

## Emergency Homelessness Taskforce (EHT) Meeting Notes

July 17, 2020

Attendees: City Administrator's Office; Mayor's Office; Public Works Dept; Dept of Transportation; Fire Dept; Police Dept; Parks & Rec; Oak311; City Attorney's Office; Human Services Department, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit)

### Notes:

- **Next Week's Operation: Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 34<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Deep Cleaning** – HSD/Outreach will go out in advance of operation to connect with residents and remind them of scheduled operation.
- **Policy Working Group Update** – next steps: high level follow-up meeting re: July 6 Life Enrichment Committee (has not been scheduled yet), and working group will reconvene after.
- **Interagency Planning w/BART** – concerns of fires and growing encampment. In the past 2 years there have been 20 fires around the area. Concerns over the fire load to high tension lines (3<sup>rd</sup> rail) and fiber-optic cable wires. Water saturation, as a result of fires, could also weaken the concrete supporting the structure. Approx. 20 people on site. Although residents were engaged about 4 months ago; engagement in the area is needed in preparation for a future operation. Both agencies agree that this site is an imminent fire and safety risk that will require a coordinated effort. Follow up meeting being planned.
- **Farmer's Market/Camron Stanford After Action Report** – area around the bus stop was cleaned and lady voluntarily moved. Parking lot encampment moved before the site clean-up. Camron Stanford House area was cleaned, trash and debris were picked-up.
- **Moorepark/107<sup>th</sup> Ave** – site is on garbage run and continues to get service. One guy on site is a hoarder with approx. 30 yards of belongings. Encampment residents have reached out to HSD/Outreach to complain regarding other people coming on site to dismantle vehicles/chop shop, not related to people on site. This site requires a joint operation with UPR. OFD will reach out to UPR to try to get a date for a joint operation. OPW will continue to abate trash and debris while larger operation is being planned.
- **Old Fire Alarm Building** – encampment residents are vandalizing City vehicles. They are also cooking in close proximity to building. Outreach was out on site recently and reports that residents are cooperative and site is well managed. Outreach will revisit to address the bad behavior.
- **64 Santa Clara Ave Tree Removal** – dying tree needs to be removed from site and approx. 5 tents are in the collapse zone. Outreach, OPW & tree removal service will

schedule a walk-through. Operation, to remove tree, tentatively scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Glen Echo Creek** – debris in creek needs to be removed; OPW will address.
- **Arroyo Viejo Park** – Outreach states that site looks occupied. NSC is working with brother/relative of deceased resident to claim property today; if items are not claimed and no one is on site items will be removed Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **MLK Jr. Way between W. Grand & 25<sup>th</sup>** – growing encampment with a lot of activity. Joint operation with Caltrans will be planned.
- **733 Apgar St.** – construction zone. Trash and debris in area, no tents or structures on site, just an accumulation of garbage. 1 person on site is claiming belongings so KOBC (illegal dumping) will not touch items; unclear if items belong to individual. OPD & KOBC will visit site next week.
- **Wood St. Update** – 2 groups left site. RV fire last week after a clean-up operation by Caltrans. Vehicles need to be removed and a deep cleaning is necessary. Area is designated as a “safe RV parking” site and could open in the Fall if City is able to execute a lease with the property owner.
- **35<sup>th</sup> and Quigley/garbage service/criminal activity** – 1 RV, truck and vehicle on site; pile of “stuff” in front of vehicle. Minimal trash and debris on site. HSD reports no issues at the site.
- **Bellevue/Lake Merritt** – Thank You email received from a residents. It appears issues have been resolved by implementation of the Lake Merritt plan, which included no parking zone, Lakeside area coned-off.
- **2121 Filbert/abandoned vehicles** – Outreach went out on site and spoke with person who owns vehicle; she accepted services at the RV site on Beach St., and a battery will be provided by HSD so she can move her vehicle.
- **Independent Loop** – 10 people on site. RV and car double parked, motorcycles blocking the street. Fire engines have no access to fire hydrant. Outreach was recently on site. Deep cleaning is necessary and should be scheduled in near future. Site is on garbage run and was cleaned yesterday. Main issues on site are hoarding, double parking and lack of fire apparatus access.
- **Melrose Library/waste and debris removed** – problem resolved by KOBC
- **8239 International Blvd.** – people voluntarily moved vehicles. PG&E reported no further problems.
- **5217 MLK Jr. Way** – Outreach will visit site.
- **Bay Trail/Alameda Ave** – ROW obstructions cleared. Outreach was on site and asked people to relocate. OPD towed several abandoned vehicles. People parking on sidewalk voluntarily moved. OPD will continue to monitor area for cars parked on the sidewalk.

- **77<sup>th</sup> Ave** – K rails will be installed to address public safety concerns. A deep cleaning will be scheduled on 8/13 to reduce the footprint, to maintain a clear ROW and to clear area so OFD can maneuver fire apparatus. Staff will visit site next week to begin preparations for deep cleaning operations.
- **Dennison St./King St.** – OPD on site today, RV has been moved, person will return for personal belongings. KOCB will clean site next week and Outreach will get United Services to pick-up the porta potty.
- **8406 Enterprise Way** – no encampment and no fire hazards on site.
- **San Antonio Park** – 2-4 people on site cooking/burning; trash and debris. Outreach & OFD will go out on site to engage with residents and educate them on fire safety. Outreach will inform residents, a week before the garbage run that is scheduled the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Upcoming Operations:***

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>: 34<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Deep Cleaning**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>: 45<sup>th</sup> & MLK Deep Cleaning**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>: 64 Santa Clara – Tree Removal**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>: 77<sup>th</sup> Ave. Deep Cleaning**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>: 38<sup>th</sup> & Manila Deep Cleaning**