

Emergency Homelessness Taskforce (EHT) Meeting Notes

July 3, 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 Dept.

Notes:

- **Next Week's Operation: July 9th – Deep Cleaning at Kirkham between 5th & 7th –** Notices will be posted on Monday 7/6 before by Noon. CAO, OPD, OPW, OFD & HSD will be on-site when the operation commences. OPD will remove abandoned & burned vehicles from site. No vehicle dwellers or encampment residents will be displaced.
- **Garbage Run Update** – 600 block of Baldwin was added to the weekly garbage run given the excessive amounts of trash and debris that are accumulating.
- **Policy Working Group**
 - Good Neighbor Pilot: still under legal review
- July 6 LED Report: Completed. Posted to Legistar:
<https://oakland.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=790389&GUID=ACAOCBE9-8F32-478E-A093-E3513EAB54C1&Options=info|&Search=>
- **Encampment Assessment Form Feedback** – Draft form accepted by the EHT, and form will begin to be programmed into the database. Form will not be operationalized until OCA has completed their review.
- **Fire Calls to Encampments** – OFD provided an oral report. Written report forthcoming.
- **Leet Dr.** – Vehicle, trash/debris, public safety concern. OPD stated that individual in car on-site is 100 yards from embankment. He was evaluated by County Medical Street Team and it was determined that the individual does not meet criteria for 72-hour psychiatric hold. Clutter and a lot of garbage around the vehicle. City's outreach team will attempt to gain voluntary compliance with regard to the trash and debris that is accumulating.
- **Bay Trail/Alameda Ave.** – Right-of-way obstructions, people are now on water side of street; vehicles (including one abandoned), vans, canopy & tent on sidewalk. Safety hazard for pedestrians. OPD's Abandoned Auto Unit will investigate if the vehicle on the sidewalk is indeed abandoned.
- **Driver Plaza** – HSD working with advocate group to remove portable toilet from the site. HSD reported there is no nearby encampment benefiting from the service.
- **42nd & International** – Fatal fire. Fire was started by use of a sternum (small heating element) used to heat & cook food; people are using them in tents. OFD will provide Outreach Team with educational materials on fire safety in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to be distributed at encampments Citywide. Educational materials on pedestrian safety will also be distributed during outreach efforts.
- **107th Ave – Joint Operation w/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)** – there are live/active lines on 105th & 107th on west side of tracks. Three individuals, one dog, 12 tents, and 12 vehicles noted at the site. Collection of car parts noted as well. Train lines will have to be

shut down for any scheduled operation. CAO will work with UPRR to coordinate scheduling. Outreach will visit site before a scheduled operation with UPRR.

- **Clinton Park** – growing encampment that is now against the building. Safety concern for the public and individuals using the Vietnamese Community Center. Fire safety concerns with residents cooking near building, and health safety concerns due to defecation at front entrance and around building. Outreach will attempt to gain voluntary compliance with regard to fire hazards. Tree house noted, occupied by an unsheltered individual (see image below).



- **800 77th Ave** – Right-of-way obstructions. Numerous business complaints received. Recycling business can't get their trucks in/out of yard. Criminal activity noted on-site. HSD reported that this location has been visited by an Outreach Team on several occasions in the last several weeks to no avail.
- **Echo Creek/Veteran's Building** – on going complaints. Area received a deep cleaning on 5/21/20 where approximately six tons of trash and debris were removed from the site, and a 100 ft perimeter free of trash and debris was established; all ingress/egress obstructions were cleared; two unsheltered individuals accepted transitional housing offers and moved into the Holland Transitional Housing Program; three unsheltered individuals remained outside of the 100 ft perimeter and their current encampment footprint was reduced significantly. The pictures below were taken on 5/21/20 after the deep cleaning:



- **Old Firm Alarm** – Outreach Team reported that there were no tents observed against building.
- **San Leandro/Hegenberger** – Outreach will perform a site assessment week of 7/6.
- **Camron-Stanford House** – OPD will request an assessment of the area; one belligerent person on site.
- **Dennison St/King St** – One RV noted at the location. Outreach Team will attempt to gain voluntary compliance with regard to the trash and debris noted around the RV.
- **34th & Chestnut** – Interdepartmental team met to discuss criminal activity and blighted structure that may be contributing to increased activity in and around this location.

More information will be provided to the EHT following the team's upcoming planning meeting.

- **Lake Merritt Garden Center** – no improvements on site. City workers feel unsafe due to individual on site. Alameda County Mental Health Services are familiar with the individual and has engaged in the past. HSD will continue to liaise with ALCO. OPD made aware of employee safety concerns.
- **Fitzgerald Community Garden** – Discussion tabled.
- **Union Point Park** – OPD reported a homicide occurred on 7/1. It is unclear whether the homicide is directly related to the encampment and an investigation is underway.
- **38th & Manilla** – encampment has grown significantly. Approximately 25 people, several dogs and three pregnant women on site. Portable toilet delivered this week, and HSD will continue to engage individuals via regular outreach. City notified that nearby building has been red-tagged and is slated for demolition (with no date certain). Encampment will need to be closed prior to demolition due to the collapse zone.
- **8406 Enterprise Way** – multiple fire hazards on private property. OFD made aware.
- **21st & Filbert** – request received to remove abandoned autos.

Upcoming Operations:

- **July 9th** – Deep cleaning: Kirkham between 5th & 7th Streets
- **July 16th** – Farmer's Market waste and debris removal during OPW garbage run
- **July 23rd** – Deep cleaning: 34th & Chestnut (Chestnut to San Pablo)
- **July 30th** – Deep cleaning: 45th & MLK.