

GCC Meeting - 09/16/19

Agenda:

- I. Welcome
- II. SPD Update
- III. City of Seattle/Tiny House Village discussion
- IV. Good of the Hood

Community Guidelines

SPD Update

Crime is down 17% for the year, and for 28-day average. Lowest crime since two years ago. Factors involved: emphasis patrols part of Mayor's plan, officers making patrols 18 times a month in GT. Slated to continue through end of year. Staffing is for 100%, 6 officers and a sergeant.

GT-specific Categories of crime down:

- Robberies 31%
- Assault up 19%
- Arson 36%
- Larceny
- Theft
- Motor vehicle theft

New platform for crime statistics.

City of Seattle/Tiny House Village Discussion

Present:

- Jason Johnson HSD
- Andres Martilla
- Chris Potter
- Donna Waters, Seattle Park District
- Lynn Best, Seattle city light

Address to contact: Homelessness@seattle.gov, put "Georgetown" in the subject line.

JJ: Programs are effective, 8 programs collectively see a 37% exit rate to housing. Success is measured by exit rate, path to permanent housing. GT has seen a 38% exit rate to permanent housing. City's plan overall is to keep villages in place, but can't continue to operate under

permits. Important to HSD and city the shelter bed capacity stable, always trying to grow capacity.

GT village has been extended through March of 2020. Village reached end of permit last spring, then extended with 6 month permits twice. "Will allow us to choose a responsible course of action." Looking ahead to March 2020, there are two options:

1. Ramping down by 2020
2. Moving to a faith sponsorship.

Faith partner can host a shelter or village.

Option 1: Ramp Down

Mayor will be releasing budget. HSD will be asking for funding set aside for ramp-down of GT village. HSD would work with LIHI to manage ramp-down. Would look to other programs across the city to shift or add capacity.

First phase would be in November. Have a plan for each household, housing services for each individual. Work with LIHI to increase level of services offered. Would also reduce referrals to Village. Village is highly desired by individuals contacted by Nav team.

Next phase: identifying other placements. Would rely on other organizations to get people into transitional housing or other shelters.

Final phase: closure. Removing materials and construction from property.

Option 2: Faith-sponsor

City contracts with agency to operate program. Program would continue to need to meet contractual obligations. LIHI has been approached by a faith sponsor. HSD doesn't have a viable proposal, but faith leaders have been connecting with LIHI to begin conversations.

Summary

Village is meeting exit rate goals. Program is working in terms of outcome provided. Department's priority is on the safety and well-being of individuals in villages.

Question around how faith organizations would treat tiny house village residents. Very specific anti-discrimination language in contracts.

How would ramp-down option living compare to THV living?

Could get access to funding to get housing-ready in a couple months. Could make client-assistance dollars available.

What would the permit length limitations be for a faith-based organization?

Permit would be unlimited, faith-based organization would renew annually.

What has been done from land-use perspective to make industrial used for affordable housing?

City has an industrial land policy to preserve manufacturing and industrial jobs. Per mayor,

City and county homelessness efforts will be consolidated. Merger will occur through out 2020.

How will feedback be received from community on whether or not the village stays? Feedback

has been incoming, mostly messages of support for the THV staying.

Could the GT community be the sponsor? Wouldn't be permitted right now.

Good of the Hood

- ARDAGH meeting on 10/08
- Martin court is being renovated
- Very long table dinner (community event) coming up
- District 2 council candidate meeting
- Friends of GT history is putting on 15th annual haunted history tour. 17,18,19 of October