

# Overview of Locations and Services Offered to the Homeless in Burien



# Outreach Service Providers in Burien

- PDA (LEAD)
- REACH
- Salvation Army
- Seattle King County Public Health Department
- Sound PATH
- King County Sheriff's Office Co-Responder
- King County Fire District 2 Co-Responder
- Healthcare for the Homeless (HCHN)
- Mary's Place
- DESC Mobile Crisis Team
- Union Gospel Mission

# General Timeline of Events

# Library/City Hall

January through March 2023

- No camps in Burien – Homeless population dispersed throughout City
- Two people living at Library/City Hall Building through January
- Population grew to approximately 40 people and tents
  - Reason for sudden growth is unknown
  - LEAD, REACH, Salvation Army, City Contract with REACH
  - Limited services available – limited housing identified
- Reports of crime to BPD increased
- City and County continue dialogue on issue at Library/City Hall
- Burien Human Resources received reports of crime/harassment against staff
  - Breach of security occurred at City Hall - Direct danger to employee

# Library/City Hall

## January through March 2023

- City addressed issue with Condo Association Board
- February 24 - Condo Association voted unanimously to change policy
  - (Library – 2 votes, City - 1 vote)
  - Notice was posted throughout building and news conveyed to each person on site
- Office of King County Executive and Property Options
  - County offered three potential options for short-term temporary housing
    - Burien District Court Parking Lot (required further investigation at this time)
    - Metro Parking Lot and Structure (required further investigation at this time)
    - Criminal Justice Training Center (required further investigation at this time)
- City issues request to King County Dept. of Community & Human Services
  - 30 units of housing within Health Through Housing program
  - Evaluate areas within Burien for possible inclusion in Health Through Housing program

# Library/City Hall

## January through March 2023

- **March 10 - LEAD issues letter to King County and KCRHA**
  - Requests access to 30 units of housing through Health Through Housing program
  - Request is not fulfilled
- **City and Highline School District**
  - Sports field adjacent to Transform Burien is not available as potential site for temporary housing
  - Beverly Park school on S 116<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. is available
    - County expresses initial concern with site
    - Expresses renewed interest in site on May 10 and requested photographs from city staff
- **March 31 – All people and tents vacated Library/City Hall site**
  - Burien Police Department coordinated planning effort
  - Service providers remained on-site to assist with transportation and other services

# Downtown Burien

## SW 152 and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

- March 30 – Homeless population from Library/City Hall directed to location
- King County Executive's Office and KCRHA
  - King County continued to investigate three potential site options
  - Member of Council and staff maintained active dialogue with KC Executive office, KCRHA
- Initial population was two to four tents
- City received urgent call from Burien District Court
  - Court parking lot removed from consideration
  - City issued notice to Office of King County Executive
- Population grew to over 50 tents
  - Outreach performed by LEAD, REACH, Salvation Army, others
    - Housing options not available
  - The More We Love group commenced outreach
    - Reports finding housing options for multiple individuals

# Downtown Burien

## SW 152 and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

- Search for Service Providers
  - CM Cydney Moore works to identify potential services providers – relays information to city staff
  - Service providers not available for Burien-specific camp: Nickelsville, LIHI, REACH, Share/Wheel, etc.
- Coordinated Care Model and other groups
  - Council Matta convened meeting with Sea Mar (4/19)
  - Mayor convened meeting with Marc Downs and KCRHA personnel (4/26)
  - Mayor and Deputy Mayor convened meeting with Chief Seattle Club (4/28)
- Reports of crime to BPD
- King County and remaining two housing options
  - Criminal Justice Training Center parking lot removed from consideration by King County Executive's Office (5/19)
  - Metro parking lot and structure not available for temporary housing site – concerns of safety by Metro personnel
- City released RFP to lease lot
- May 15 - City accepted RFP to lease lot
- May 16 - Marc Dones resigns from KCRHA



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## SW 152 and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

- May 19 – King County Executive’s Office, King County Sheriff’s Office
  - Burien staff met with KCEO and KCSO’s to discuss their concerns with lease process
  - May 22 – County Executive’s Office issues letter advising of services to be withheld
- Housing Options
  - The More We Love reports they have identified multiple housing options
- Service and Housing Options
  - Outreach continued daily since March 31
  - The More We Love reports having continued to identified housing options
- Notice of leased land posted
- Last weekend in May - Offer from King County Executive’s Office
  - Verbal conversations with member(s) of Council
  - No official offer issued to city
- June 1 – Private Property
  - Burien Police accepts No Trespass Order from lessee
  - People vacating lot were given direction for relocating to other property

# Dottie Harper Park Ambaum and Private Property Grocery Outlet – Dollar General

- City personnel and KCSO address issues
  - Commenced process to close encampment at Dottie Harper - violating existing city ordinance
    - People are directed to land around Grocery Outlet and Dollar General
  - KCSO addressed and enforced trespass orders at Dottie Harper Park and throughout city
  - Burien Police close encampment on private property at Ambaum and SW 122<sup>nd</sup> St.
    - People are directed to existing Right-of-Way location at Ambaum and SW 120<sup>th</sup> St.
- New encampments and population
  - Grocery Outlet/Dollar General – population has grown upwards of 20 tents
  - Ambaum and SW 120 St. – population has grown upwards of 35 tents
- Housing and Service Outreach
  - LEAD, REACH, other partners continue to offer services
    - Housing not available
  - The More We Love contracted by owner of lot at SW 152<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW
    - Reports identifying housing for multiple people
- Reports of crime to BPD

# Additional Information

## Free of General Timeline

- June 7 – Official offer from KC received by City
  - \$1 million in funding through KCRHA only
  - 35 pallet homes
  - Site must be within Burien
  - Access to 100 parking spaces at Burien Metro lot or parking garage, if needed.
- Burien Toyota and Jobs
  - Cars parked at city lot account for 1/3 of business fleet
  - Reports potential loss of 20 – 30 jobs if business loses access to lot
- Beverly Park School
  - July 17 – County Executive's Office sends email to City – claims it never agreed to school as possible option
  - July 17 – Highline School District sends email to City – states they never agreed and requests removal of site
- REBLX and 116 Units
  - Site identified by Deputy Mayor – Directs City Manager to investigate
  - County agrees to potentially discuss use of \$1 million at REBLX with approval from host city

# Additional Information

- **Metro Parking Structure and Parking Lot**
  - Parking structure – approximately 400 parking spots
    - Daily use is approximately 25 – 30 cars
  - Exterior lot – approximately 100 parking spots
    - Daily use is approximately 5-10 cars
- **City Manager issues request to County Executive's Office**
  - Use of one or more levels of vacant parking structure or lot for temporary housing site
- **Office of County Executive denies request**
  - King County ordinance prohibit use of lot for housing
  - Requested use may not be allowed by federal grantors
    - King County may request variance to grantors

# Parking Structure Condition – Levels 2 to 4



# Questions?

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