

**Belltown Community Council  
General Meeting  
Wednesday, June 13, 2012**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order  
The President called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.
2. Approval of the Minutes  
The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Dannette Smith, Director, Seattle Human Services Department
  - a. The Draft Investment Plan is out.
  - b. The formal comment period was until May 31, but she is still interested in feedback from the community.
  - c. Three goals outlined by Mayor and City Council
    - i. Provide as seamless service delivery system. Divisions communicate and cooperate in the provision of services.
    - ii. Engage members of the community and address community needs.
    - iii. Create a data-driven environment. Use data to guide investments.
  - d. Domestic Violence is the leading reason for women and children to be homeless.
  - e. This plan will guide investments over the next 6 years.
  - f. When Ms. Smith came to the department, RFIs were generated without a plan or a mission.
  - g. RFIs will be driven by 5 guiding principles, listed in the packet.
  - h. Providers will have to show how they will answer these principles in their Letter of Intent.
    - i. They have heard from constituents is that services need to be culturally and linguistically competent.
    - j. Maintain high-quality services - safe, clean and accessible
    - k. They want to work with working poor over asset/financial management, financial empowerment, the process is about moving people forward. Survival services are important, but they want to empower people to help themselves out of a crisis situation.
    - l. Coordination and integration - Agencies must work collaboratively. HSD will provide technical support.
    - m. Use data system so that HSD can report outcomes to HUD annually.
    - n. Good neighbor agreement - one of the standards in the Letter of Intent. For all principles will provide guidelines and templates.
    - o. Right now majority of shelter systems operate independently and are not standardized.
    - p. Providers will not be accountable for everyone on the street. But they will be required to work with community groups. Their operations should be healthy part of the community.
    - q. This is a new venture for HSD. They have not previously provided structure, monitored performance, or provided technical assistance.
    - r. Prevention, day services, and hygiene centers will be competitive bid.
    - s. RFI process will be for a 2-year term.
    - t. The Investment Plan will be finalized by June 25. At the end of June RFIs and letters of intent will come out. HSD will hold several bidders conferences, due by mid-late August. They hope to have decisions by November and contracts finalized by January.
    - u. Very different relationship than in the past.

- v. Question: is 2 years going to do it? It's an aggressive timetable, and HSD will evaluate it as it goes.
- w. City invests close to \$32m in homeless services.
- x. Question: Is this about decreasing waste? It is about increasing accountability, but there are no plans to cut funding in the next 2 years. They want to do more and be more effective at the current funding level.
- y. Question: How will HSD measure return on investment? The data framework is being developed right now. They will determine metrics for measuring performance. Each division is developing a scorecard for the programs they're funding. It should be ready to go by January 1.
- z. Question: Is feedback from constituents a part of the decision-making process? Think it's a good idea. Every RFP has a component of hearing back from constituents. HSD surveyed more than 700 homeless, did 4 focus groups with homeless, the most outreach that City has done as far as anyone remembers.
- aa. Question: Standard of service? Who decides? HSD. Are they measuring number served or long-term outcome? Both. HSD has not had strategic conversations on how to provide services in past.
- bb. Question: Does 'constituents' refer to people receiving services? Do you speak to people in the community who are not receiving services? Yes, HSD will be as part of the neighborhood agreement. At least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of those interviewed were in homeless encampments, well over 250 individuals.
- cc. Question: When talking about outcomes, how do you gauge a positive outcome relative to what an individual is capable of? The Letters of Intent will describe how they will work with them. It encompasses a strategy for measuring optimum for an individual.
- dd. HSD will work with grassroots organizations to teach them to compete for provision of services.
- ee. Regional Committee to End Homelessness. Bill Block. What about non-governmental funders? Not as much, but a great opportunity.
- ff. If community members have comments or questions, Ms. Smith can be reached at 206-684-0263 or [dannette.smith@seattle.gov](mailto:dannette.smith@seattle.gov).

4. Neighborhood Reports

- a. BCOP - David Anema
  - i. Wednesday nights this month, next month Thursday, 7 PM
  - ii. They are now posting "See It Say It" signs with wheat paste.
  - iii. Sgt. Gracy brought Lt. Hollette tonight. She is the new Operations Commander for West Precinct. She was previously the 3rd Watch Commander.
- b. Founders Day - Ann Marie Hitchcock
  - i. Went before City today and had the necessary permits approved.
  - ii. There will be one mainstage and a beer garden.
  - iii. They need sponsors and vendors.
  - iv. They will also need volunteers and will be recruiting next month.
  - v. They tried Kickstarter but weren't approved. They are waiting on Indiegogo.
- c. LEAD - No representative present
- d. NATS - Christa Dumpys, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
  - i. SPD continuing to do early-morning emphasis. Sgt. Gracy says should continue for foreseeable future.
  - ii. Streetlights are all completed
  - iii. Parks says Community Center will open in August, groundbreaking for

Bell St should happen Q4 2012

- iv. Question: could tie in with Night Out? Possibly.
- e. PBR - Daryl Bunce
  - i. Not much to report. They have found fewer needles lately.
  - ii. Still meet Sundays at 3 PM at 2nd & Blanchard.
- f. Emergency Preparedness
  - i. Planning for checklists for Founders Day.
- g. BHLUS
  - i. The BCC board is working on reconstituting BHLUS. Rico Quirindongo of DKA Architecture has agreed to be the new architect.

5. Marty Hartman, Executive Director, Mary's Place

- a. Mary's Place thanks the BCC for its support for last two years. On June 30 day services will be moving to 9th & Stewart (Hope Center). Will be home for 130-180 per day. Since here have seen 300% increase in number of families serving.
- b. Severe lack of emergency housing for women & families. Mary's Place has to turn families away every day.
- c. There are no shelters in the city for a woman with a child.
- d. The City opens up City Hall for men in winter, Frye for women, and the Seattle Center when it's below freezing. But none are OK for children.
- e. Mary's Place wants to turn 314 Bell Street into an overnight shelter for 13 families.
- f. As of April 23, City/County started a coordinated intake system. Now all those needing shelter are managed through 211, an assessment is done, and they are put on the list. But in 25 days, over 1600 families. There are only about 80 spaces available. Until then, they stay homeless.
- g. They will have an informational meeting in July, and will be seeking funding. They need support from the community.

6. Jane Savard, Belltown Business Association

- a. BBA is applying for a grant to improve tree pits in Belltown, and they need one or two people for the steering committee.
- b. If they get the grant, they will need community hours for the match. In-kind donations and loaned tools also count.
- c. Question: why don't businesses and residences do it? Could, but don't have to. Also would like unified design.
- d. BBA will vote on Tuesday as to whether services wanted by the neighborhood will be proposed to the MID.

7. Eric - Bicycle Pull Apart

- a. The Bicycle Pull Apart is now in the Moda building at 3rd & Battery.
- b. They do repair, custom builds and rentals.

8. Belltown Flea Market - Keith Kentop

- a. Keith is organizing a flea market for sometime in July.
- b. Marty has agreed to host it at Mary's Place.
- c. \$25/day for a table, \$40 for both, plus 10% to Mary's Place.

9. Adjournment

- a. There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.