in Attendance:	
Community Members in Attendance:	
City of Seattle Staff in Attendance:	
Recorder/ Note Taker:	Joy Ulskey
Previous Meeting Notes Approved:	Yes X No
Previous Meeting Notes Posted:	Yes No

#### **CAC Member Reports:**

While no specific issues were brought up, it was noted that neighbors are using a closed neighborhood FB account to alert each other of incidents which from their prospective is on the increase. Cameras/Videos are being used and given to SPD and Find It Fix It as evidence of increased vandalism, vagrancy, theft, street sleepers, etc.

#### **Encampment Report:**

54 total number of residents on LSV site; of that 24 are women and 30 are men. Room is available for 3 more men and 3 more women. Two recent residents graduated and 2 more are shortlisted for new housing. There are two openings.

Nesbit street has decreased loitering and camping which is attributed to "FindIt-FixIt" app. Meals are being provided by NEC, St. Andrews, WPUMC, Ordinary Neighbors and St. Dustan (see meal calendar) Hot Meals was approved by the City of Seattle with funding through the end of the calendar year. Hope to have it up and running within 1-2 weeks with details of logistics to follow next month.

LSV reports they got a new freezer that is lockable, a new fridge, a wash station with dual sinks City of Oakland made a visit with city officials to low barrier sites. The city of Dallas is scheduled to visit October 9<sup>th</sup>. They are interested in how we're doing and plan to tour the camps and see provisions for showers.

LSV reports they are increasing grades of food and have installed a metal shed that is ready for the W/D. Showers have proven to be a huge improvement.

Last month heaters were needed and Darryl Ulskey offered to make a purchase if we didn't obtain any by this meeting. Noted that Oil space heaters are now on order for each house.

There is a problem with hoarding and a lack of dumpsters for the large amount of garbage being accumulated. LIHI is getting dumpsters although it is estimated there is 150 pounds of garbage

weekly. The local library is going to provide a Wi-Fi hot spot to serve most of the area and one has been set up for staffers already.

There is an increasing concern about Hep A due to recent deaths in California. Our Public Health department reminding to use caution even though no definitive deaths in our area have been attributed to Hep A. (see handout attached to September minutes)

The encampment is interested in doing overflow tents. Discussion was had about overflow tents and the use of tents for 2 couples.

**SPD Report:** No report was given although this would be an interesting addition to this meeting if we could get someone from the precinct to report.

**City Report**: Kathy Olsen reported that she is willing to work with site to get cooking meals set up for the winter season. Discussed storage for cans and what types of food are needed to provide a hot dinner. Cathy volunteered to visit the site to assess needs. David got 2k frozen meals of which 80 cases are designated for Nesbit. Meal calendar link: http://www.sharewheel.org/licton-springs-village

City is looking to discourage sleeping and camping on parking strips. Proposing bollards and/or barberry plants which are very prickly and need little maintenance. Karen Coe expressed interested in reaching neighbors that are interested in setting up a garden on these strips. Hoping to reach them via GAIN, Nesbit Area FB group.

Of interest, Interbay was able to obtain a site from the Port of Seattle on 15<sup>th</sup> West. This was proposed and unanimously approved. The tent encampment will be converting to appx 80 tiny houses. Also of interest, Nickelsville needs new housing.

LIHI schedules work party groups

ALUV mural was approved with City Mayor Grant Project. Motto for mural "We're Stronger Together".

CASE Management: DESC is onsite to help with clients. REACH wants to send in caseworkers to counsel

**New Business:** The encampment needs for the winter: Food, can soups and canned meals are always welcome. Winter gear is needed. I.e.: gloves, hats, hand warmers, blankets, towels, coffee.

#### **Public Comment/Questions/Announcements:**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Share Wheel Tent City Interbay meeting 6:30pm – 8pm Episcopal Church of the Ascension Magnolia

October 12th Aurora Commons is having a benefit in SODO park from 6-9pm with tasty food and karaoke. See Elizabeth for tickets as they are going fast.

October 26<sup>th</sup>-29th<sup>th</sup> Health/Vision Clinic is being held at Seattle City Center Friday thru Sunday. Volunteers needed and Karen Coe to submit flyer reminder.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Aurora Commons is having a swing band and Santa from 10-1pm with gifts being given to all attending.

