Tamarac Good Neighbor Committee
May 21, 2024

Those present at the Good Neighbor Committee were:
- Anne Scalfaro, Marc Ross, Cory Powell, Hal Goldberg, Linda Foster, Adriana Lara, – neighbors
- Kristen Baluyot and Matt McAdams – The Salvation Army
- City Council District 4
- Antonio Pacheco and Matt Grimsley – DPD
- Joshua Posner – Mayor’s Office
- Steve Charbonneau and Skip Spensley – facilitator

I. Welcome, thanks for coming and check-in
   a. Steve will provide a brief summary and everyone present is encouraged to share this with those they represent. It will be posted on FindSolutions.org, and a link on the Council Office’s website.

II. Security data
   a. 911 call data was shared from the previous week and year to date. There were 10 calls the second week of May and 59 year to date. Steve should be able to share this data with the GNC by next week.
   b. However, this data is only from the specific site. Steve will try and get 911 data from the immediately surrounding area.
   c. There was discussion around the different types of calls, what they meant and what subsequent police action may have been taken. Antonio did a great job of walking us through the types of calls and potential police action.
   d. Josh explained 311 and the Mayor’s Office response. He shared a map which indicated calls from the geo-tagged area.
   e. Cory asked what people at the encampments are saying – Joshua responded that the City tries to respond to all inquiries. They attempt to get voluntary responses from folks and get about 98% positive responsiveness for compliance. The City is finding 90% acceptance when it comes to acceptance of the housing provided. Long term they believe it may be closer to 80%.
   f. The Neighbors would like to get accurate response data for 911 and 311 within the 1,000 foot area to better understand the peripheral consequences of The Tamarac on the neighborhood.

III. TSA’s report - Project Update and Housing Outcomes
   a. Kristen provided an update on the data, security, and safety aspects of The Tamarac, detailing the number of households served, referrals made to mental health services, families placed in housing, and transportation and employment assistance provided.
   b. There were questions about employment opportunities available to those seeking long-term stability, to which Kristen explained that they have an internal Employment Pathways program and the Salvation Army offers a scholarship program for post-high school education. Kristen further clarified that their program not only connects people to employment opportunities within their own program but also to other organizations. However, she noted that not all referrals may be included in their numbers.
   c. The Neighbors asked if Kristen could provide a consistent type report each month so we could do some sort of comparison.
d. We talked about how important these reports are to the larger neighborhood.

e. Kristen will also provide a general list of “wrap-around” services provided.

f. I have attempted to attach some of the specifics Kristen shared with us at the GNC.

g. Yes, the data can be and is encouraged to be shared.

IV. Signing the GNA

a. We agreed the GNA needs signed. Remember, there were two alternatives for this. There were a couple who were hesitant to sign their name, but wanted to affirm their agreement with the GNA. Steve said that if anyone was firmly opposed to signing to please let him know in the next week.
• 11 YTD families connected with employment / 2 Monthly families connected with employment
• 54 YTD families exited to permanent/stable housing / 22 Monthly families exited to permanent/stable housing

Funding Updates: The Tamarac contract was approved by Denver City Council.

Programmatic/Operational Updates:
New positions for school engagement navigator and intake/resource coordinator have been hired and are providing more wrap around services within the Tamarac. The school navigators are working with the HEN program to ensure children are connected to a school within the Denver Public School system. The resource coordinators are working to ensure HMIS enrollments are completed accurately and timely.

How did TSA make a difference in the life of a Family NCS household (past/current)?
There have been multiple newcomer families quickly housed throughout April. The case management team has been diligent with finding appropriate resources for those folks to ensure that their transition into a new country is met with care and ease.

Program/client needs & costs:
• Diapers in various sizes and wipes - $3,000
• Pet Pantry Supplies (shelf, pet food, leashes, collars, pet medication et cetera) - $2,500

Please let me know if there are any comments or questions.
Thank you,
Steve