Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site Update

Study Session
September 29, 2020

Agenda

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- Outreach and Communication

Background

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 and with additional units 209

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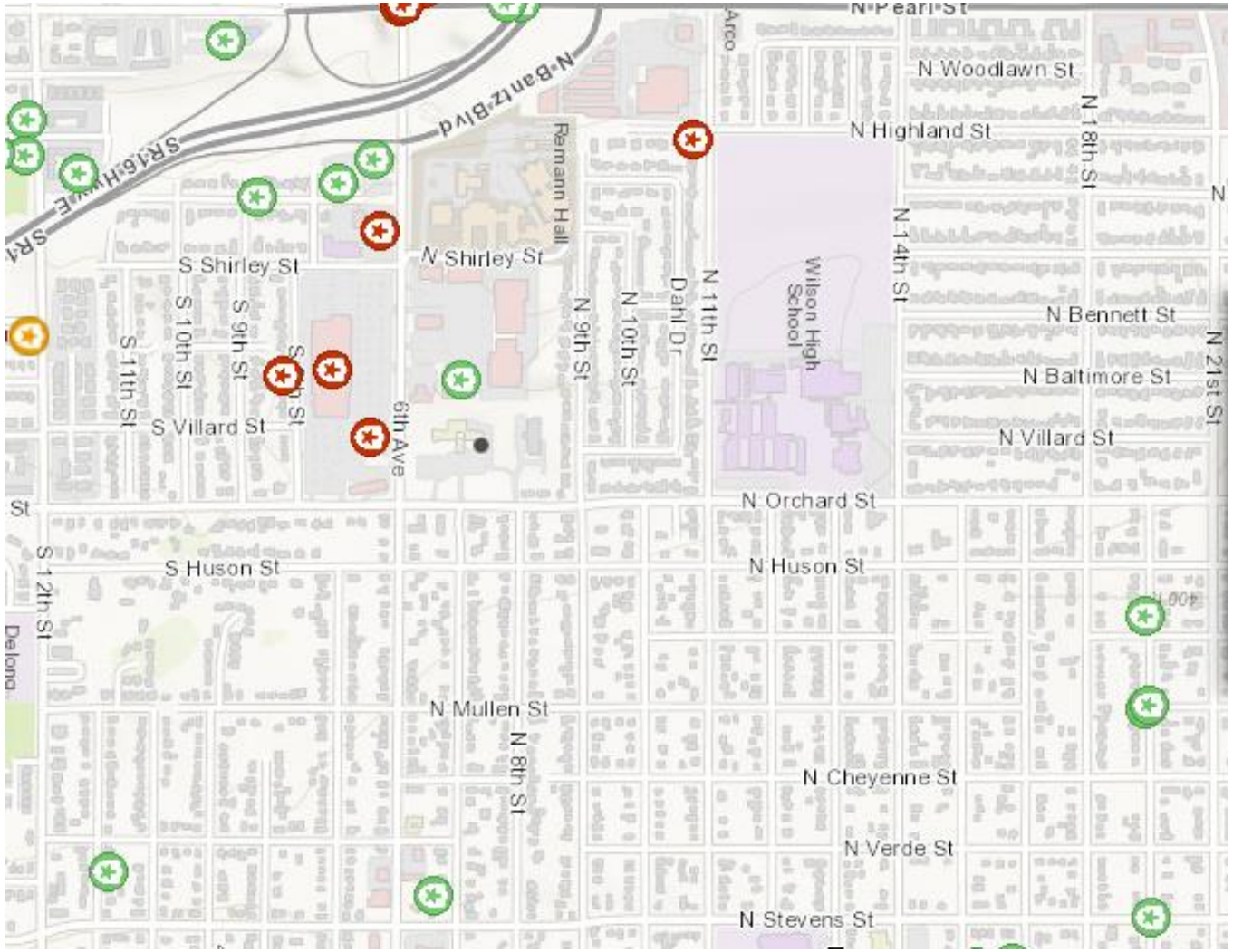

Encampment Response:

Recently reported encampment activity in the vicinity of S. 12th to N. 21st; Pearl to Stevens

www.cityoftacoma.org/encampmentmap

Background

- What is a Micro-Shelter Site?
- Emergency Micro-shelter site at 8th and MLK opened in December 2019 – operated thru July 2020
  - 65 clients; 15 exits to housing
- E. 60th and McKinley opened July 2020
  - 68 clients; 5 exits to housing

