

# Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters (TEMS) Virtual Town Hall

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## Agenda:

- Welcome by Councilmember John Hines
- Presentation by City staff and Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI)
- Community member Q&A

# Public Health State of Emergency

- Under the Emergency, the City can adapt policy and more rapidly allocate funding and resources for sheltering
- City authorized emergency shelters:
  - Stability Site- 1421 Puyallup Ave
  - TEMS at S 8<sup>th</sup> and MLK Jr Way (closed)
  - TEMS at E 60<sup>th</sup> and McKinley
- State of Emergency is set to sunset when 95% of unsheltered individuals have access to sheltering according to the annual Point-in-Time Count for three consecutive years

# Shelter Capacity in Tacoma

## Point in Time Count

Pierce County: 1,897 individuals

Tacoma: 544 individuals

## Shelter Capacity

City Manager's goal: expand shelter capacity by 100 units by the end of 2020.

Current expansion: 169 units complete;  
209 units including 602 N Orchard



# TEMS Site Outcomes

## **South 8<sup>th</sup> & MLK Jr Way Site**

Operated December 2019 through July 2020

Client Outcomes:

- Served 65 clients
- 15 client exits to housing

## **East 60<sup>th</sup> & McKinley Street Site**

Opened June 2020 and authorized to operate until December 2021

Client Outcomes:

- Has served 72 clients so far
- 8 client exits to housing

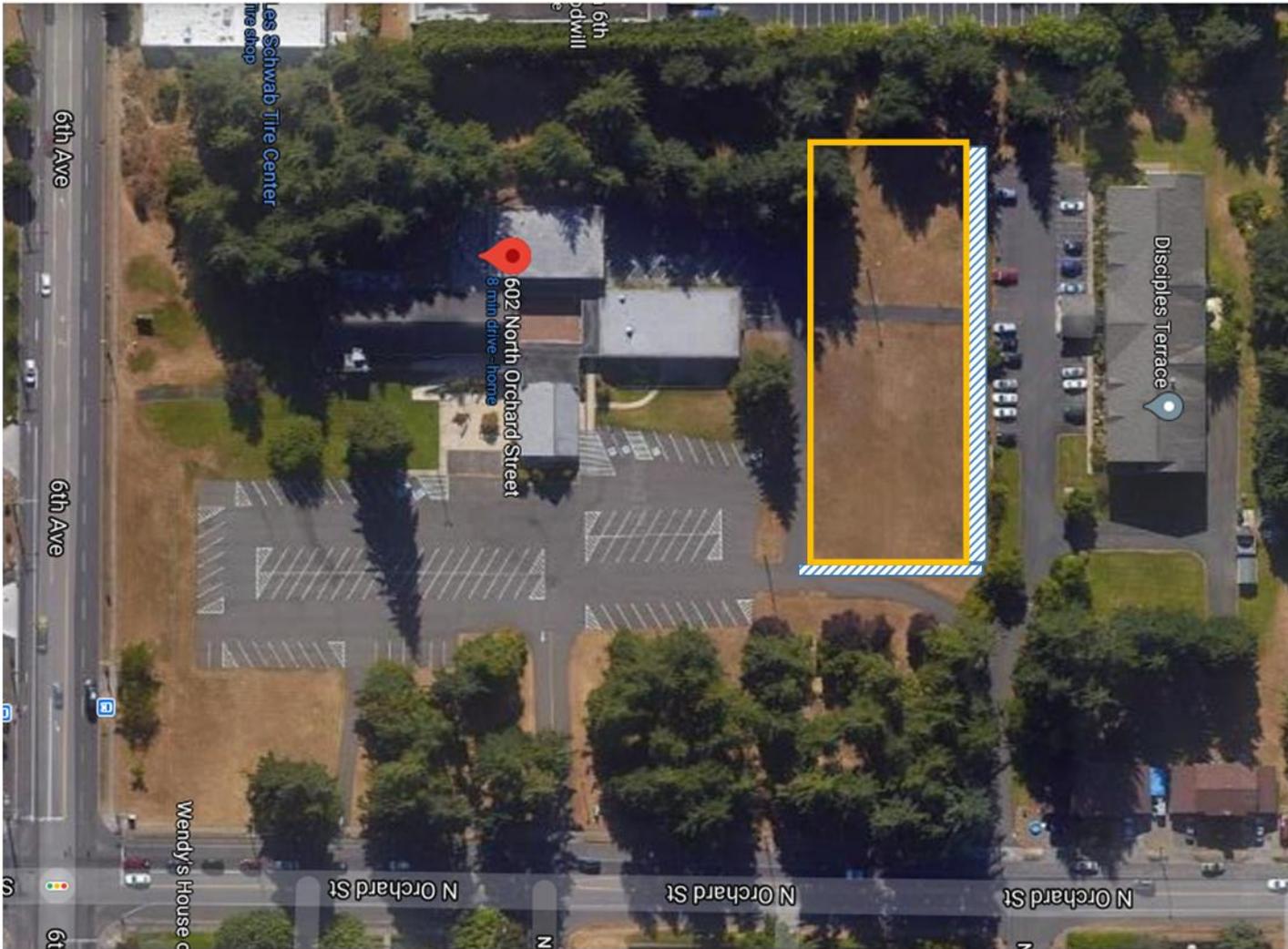
# Partner Perspectives

- Michael Mirra, Tacoma Housing Authority
- Pastor Blaisdell, First Christian Church
- Lua Pritchard, Affordable Housing Consortium

# TEMS Site Overview and Timeline

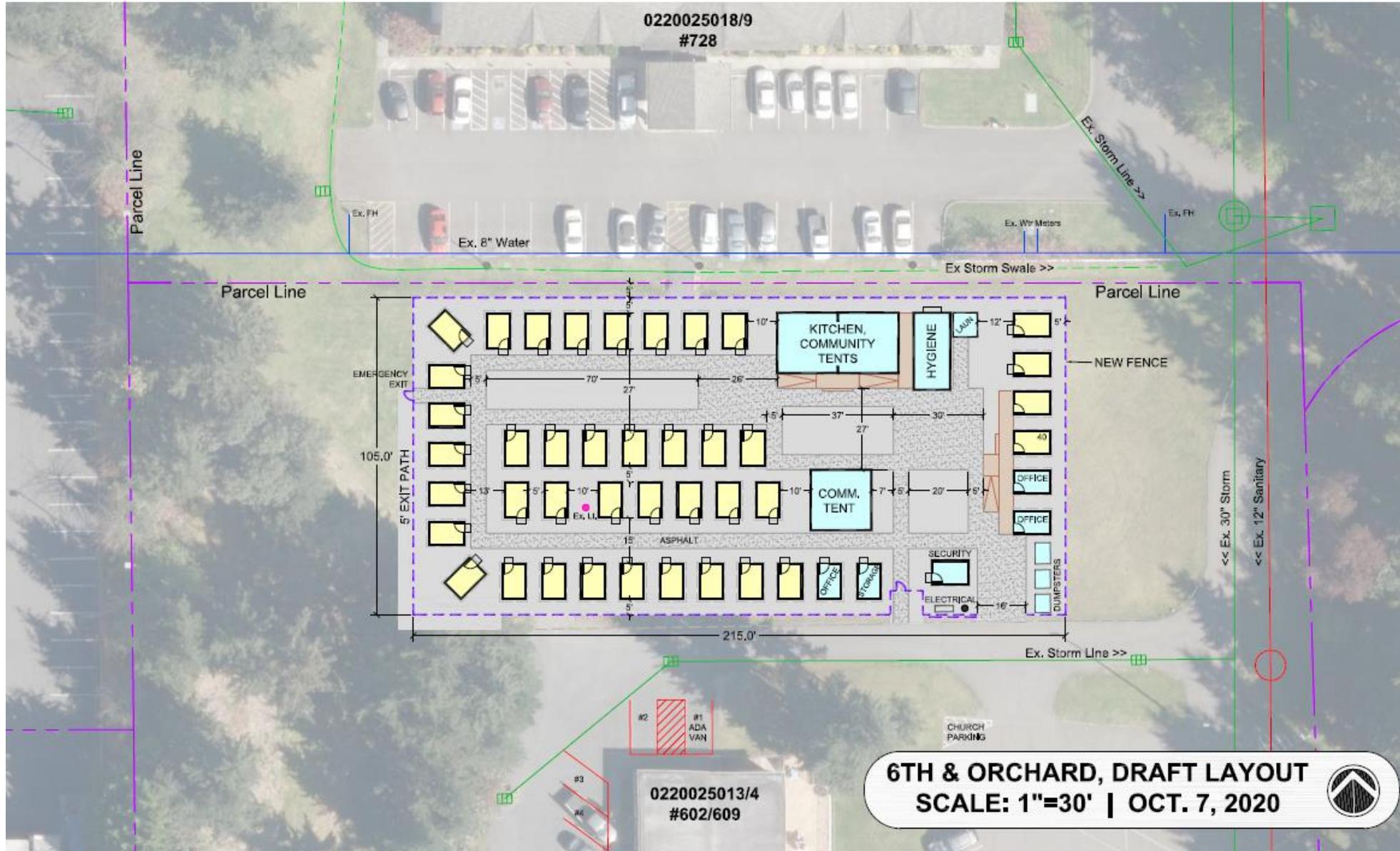
Date	Action
September 15 and 29, 2020	Council received Study Session briefings on the site
September 2020 and ongoing	Staff responding to questions and concerns from residents and area businesses. Staff remain available to attend meetings and address questions
October 20, 2020	Property lease and operator contractor before Council for authorization
October 2020	TEMS site set-up will begin; volunteers welcome (construction, furniture assembly)
December 2020	Site fully operational; Residents and area business owners invited to participate on Community Advisory Committee
July 2023	Micro-shelters removed and site returned to First Christian Church