Handouts provided: Previous month approved minutes including attachments. Housing & Shelter for All, Meeting Notification- Interbay Tent City

Next Meeting: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, Cate Apartments, Seattle

Adjournment: appx 6:30pm

## LICTON SPRINGS VILLAGE

#### **Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Place: Cate Apartments

312 N.W. 85th Street, Seattle

Call to Order: 5:15pm

#### Members in Attendance:

David Osaki; Chair Darryl Ulskey; Minutes

#### Staff/Guests

Josh Castle, Michelle Marchand, Charlie Johnson, Don Toboll, Karen Ko

#### **Encampment Report**:

59 total residents plus overflow couple's tents, ceased walk up intakes. No turnovers reported in tiny houses. Internal behavior has been good with only one reported overdose. The shower is working great. The washer and dryer are not functional as of today. The Fire Department is coming through soon to inspect the camp. The back gate on Nesbit Avenue needs to be secured. Additional lighting is needed in the camp grounds. Currently, the biggest challenge is the inconsistencies of food supply to feed the encampment. Looking ahead to the winter, the village needs 29 electric heaters. Outside the encampment remains a major problem.

#### **DISCUSSION**

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the dilemma of the outside encampment street people, as they are not seeking, nor are interested in receiving assistance. They just want to "hang". The major complaint within the neighboring community is not about the tiny houses. Justifiably, the problem is the complaints from neighbors about the street people predominately on Nesbit Street between 85<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup>.

There was a discussion and a need to establish procedures for overflow tiny house residents.

There was a lengthy discussion about the opening of the new elementary and middle schools. Discussion centered around the challenges of having a homeless encampment within a mile of brand new schools. This discussion included potential for possible negative publicity on a national level, should problems arise.

It was concluded, a significant difference exists between the needs of the encampment residents' vs the outside encampment street people, who are not seeking or willing to accept services.

It was proposed that we invite city councilwoman, Debbie Juarez and Director of Homelessness, George Scarola to propose / create no camping zones and or no loitering zones throughout the city.

It was also mentioned that local neighbors have requested matching funds from the city to be used specifically for parking strip improvements. The goal being to keep people from camping/loitering on city property.

Nesbit Street continues to be a problem with litter, needles, tents, etc. and requires daily monitoring and weekly cleaning. Sporadic service from the city (just when needed) does not fit the bill.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Seattle City Council needs to address, create and rectify no camping or loitering zones throughout the city. This will enable our police force to do their job.

Michelle Marchand is putting together a 2018 Homeless Encampment budget proposal for the city which hopefully will be approved before the end of November.

Next meeting was proposed for Thursday Sept.28<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned: 6:30

## Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting

## Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:00PM Cate Apartments 312 NW 85<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle

## **Community Advisory Committee Members**

#### **Present**

Rachel Long (DESC Aurora House Manager); Marni Campbell (Robert Eagle Staff Middle School Principal); Kathryn Olson (Faith Community representative, Woodland Park United Methodist Church); David Osaki, Aurora Licton Urban Village (ALUV Representative)

#### <u>Absent</u>

Darryl Ulskey (Business Representative); Tim Pritchard (Licton Springs Community Council Representative); Elizabeth Dahl (Aurora Commons Executive Director)

#### 1. <u>Introductions</u>

Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10PM. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

## 2. <u>Chairperson/Minute Taker</u>

Committee chose not to elect a permanent Chairperson at this meeting.

Temporary Chair: Rachel Long
Note Taker: David Osaki

#### 3. Approval of Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2017

Minutes of the June 28, 2017 Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

## 4. <u>Licton Springs Village Operations</u>

Information provided by SHARE/WHEEL included:

- 59 residents in Licton Springs Village (30 males/29 females)
- All but three (3) residents are REACH referrals.

- The camp is basically "full" at this time.
- The 29 tiny houses on the site are all occupied.
- Two (2) dormitories hold ten (10) individuals each, and are mostly full.
- The shower is working great; all power has been okayed, the kitchen is coming along.
- Two (2) individuals have gone into housing.

Licton Springs Village is dealing with certain issues including unauthorized "Pop Up" camping on Nesbit Avenue, Seattle Police Department coordination and meals for residents.

## Nesbit Avenue "Pop Up" Camps

There has been an on-going issue of "Pop Up" camps on Nesbit Avenue. These Nesbit Avenue camp activities are unrelated to the Licton Springs Village encampment.

A couple of months ago there was an issue of "Pop Up" encampments north of N. 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Complaints were received from the neighborhood and the City responded. Efforts to address those "Pop Up" encampments and impacts such as garbage have had some success.

More recently, individuals (ranging from a few to up to a dozen) have been occupying an intersection corner of N. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Nesbit Avenue around the clock. The Licton Springs Village staff has been calling the Seattle Police Department non-emergency number. Police to date have not wanted to move the campers along.

