NUHSA Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

**Call to Order:** Judy Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Members Present: Judy Parsons, Kevin Osborn, Alan Merry, Tamara Piwen

Guest: Marvin Futrell, Eric Davis, Jeff Roderick (SHARE WHEEL), Bill Bare (Care, Greater Seattle).
 **Approval of Minutes:** Board did not have a quorum to approve; thus no motion was made.

**Treasurer Report:** Board did not have a quorum to approve; thus no motion was made.

**Speaker from Tent City:** Three speakers from Tent City were invited to talk about Tent City's history, background and how they operate. Introduction ensued.

Eric Davis shared the history of SHARE/WHEEL. He noted that tent city 3 is King County's biggest tent city. They were self-help group established in 1999.

Marvin Futrell noted that the tent city gave people the opportunity to survive. In 2013, there were 58 people died from being homeless. In 2014, 25 and 2015, the number of death already reached 20. Tent City 3 is self-managed, composed of five executive committee members elected to take leads in organizing and make decisions. Food preparation teams are made of 3 people of the group and rotate weekly. There are two bus passes available for each person so they can get to the destinations. For instance, if someone has to go to a job interview, they can use bus passes to get there and come back.

Jeff Roderick talked about the history of SHARE/WHEEL. It was originally established by Aloha INN program to accommodate affordable housing to those who are at-risk or being homeless. In 1998, the first camp was set in Beacon Hill. Tent City 3 was placed on several schools property in the past such as Seattle Pacific University and UW Bothell. There are other locations including unincorporated area including several churches throughout King County.

Kevin asked what NUHSA could do to help for SHARE/WHEEL. Jeff replied that it is important to have a constant financial contribution that helps buying bus tickets, cleaning waste, having enough supply of hygiene products and meals. He noted that NUHSA could contribute by helping fundraising events SHARE/WHEEL host including annual auction or community drive. He added that signing up for the action alert or newsletter would be helpful so that more up-to-date information can be distributed.

Alan asked about ages of these people who live in tent city. Eric responded that there were people of age range from 2 to 72 years old. Also, Alan asked about the process when a new person wants to join. Eric replied that SHARE asks ID from the person who want to join, and once it is checked, the person is accepted. He stated that Tent City do not turn anyone away. He added saying Tent City accepts even pets or service animals. He described that each tent space is about the size of 10" x 20". In the tent city, there are certain rules exist including no alcohol, drug use or violence permitted. The quiet time is set from 9pm to 8am.

Eric added that men's clothing tends to be short of supply most of the time. He encourage to call Roger at 206-399-0412 to make arrangements in donating men's clothing.

\*To make a donation, please go to http://www.sharewheel.org/. Donation can be made by check, PayPal or credit card.

Tamara asked if human services agencies are connected to Tent City. Marvin stated that there were outreach efforts from agencies that connect with people in the tent city. He noted that DSHS, Medical and Dental van, health services, library mobile car are the current services. He also stated that provider's support is growing. He stated that there are currently 100 people living in the tent city. When needed, interpreter or other services can be provided through community organizations to accommodate the needs.

Judy gave the background of NUHSA. NUHSA has been more involved in volunteerism in local communities, bringing the voice to the leadership in the community. She asked representatives on how NUHSA can work together in hopes of finding the best solutions. Marvin noted that finding the new location takes planning. To prepare for the move, they plan ahead of time to be in touch with hosts in hopes of finding the place for the future. He noted that 10,000 sqr/ft is an ideal space to have so there would be a plenty of space to accommodate.

He also noted that Sound Alliance is also a big part of encampment support. Bill noted that the barriers to getting affordable housing created these camps. And he thinks that the community needs to be educated more and to have better understanding in getting to know why they exist.

Bill stated that there are enough resources to have everyone housed tonight; however, there is disconnect preventing that from happening.

\*Tent City's documentary was made SPU students and alumni.
Tent City 3 at SPU: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk08Q1MrDwE

**Bank Online Statement Access Approval for Keiko**: Judy noted that the Board needs to provide approval to give Keiko authorization in accessing online bank statement. Board did not have a quorum to approve; thus no motion was made.

**Care Day Updates and 2014 remaining balance:** Keiko shared updates on CareDay. Tim King from Care Day would like to get help in having more housing organizations that have vacancies in housing people. There is a leftover of $167.32 from Care Day 2014. Board did not have a quorum to approve; thus no motion was made. However, this needs immediate approval. Judy will send out email for Board members for approval.

**Project LEAD agency fair:** Project LEAD agency fair will be held on April 23. Kevin and Chris will be at the fair. Keiko will have packets ready at the fair.

**Committee Reports:** Board will revisit at the May meeting.

* Membership: Board will revisit at the May meeting.
* Policy: Board will revisit at the May meeting.
* North King County Mobility Coalition Report: Candace and Keiko attended. A representative from King County Metro attended to report on the update in transit changes in King County. Metro has received 3000 survey feedback and will propose a plan in May.

**Discussion on NUHSA Vision Statement and Goals:** Board will revisit at the May meeting.

**Updates from Board Members:** None noted.

Meeting ended at 10:37am.

**Next Board meeting: May 20, 2015 at 9:00 am, Shoreline City Hall, Room 301**