# TEMS Site Aerial View



North Orchard Street

# Proposed TEMS Site Plan- 602 N Orchard St



# 602 N Orchard TEMS Operational Details



- Site boundary is fully fenced with controlled entry
- 24/7 staff on-site and security cameras
- Up to 40 units to accommodate up to 60 individuals
- Common area facilities include restrooms, showers, laundry, case management office, communal kitchen, and trash and recycling

# Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)



- The Low Income Housing Institute is a nonprofit housing and service organization. LIHI owns and operates 2,300 units of affordable housing
- LIHI operates or supports 8 micro-shelter villages and 1 enhanced building shelter in Seattle, 2 villages in Olympia, and 1 village in Tacoma that provide shelter to about 1,000 individuals annually
- Case managers have moved over 650 village clients into permanent housing since tiny house program began in 2016

# LIHI Micro-Shelter Villages



8<sup>th</sup> and MLK Micro-Shelter Site



# TEMS Site Operations

- Residents will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Conduct
- All micro-shelter units are 8 feet by 12 feet, heated, with electricity, smoke detectors, and furnished
- LIHI will provide staff 24/7 to oversee security and management of the site
- Case Managers assist residents with obtaining housing, employment, health care, and other services
- Community members are welcome to volunteer, bring donated food and supplies, and engage with the village staff to ask questions and voice any concerns

# Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meets monthly to review operations and progress of site, address questions, concerns, and ideas from the public, and provide advisory input.

- LIHI and City staff participate in all CAC meetings
- All meetings have an opportunity for community comment and problem solving
- First meeting will be December 8, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom

# Key Resources

- Services for individuals experiencing homelessness
  - 3-1-1 for encampment locations
  - (253) 396-5065 for business resources
- TEMS Site Operations
  - [Josh.Castle@lihi.org](mailto:Josh.Castle@lihi.org) or (206) 334-0508
- Neighborhood Resources
  - [shelters@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:shelters@cityoftacoma.org) or (253) 591-5119

# Get Involved

- Volunteer & Donate
  - To volunteer or donate, email [tinyhouses@lihi.org](mailto:tinyhouses@lihi.org)
- Join the TEMS Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
  - Visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments) to apply or find meeting information
- Stay informed
  - Sign-up for email updates at [cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments)

# Questions and Answers

- To participate, type your questions or comments in the Q&A box at the bottom of your screen
- Moderator will read questions to staff for answers
- Any questions that cannot be answered this evening will receive a typewritten response posted to [www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments)
- All raw questions and comments entered into Q&A will be posted at [www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/authorizedencampments)

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- Email us at [shelters@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:shelters@cityoftacoma.org)

*Thank you!!*