The recent activity at Nesbit Avenue and N. 88th Street is much more dramatic than the other "Pop Up" encampments that previously located on Nesbit Avenue. Activities include a recreational vehicle and possibly drug dealing. Those camping on the street are tossing needles over the fence and into the Licton Springs Village.

The City and Licton Springs Village staff are receiving numerous complaints from neighbors about the loitering activity. Committee discussion included:

- Improving lighting on Nesbit Avenue. SHARE/WHEEL mentioned possibly installing a floodlight behind Licton Springs Village that would be directed on to Nesbit Avenue.
- The upcoming opening of the Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, Cascadia Elementary and Licton Springs Elementary at N. 90<sup>th</sup> Street means about 1,600-1,700 children will soon be in the area attending school. The possibility that "Pop Up" camping will move nearer or on to school grounds was raised as a concern.

It would be appropriate to convey concerns, including impacts on nearby residents and
the opening of the new schools, about the street camping activity on Nesbit Avenue to
George Scarola. David Osaki indicated that he would write Mr. Scarola an email,
speaking on behalf of himself only, but would copy other committee members so they
could add points or clarify points as desired.

#### **Seattle Police Department**

Coordination with the Seattle Police Department was discussed. The Seattle Police Department makes occasional "friendly visits" to the Licton Springs Village. However, there have been some issues with the Seattle Police Department seeking entrance into the Licton Springs Village for no clear reason provided to Licton Springs Village staff.

Rachel Long indicated she will talk with SHARE/WHEEL staff and the Seattle Police Department about this issue. Rachel also mentioned, in response to prior discussion, that 911 rather than the Seattle Police Department non-emergency number should be called if needles are being thrown into the Licton Springs Village encampment.

#### Meals/Food

It was reported that the encampment is in desperate need of food. There was mention that the Navigation Center at 606 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. provides three hot meals a day to its residents, paid for by the City. However, none of the Tiny House villages receive funding from the City for food. The Licton Springs Village encampment would like to get at least one hot meal a day funded by the City.

SHARE/WHEEL is looking for a long term commitment for meals. The CAC was informed that meals were initially in the management plan for the Licton Springs Village encampment; however, funding for this was eliminated. The Licton Springs Village encampment is not receiving City funding for meals.

CAC members discussed the issue and will do individual outreach to their contacts/organizations including, as examples:

- Outreach to members' individual email lists
- Outreach to religious institutions
- Asking businesses if they would put out barrels for food donations

Organized meals for 60 residents are sought; donations are always welcome.

The impact of the shortage of food is that Licton Springs Village residents are "starving". Individuals who are older, lack proper nutrition and who also may have medical issues and dietary needs are particularly vulnerable. The difficulty dealing with residents and providing other services when the resident is confronting hunger was mentioned.

## **Amenities/Offerings/Other**

- The King County Mobile Medical van has been making regular visits to the Licton Springs Village, about two times per month, hopefully soon to be once a week.
- A Seattle Public Library system mobile van has been visiting the Licton Springs Village.
- Wi-Fi hot spots may soon be implemented
- Domestic violence issues reported at the June 2017 Community Advisory Committee meeting have settled down.
- During the past month, medical issues have been the main issue. The increase in medical issues could be due, in part, to a lack of food/meals and/or the heat.
- Licton Springs Village staff and residents have seen an artist working on sketches of the Licton Springs Village with the intent of doing a mural on the encampment's exterior fence. Licton Springs Village residents are interested in input into the any future mural.

#### 5. Site Development

It was reported that:

- Upgrades to tiny houses continue.
- The washer/dryer is awaiting set up.
- Licton Springs Village is looking for a durable heavy duty commercial grill. Grills available to date have been heavily used but are not durable.

#### 6. Community Relations

It was reported that:

- Seattle Fabrics is still concerned about impacts to its business.
- Aurora Rents has been supportive in providing supplies
- Aurora Commons is helping on with trash collection.

## 7. Case Management

LIHI has recently hired a case manager. There is one case manager assigned to Licton Springs Village. The new case manager has been at the position for about three weeks.

The case manager has been working on updating case files.

- An accurate roster of residents now exists.
- The case manager has interviewed and gone through 22 case files to date.
- Three (3) residents have been identified for housing.
- Mental health issues are at the cornerstone of many issues. There is a need for mental health counseling.
- Many residents have issues that make them leery of seeking assistance. This makes providing assistance a slow process.
- There are trust issues that require building relationships for certain individuals to accept help.
- Clients have been on the street for a long period of time. They will accept case management when they feel they are safe.

