

CAC Meeting
6th & Orchard
7/14/2021

Present: Tom Moore, Doug Collins, Joe Perva, Joe Izenman, Isaiah Summers,
Diana Falco, Erik Hasstedt, Jacy Christensen

Introduction of newest member: Doug Collins is the new Senior minister at First Christian Church and this is his first meeting

Joe Perva- Operations Update

Good month. Only 3 police calls: one altercation in the church parking lot, one for two individuals fighting (Altercation that did not take place within or around the village), and one mental health call (non criminal)

64 people living at the site, 18 kids, including one newborn. First baby born to the village. It's a boy!

2 families reunited with their children, 6th family reunited since opening
55% move out rate.

1 individual employed at 7/11, 2nd villager employed by neighboring business.

Village fared the heatwave ok-Got ice, otter pops, and sprinklers, and several industrial fans were provided by community members. The villagers were kept as comfortable as was possible.

A mobile vaccination unit is coming to the village. A vaccination rate of 80% would allow the possibility for the village to have visitors and more enrichment activities on site.

A resident who moved out in February into permanent housing was hired by LIHI to work in Seattle. This

Joe thanked Doug for coming into the village and playing music. This has led to the villagers wanting to do karaoke! Doug responded that the church is glad to have the partnership with the village. Doug also offered his listening ear to anyone from the LGBTQ community.

Joe shared that the village at E. 60th would be moving to 69th and Orchard.

Joe thanked Erik from Safe Streets for bringing information to the site regarding vaccinations and the incentive programs offered to state residents, as well as bus passes to transport people to vaccination sites.

Keyholder position- LIHI likes to hire current and former clients. The Keyholder position is a position that is utilized in the case of an emergency that would require staff to leave the premises. The Keyholder fills in until a replacement arrives.

Isaiah Summers- Case Management Update

Challenges-

A couple of clients with significant debt from evictions. Isaiah has been advocating for clients by negotiating with creditors to negotiate a lower amount owed, and helping them pay it off, while trying to remain within the program budget.

A few clients are struggling with mental health issues that may necessitate being reassessed for fitness for this program.

No rental history/lack of credit continues to pose challenge to housing clients.

Some clients take issue with site operations, are resistant to doing chores.

Social Security cards are hard for clients to obtain due to length of homelessness and lack of credit.

Social Security and Department of Social & Health Services offices are currently operating by appointment only.

Positives-

1 move out from village and in with family.

1 client moved onto a property.

SSI as guaranteed income can be helpful with Landlords.

Approved for increase in credit limit to provide for client needs.

Some clients applied for new Senior Living which is promising.

Most of the clients currently possess picture I.D.

Jacy asked if a 2nd Case Manager had been hired for the 6th and Orchard site and Joe confirmed that indeed a new Case Manager, with both previous Operations and Case Management experience, would be starting on August 2nd and would be introduced at the next CAC meeting.

Erik Hasstedt-Safe Streets Update

Erik asked how many of the children on site were of Middle School and High school age, Joe answered at least 7.

Erik stated that the group Youth Leading Change will be hosting a Leadership and Development Academy for youth 8th-12th grade that will meet twice a week at People's Park. No Cost.

<https://safest.org/events/leadershipacademy2021/>

Erik also shared that Safe Streets is partnering with 7 Metro Parks to host free lunches for children 18 and under weekdays from 12-1pm

Franklin, Portland Avenue, South, Titlow, Verlo Playfield, Wapato (opposite the Police Station side), and Wright Parks are the participating parks.

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/activities-and-sports/summer-meals/>

July 31st-Night at the Movies at LeMay Car Museum "Despicable Me" Erik thinks they can sponsor a car from the village for this drive in event.

<http://safest.org/events/movienight2021/>

Need for Village: The 6th and Orchard site has a projector screen and would like supplies for a movie night, such as microwave popcorn, juice mixes, and candy.

Jacy asked, and Isaiah updated that clients requesting foundation garments were taken to Walmart for purchases. Jacy will talk to her church about the possibility of the women's ministries doing a Foundation garment drive to have more of these items on hand for new residents in the future.

Next meeting is Wednesday August 11th

