

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – CAC REVIEW/APPROVAL PENDING

Village at 6th & Orchard CAC Minutes

Date / time: December 10, 2020, 6-7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members attending: Bekah Guenther, Debbie Irwin, Erik Hasstedt, Randy Nix, Teresa Mathies, Shella Peterson, K.C. Bacon, Tracy Peacock, Diana Falco, Joseph Izenman, Jacy Christensen, Maizey Nunn, Augie Machine, Derek Murphy, Barb Shivers

LIHI Staff attending: Joe Perva, Rachael Benson, Becca Finkes, John Brown, Lidya Stamper, Naomi See, Josh Castle

City Staff attending: Councilmember John Hines, Matthew Jorgenson, Allyson Griffith, Lt. Darlington

First Christian Church Representative(s) attending: Pastor Barbara Blaisdell

Minute Taker: Becca Finkes

Topics:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening words from Councilmember John Hines
 - a. Excited and looking forward to the role the CAC will play in supporting the village
 - b. Close-by neighbor of the village himself!
3. Opening words from Pastor Blaisdell
 - a. Expresses excitement to partner with LIHI and City of Tacoma
4. Opening words from the City of Seattle
 - a. Allyson Griffith shares gratitude for the Church offering their land, and the community being open to the village
 - b. Matthew Jorgenson will be on-site regularly - City of Tacoma has a commitment to being very active in village operations and ensuring everything runs smoothly
5. CAC Member Roles & Responsibilities
 - a. Monthly meeting (virtual for the time being)
 - b. CAC model is a great way to facilitate ongoing community engagement
 - i. Neighbors can provide input, feedback, and support (donations, services, volunteer)
 - ii. Public meeting that anyone is open to attend
6. Overview & History of Village at 6th & Orchard
 - a. Third time LIHI has opened a tiny house village in Tacoma (Hilltop - which has since moved to 60th/McKinley, and now 6th/Orchard)
 - b. 40 tiny houses and security, case management, and staff offices

- c. Tiny houses are insulated, have electricity, heat, and a locking door
 - d. Strict COVID-19 policies to keep residents safe
 - i. Social distancing, face masks, temp checks, virtual meetings, no visitors allowed on-site
 - e. LIHI has 65 buildings in 6 Counties (housing in Milton and Puyallup) and operates Urban Rest Stops and Tiny House Villages
7. Village Management & Operations
- a. Joe Perva (Special Projects Manager)
 - b. 24/7 staff on-site
 - c. Residents abide by Code of Conduct to maintain clean and healthy village environment and also remain good neighbors
 - i. Includes 11pm curfew and Quiet Hours
 - ii. Chores - 2 hour shift/week
 - iii. Progressive discipline process for residents who do not adhere to Code of Conduct
 - 1. Verbal warning, written warning, behavioral contract
 - d. Village will serve single women, couples, and families with children
 - e. Intakes will begin on the 16th
 - i. 5 per day (staggered to allow for COVID safety)
8. Village Case Management, Resident Services, & Outcomes
- a. Rachael Benson (Case Manager)
 - i. In process of hiring for additional half-time case manager
 - b. Support residents in identifying and breaking down barriers to housing
 - i. Obtaining identification, employment, education, income
 - c. Primary goal is to access housing
 - d. Case management also provides moral support to residents through active listening and validation to help restore dignity
 - e. Rachael previously worked as Case Manager at other Tacoma village on the Eastside - supported 11 individuals moving into permanent housing despite COVID-19 and affordable housing crisis!
9. Questions, Ideas, Feedback
- a. How are residents selected?
 - i. LIHI is working with referral agencies
 - 1. CCS, Urban League
 - b. What kind of turnaround occurs?
 - i. 3-4 month stay is average for people leaving the village for reasons other than accessing housing (violation of Code of Conduct for example)
 - c. How do referrals work?
 - i. Not required to work within Coordinated Entry system
 - ii. If someone wants to get into village, they should connect with referral partners
 - d. When is the village ready to receive food donations?
 - i. Dry foods can be accepted on-site immediately, perishable fridge/freezer food in about 2 weeks

- ii. Will have a better understanding of needs as residents move in (some may love to cook, in which case wish list will be more expansive)
 - e. How will residents get food?
 - i. Union Gospel Mission providing one hot meal a day
 - ii. Donations are available to all residents
 - iii. Many residents have food benefits as well
 - f. How does the ratio of residents to hygiene access work out?
- 10. Scheduling Regular Monthly Meetings
 - a. Josh to send out Doodle poll to plan for Jan meeting
- 11. Open Discussion / Public Comment
 - a. Naomi See shares a thank you to our wonderful volunteers! Incredible community effort to bring the village together.
 - i. Small projects left to prepare the village for opening next week - volunteers welcome on-site Friday and Saturday
 - b. Lidya Stamper thanks folks for record number donations for this village - 3 houses filled!
 - i. Nonperishable food items, warm winter clothes, and hygiene products are ongoing needs
 - c. Erik Hassedt shares more about Safe Streets, and the ways the organization is able to support the community.
 - d. Lt. Darlington (Sector Commander for the North End)
 - i. Shares that crime stats at other villages do not indicate increase in crime in the neighborhood with the village's development