



Safety off the Streets Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2017

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Bud Clark Commons
Multipurpose Room
650 NW Irving Street
Portland, OR 97209

ATTENDEES: Karlos Anthony, Tony Bernal, Avi Deol, Christina Govney, Katie Mays, Naimo Nur, Neil Sand, Wendy Shumway, Becky Straus, Emily Volpert, Savannah Walseth, Jenny White

MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome and Acknowledgments
- Kenton Village Update – Savannah Walseth from Catholic Charities
 - Kenton Village was created in a partnership between Catholic Charities, Village Coalition, City of Portland, Multnomah County, Kenton Neighborhood Association
 - It has been up and running for two months, with 14 female-identifying residents. The average age is 47, with an age range from 22 to 63.
 - There was a challenge in coming into the project without structure and policies in place already. Self-governance was difficult to navigate at the start. Village managers, partners, etc. wanted to be involved, and now many can be involved in varying ways
 - Case management is available on-site
 - A few current residents are on the list to have their own place through subsidized housing in the next few months.
 - In the future, they'd like to have more community space, kitchen, bathroom area and more structure in the beginning
 - It was a learning process, with a surprising amount of support from the community
 - There is a female unarmed security guard at night time
 - They have an oversight committee with Kenton Neighborhood Association, Catholic Charities and Village Coalition that meets to discuss the progress of the Village.
 - They have a weekly resident general assembly wherein residents decide on rules and policies.
 - Savannah answered questions from the group regarding Kenton Village.
- Right 2 Dream Too Update was tabled due to the absence of the speaker
- Review of Proposed Work Plan for FY 2018
 - The group reviewed the Safety Off the Streets committee work plan input worksheet and work plan
 - The group went through the three previously stated goals (education/training, community standards, and policy) and discussed the priorities that were not included in the Safety off the Streets Work Plan for 2018.
 - The group discussed possible curriculum for the trainings
 - The group discussed the importance of having documentation of policies and procedures to increase understanding and transparency.
 - The group discussed community guidelines and city sweep policies

- The group discussed the chronic homelessness planning aspect of the FY 2018 plan, and brainstormed ideas for how staff from the Joint Office of Homeless Services could collect information from the chronically homeless population. Ideas included:
 - The day center at Bud Clark Commons
 - Shelters
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Village Coalition
 - Hospitals
 - Resiliency specialists
 - The Maybelle Center
- The group discussed the work plan in terms of the Racial Equity Lens
- A group member suggested that we take time to try to get the feedback from chronically homeless folks so we do not try to assume what different populations need.
- We should look towards more involvement in the Safety off the Streets Workgroup from people with lived experience.
- Steering Committee Effort
 - The steering committee meets once monthly to go over agendas and next steps for the Safety off the Streets Workgroup, and they are looking for more participants.
 - Please contact Tony Bernal at tbernal@tprojects.org if you are interested in becoming involved in the AHFE Safety off the Streets Steering Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM

Those interested in becoming involved in the AHFE Safety off the Streets Steering Committee should contact Tony Bernal at tbernal@tprojects.org for more information.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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