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Thanks Rick. Appreciate your feedback. More to discuss as we work through a transition plan. I do think we can ask for help but perhaps I am naive. So difficult.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2020, at 7:18 AM, Sepler, Rick M. <rmsepler@cob.org> wrote:

Hi Nicole (et.al.) –

A lot to unpack here.

Firstly, you are a very compassionate individual and it comes through in your response to the very moving testimony.

However, there is more here –

Folks don't have tents because they were staying at Base Camp. They left the shelter for free food and no rules. It is a party atmosphere.

Folks can't go back to the shelter because they blew off COVID safety.

The women who came in without shoes is the one I ran outside to stop from walking in traffic – she had no shoes because in her drugged state, she kicked them off.

According to our service providers, most of the folks outside have case managers and are/were in programs. Can't say for sure, but the folks in the field think most of them walked from their programs. By the Collaborative's own assessment 20-50 are chronic

homeless challenged by drugs and alcohol who will need wrap-around services for potentially the rest of their lives.

Asking case workers to drop their current clients and caseload (which is already at 100%) and to come to the encampment is being perceived as a slap in the face. They believe that it is rewarding folks who don't play by the rules and will adversely effect their work with current rule-following clients.

Responding to the protest and funding their asks puts our entire Levy program at risk. Why apply for funding if you can just stage a protest and get what you want?

I think we should find time to meet to discuss your thoughts below.

Rick

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Tragic testimony tonight. Here's a few ideas:

1. Immediate deal with Homes Now! to occupy lot at Geri Fields with tents on wooden pallets. Only a few barriers: COVID test and your name.
2. Invite cooperative to help arrange meetings between campers and their case workers – they can help facilitate these meetings using our Wifi at City Hall and Civic. Perhaps we can offer some smart phones to help? Try to place as many campers as possible asap. COVID tests should get more placed.
3. Reach out to Melissa, Markis, Elizabeth and Heather to help understand and give feedback on the plan – I would like to offer to make this connection. Markis and I go back about 28 years, I know Heather from community gardening efforts, and I have watched both Elizabeth and Melissa on live feed. Maybe a new face might help?
4. Ask the community at large to adopt a camper in their yard/garage while we work on long-term camp. We need more help for these folks. Who can help?
5. Activate the services – where are they? Well, these organizers have criticized all of them. We might need to invite them and ask for help.
6. Move forward with RFP and get another provider to set up shelters as we earlier described and move people into that shelter.

Big concerns:

- Winter back up plan – if we get a snow before the shelters are built – where can we move people? Sportsplex? If we use Civic we could use the overhang at the front of the main stadium entry.

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