## 8. Village Needs

Besides food, there is a need for blankets.

## 9. Other /Comments/Questions/Announcements

Information about an upcoming SHARE/WHEEL silent auction fundraising event was distributed.

## 10. Next meeting

Rachel Long will contact Josh Castle about doing a doodle poll to schedule the next meeting.

#### 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

# Licton Springs Community Advisory Committee Meeting June 28, 2017

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Positions Meeting chaired by Elizabeth Dahl. Minutes taken by Kathy Olson.
- **3**. **The minutes** of the May 24 meeting were approved.

## 4. Report on Village Operations

#### **Occupancy and referrals**

- 53 residents, 26 males, 27 females, includes couples and singles
- All referrals, except for 3, were from REACH

#### **Challenges and Solutions**

- Domestic violence—police have been called twice, decision to call police is a case by case process.
   Village now has an appeals process in place for consequences of behavior infringements that may lead to exiting
- Theft—thefts occurred before the village was completely set up, locking lockers were not available but now are
- Hording—connected to mental health. A process is being worked on to define what is allowable.
   There are monthly inspections with recommendations. Staff is "getting people ready for housing."
- Drugs—there has been one overdose. Narcan was administered and the resident is doing OK
- Campers on Nesbit nearby but not affiliated with Licton Springs. Neighbors wrote to mayor. The Navigation Team responded and there was no one there today. 6 of the campers were referred to Licton Springs
- Furniture left out as "free" by community members becomes a scene and encourages campers in the neighborhood. Neighbors are encouraged to use the "Find it, Fix it" app to notify the city when cleanup is needed. The city will attempt to respond more quickly
- Once a week Licton Springs conducts a neighborhood clean-up with Aurora Commons. During those rounds, outside campers are encouraged to move on
- Elizabeth reported that the homeless population camping on sidewalk spaces on Nesbit has not increased or decreased due to Licton Springs presence
- Question of why those from the neighborhood who had complained about campers were not at the CAC meeting. George Scarola suggested it might be because he had responded to their emails and set up a neighborhood meeting
- It was verified that email complaints had stopped when problems were solved

#### **Amenities and Offerings**

- Meal Calendar—has limited participation
  - --District 5 Neighborhood Action Council —1/mo
  - --Operation Sack Lunch may provide 1 meal a day
- Monthly visit with the King County Mobile Medical Van
- Greenwood and Greenlake Libraries asking about what services they can provide, offered to bring books

#### 5. Report on Village Development and Site Work

- Electrical work is almost done bringing electricity to all houses
- Shower house is done and operational
- Kitchen has new refrigerator and freezer, power needs to be hooked up

- Washer and dryer to be ready soon
- Small dorm tents for overflow will be set up soon and will accommodate 8
- There are weekly village meetings organizing kitchen, leadership jobs, and chores
- Work party July 1, 9:00-4:00 with lunch provided; construction and carpentry work and litter patrol

#### 6. Community Relations

- Invitation to work party
- Towels and blankets needed
- Relationships with village business neighbors—good relationship with Blumenthals—have received donations, some problems with Seattle Fabrics when folks park in their parking lot doing village business
- Making best effort

#### 7. Case Management Report

- New case manager has been hired to start July 4.
- Case management that has been done
  - -accurate roster
  - -HMIS
  - -case management
  - -medical referral
- Sound Mental Health info session to be scheduled
- 1 resident moved into housing 6/27, 1 to move on 6/30

#### 8. Village Needs

- More help with meals, website to be established for scheduling
- Fans (WA Athletic Club may donate)
- Money
- Food
- Hand truck (Elizabeth has one)

#### 9. Other

- Announcement: Aurora Commons will be closed the first two weeks of July
- A local journalist, Hanna Brooks Olsen, interviewed residents of the Village for an article in Real Change
- The city hearing on Tiny House villages revealed they were performing very well and above expectations
- Experiences at Interbay found that encampments and tiny house villages serve as a catalyst for creating community organization around the encampment/village
- The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has matching fund money available for small Sparks Grants up to \$5,000 to help build community. LS Village is encouraged to apply
- A veterinary service wants to provide services to all tiny house villages

## 10. Next Meeting

• Thursday, July 27, 5:00-6:30, tentatively at Cate Apartments

## <u>Licton Springs Village Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes</u>

#### 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 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. She 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—destabalizing 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

- 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?