

Emergency Homelessness Taskforce (EHT) Meeting Notes

June 19, 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

Notes:

- **E 12th Median (16th through 18th)** – moving forward with deep cleaning operation scheduled on 6/24 & 6/25. CAO, OPW, HSD, OPD, OFD, and DOT will be on-site during the cleaning operation. No one is to be displaced and no structures are to be dismantled. District Two Council Office notified; East Oakland Collective advocacy group notified; The Village advocacy group notified. Outreach has visited the site to communicate the operation. Roots Community Health Clinic administered 15 COVID tests at the site. Results pending. Notices/Postings completed in multiple languages. Residents are aware that no one will be required to move.
- **Policy Working Group update**
 - Good Neighbor Pilot tabled until legal feedback provided
 - LEC Report still being developed
 - Encampment Assessment Form Final Draft Proposed – feedback received, will finalize at working group meeting and will forward recommendations to the EHT for consideration.
- **18th & Mandela** – cleaning was completed yesterday. Residents were cooperative, cleaning went well. No one displaced. Several yards of trash and debris removed.
- **Fire Calls to Encampments** – OFD requested to table the presentation/discussion until next EHT meeting when additional OFD staff could attend.
- **Employee Safety Concerns** – Incidents at the Lake Merritt Garden Center this past week have raised concerns about employee safety. Incidents include physical and verbal assaults to City employees; vandalism; theft; and human waste in and around the entrance to OPW's facility. Bad actors are damaging vehicles on site, throwing rocks, trash and debris at staff driving City vehicles. On one occasion, person used golf club to damage employee vehicle and physically injured employee. Reports have been filed. OPD will advise area Captain to request more patrol around the area. Approximately 10 people on site with tents. Outreach team notified.
- **Mosswood Park** – vandalism, trash, access issues. Things have gradually gotten worse; 3-4 tents in park, piles of debris and waste, pulling wires (for electricity), fires, illicit activity, and vandalism. Children and families will be re-introduced to area on June 29th. Employee and public safety concerns. Criminal complaints forwarded to OPD. Trash and debris removed from site today during garbage run.
- **Fitzgerald Community Garden** – employee and public safety concerns. Residents with plots on site cannot access them due to illicit activity and threats. Forwarded to OPD for follow-up.
- **77th Ave** – site profile is available. Needles disposed of on AT&T site; possible narcotics trafficking at encampment. HSD addressed syringe issues. OPD working on addressing criminal activity.

- **Arroyo Viejo Park** – two people on site adjacent to Arroyo Creek/watershed; cooking using fire on top of a shopping cart. Fire hazard and waste contamination to watershed concerns. Tabled.
- **Union Point Park** - High grass requires regular maintenance and weed work. OPW crew was on site last week. Dumpster put on site to address garbage and debris containment.
- **27th & Valdez** – ROW obstructions. OPW will investigate and report back to EHT
- **Wood St.** – no update regarding private parcel. Operation with Caltrans scheduled on Tuesday, June 23rd through June 26th. CalTrans/CHP made a resource request for assistance with the disposal of abandoned vehicles. OPD's Abandoned Auto Unit will only provide disposal service of truly abandoned autos (not dwellings) **only after** CalTrans/CHP has pulled the vehicles to the street/public right-of-way. Outreach sent to notify the current residents. No City staff will be on-site (CalTrans parcel) or will participate in the actual CalTrans operation.
- **Kirkham between 5th & 7th street** – cleaning operation scheduled on July 9th
- **MacArthur & Harrison** – CAO working with Caltrans to schedule an interagency deep clean.
- **Union/Fitzgerald Park** – trash/debris picked up today during garbage run.