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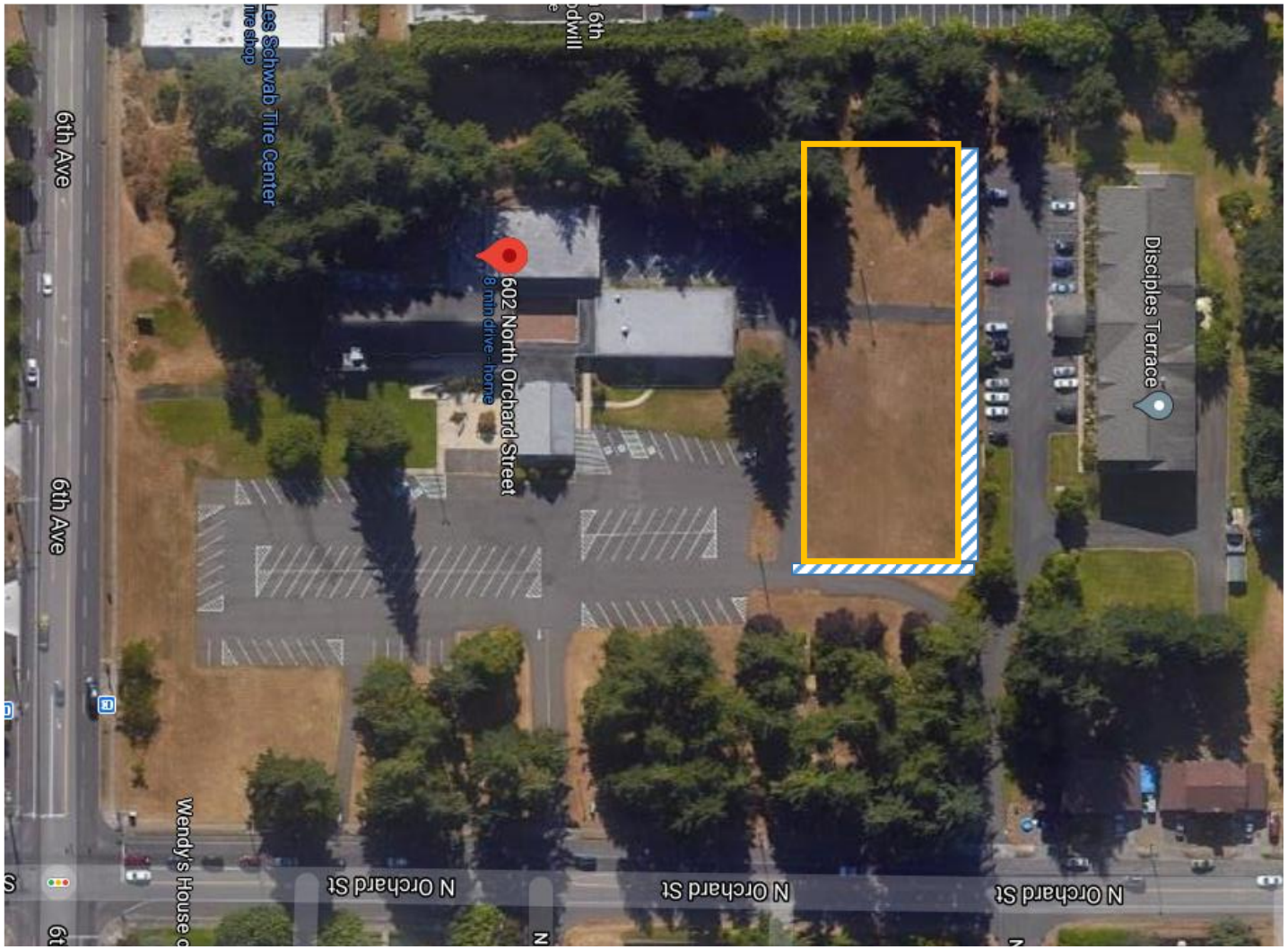

- First Christian Church property, 602 N. Orchard
- No more than 40 housing units
- On-site restrooms, laundry and showers included
- Fully fenced with secure gate access

Budget

- Budget:
  - Start up $615k to $680k (dependent on site development requirements)
  - Operations site management and services $1.9 Mil (thru July 2023)
    - Services include case management, on site security, meals, client assistance and transportation
- Funding
  - ESG COVID-19 funding
  - CARES Act funding distributed by the State for new shelter beds

Timeline

- October 7th Virtual Town Hall
- October-November
  - Council authorization of property lease agreement and site operator contract
  - Site development and construction
- Early December
  - Fully operational and residents moving in
  - Community Advisory Committee meetings begin

Outreach and Communication

- September 15: Council Study Session Project Introduction
- September 15: Councilmember Hines Press Release
- September 16: Councilmember Hines and staff at WENC
- September 28-October 1: Phone calls to area residents and businesses
- October 7: Virtual Town Hall
  - Postcards mailed September 25th (S. 12th-N. 21st; Pearl-Stevens)
- Volunteers invited and encouraged - Site set up, food and clothing donations
- Community Advisory Council (CAC) - Regularly scheduled meetings

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