

Transformative Neighborhood Planning Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 26, 2023

Meeting began at 6:43 PM

Representation from ACS, Alder Homestead, HHH, Nob Hill, Parkland Hills, SE Community Policing Council, Siesta Hills, South San Pedro, