

Emergency Homelessness Taskforce (EHT) Meeting

June 26, 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:

- **Policy Working Group**
 - Good Neighbor Pilot: Under legal review.
 - July 6 LEC Report: Still being drafted.
 - Encampment Assessment Form: Final draft forwarded to the entire EHT for suggestions/feedback/comments. Final recommendations presented to EHT for adoption and implementation next Friday 7/3/20.
- City Attorney's Homelessness Team can be reached at homeless@oaklandcityattorney.org

Law Enforcement and Homelessness Webinar shared by OPD: <https://info.lexipol.com/law-enforcement-and-homeless-populations>

- **E.12th St. Median After Action Report and Recommendations** – operation went well. Fire hazards significantly reduced, no one displaced, no structures dismantled or removed.

Before:



After:



- **Fire Calls to Encampments** – OFD presented the group with a new GIS grid in VEOCI that is being used to track fires at encampment sites, providing a snap shot of fires throughout the City including locations/sites, dates, times, # of people on site, etc. CAO requested a list of the number of fire service calls in the last 3 months - March 1st to present.

- **Old Fire Alarm** –tents against building posing potential fire risk. 1-2 tents have grown to 6-7 tents over the last several weeks. On March 10th two portable toilets were placed on site in response to COVID. HSD reported that encampment residents are generally organized and non-problematic. Outreach Team will visit site to engage encampment residents, offer services, and request voluntary compliance with regard to fire safety and maintaining a safe perimeter around the building free of trash, debris, and tents.
- **San Leandro @ Hegenberger overpass** – growing RV encampment. Outreach team will conduct a site profile the week of 6/29/20.
- **Camron-Stanford House** – public and city staff safety concerns on site; threats and aggressive behavior being made by one individual. Person on site is very protective of belongings and blocking access to front entrance of building making it difficult for occupants to conduct business. HSD will contact County mental health services.
- **Dennison St./King St.** – RV's are obstructing the ROW. Outreach Team was on site three weeks ago. Porta Potty and wash station on site, including 2 RV's, people were organized, belongings were well kept. No major issue on site in the past, but activity on King St. has increased. Outreach team will visit the week of 6/29/20.
- **Elmhurst Tennis Court** – courts remain clear. Construction project still pending.
- **34th & Chestnut** – deep cleaning scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd to address encampment concerns; need to reduce encampment footprint and reduce fire risks. Items stacked up on community mural are creating a traffic hazard. Outreach Team will begin to message deep cleaning operation. Neighborhood leaders will be notified.
- **Wood St.**- CalTrans abated its parcel and removed trash, debris, and abandoned/stolen vehicles. CHP requested OPD's assistance with the disposal of 11 stolen vehicles and three unidentifiable vehicles (due to fire damage or from being stripped). This was not a City operation. OPD's Abandoned Auto Unit is the only COO department to provide mutual aid services. No other departments were present during the CalTrans operation.

Before:



After:



- **Lake Merritt Garden Center** – conditions remain the same, human waste still left around the building. OPD forwarded concern to County’s mental health team to address individual on site with mental illness. HSD will follow up with County.
- **Fitzgerald Community Garden** – trash and debris picked up 6/26/20. OPD will consider increasing uniform presence as resources allow.
- **Union Point Park Pilot** – OPW pilot program has placed dumpsters on site that will be picked up every 3-4 days to make clean-up more efficient. No issues noted since pilot commenced the week of 6/22/20. 96-gallon carts placed at 10 additional locations in relation to the pilot. OPW will provide the full list of pilot locations.
- **27th & Valdez** – OPW will pick-up trash/debris noted at the site during garbage run.
- **38th & Manilla** – HSD and County outreach teams actively engaging residents at the site. HSD considering adding a portable toilet if resources will allow. Discussion tabled.
- **Farmer’s Market** – encampment on Grand Ave. and growing to parking the lot. Every Sunday feces on-site and needs to be cleaned. Site will be included on the garbage run on July 16th. Outreach Team will go out in advance of July 16th to ensure residents gather trash and debris to be discarded.
- **Alameda Ave.** – long-time encampment resident will be moving into Operation HomeBase. HSD will contact her County advocate to discuss removal/storage of her dilapidated tiny home. CAO/HSD/OPW to coordinate future actions if necessary.

Upcoming scheduled operations

July 9th – Deep cleaning: Kirkham between 5th & 7th St. CAO, OPW, HSD, OPD, OFD will be on-site day of operation. CAO will communicate upcoming operation to the Council Office. HSD will coordinate outreach efforts leading up to the operation. No one will be displaced. Purpose of the operation is to reduce fire risks, decompress the encampment, and to offer services.

July 16th – Farmer’s Market waste and debris removal during OPW garbage run.

July 23rd – Deep cleaning: 34th Chestnut (Chestnut to San Pablo). Vehicles will be required to move during cleaning operation to ensure OPW equipment can access areas to be cleaned. HSD will send an outreach team well in advance of the operation to message the operation. No one will be displaced, and vehicles will be allowed to return after operation is complete.

July 30th – Deep Cleaning: 45th & MLK. Discussion tabled until next week.