

Emergency Homelessness Taskforce (EHT) Meeting Notes

July 31, 2020

Attendees: City Administrator's Office; Mayor's Office; Public Works Dept; Dept of Transportation; Fire Dept; Police Dept; Parks & Rec; City Attorney's Office; Human Services Department; Alameda County Environmental Health Department, Vector Control Division

Notes:

- **Next Week's Operation: Thursday, August 6th – Lake Merritt Community Cabins Perimeter Compliance** – Outreach team will walk the perimeter of the Lake Merritt Community Cabins (LMCC) site to conduct intense outreach, offer services, and to encourage the few individuals who recently arrived to voluntarily comply with the buffer zone established outside of LMCC to maintain resident safety. Any person currently living inside the buffer zone will be offered alternative shelter.
- **Policy Working Group Update** – interdepartmental team re-convened and will meet weekly to develop a follow up report and recommendation, returning to the Life Enrichment Committee in late September.
- **Announcement: No EHT Meeting Friday, August 21st**
- **45th & MLK After Action Report** – the operation ran smoothly; one advocate on-site who was supportive and provided assistance. No issues noted and significant improvement was made in the area. Over 10 yards of trash and debris collected. No one displaced. No person's dwelling towed.
- **Out of Service Hydrants – EBMUD List** – hydrants have been stripped or tampered with and are no longer operable. EBMUD provided a list of approx. 30 hydrants with considerable damage. Locking caps have been put on hydrants but residents from encampments regularly remove the locking caps. OFD recommends proactive steps to enforce the standard three foot circumference required around all public hydrants.
- **PG&E Requests at the following sites; 34th & Elm and 5th & Filbert** – construction project at these sites and PG&E cannot access the area because of encampments. They require access to these sites in the next 3-4 weeks. The encampment on 34th and Elm does not have a lot of stuff and Outreach should be able to access site fairly easy and encourage individuals to voluntarily relocate due to construction. The encampment on 5th & Filbert requires more support; KOCB / HSD suggests an on-site visit with PG&E.
- **Athol Tennis Courts** – KOCB will consider inclusion for containerized garbage pilot.
- **Splashpad Park Biohazards** – OPW advised that OAK 311 manages the biohazard contract that previously serviced this location. OAK311 unavailable for comment. Discussion tabled.
- **San Antonio Park** – unhoused individual “allegedly” has an active restraining order preventing him from residing in the park; CRO and OPD Supervisor of area have been notified and will follow up directly.
- **9811 Empire Rd Outreach Request** – encampment located near the waterway. Outreach will add to list of sites to visit.
- **Peralta (Channel) Park, Lakeside Park, & Cypress Memorial Park** – Critical staff not present, discussion tabled.
- **Santa Clara & Harrison** – recent fire on CalTrans parcel, 5 tents burned. KOCB cleaned area to dispose of fire debris prior to CalTrans arrival. Meeting with Caltrans scheduled for Monday, August 3rd.
- **E.12th St. Median Update** – another significant fire on site. KOCB cleaned area to dispose of fire debris. Given multiple fires at this location, OFD advises to close the encampment as soon as emergency shelter vacancies become available.
- **Beaumont Ave, 11th & Pine and 5th & Filbert** – added to Outreach list for next week

- **38th & Manila Update** – encroachment and demolition permits have not been approved yet; building has been red-tagged. Fencing will be put up after cleaning has been completed.
- **419 W. MacArthur Update** – unhoused individual on site is a hoarder with lots of stuff and alleged illegal activity is taking place on site; person is encroaching on private property. Individual reportedly has mental health and substance abuse issues; HSD will reach out to Alameda County Behavioral Health Care for services.
- **Miles Ave Update** – KOCB was on site; vehicle encampment with a lot of stuff. The site is directly across the street from Claremont Middle School. Site will be added to Outreach list.
- **Moorpark/107th Ave Update** – recent fire on site (3 fires in the past few weeks), UPRR cleaned site yesterday; residents impacted by fire voluntarily moved to another area, but new site raises serious concerns given close proximity to business with combustible materials. Individuals asked to refrain from setting up tents/structures at or near the business with combustible materials. OPD providing support.
- **Bay Trail Update** – KOCB on site today and noted that the trail entrance is clear, including curbside.
- **Glen Echo Creek Debris Update** – Alameda County deals with items in the creek and the City/OPW deals with debris on the embankment. OPW will follow up with the County.
- **733 Apgar St Construction Update** – KOCB removed bulk of trash/debris that appeared to be illegal dumping.
- **Containerized Garbage Pilot** – OPW has secured locks & chains to start program at some sites. Recommendation was made to add Athol Tennis Court to the list.

Upcoming Operations:

- August 6th - Lake Merritt Community Cabins Closure Zone Compliance**
- August 13th - 77th Ave. Deep Cleaning**
- August 27th - 38th & Manila Deep Cleaning**

Future Operations:

San Leandro between 81st & 85th (Interagency Ops w/BART)

E.12th St. Median & E. 12th St. Remainder Parcel (Construction commences in Oct 2020)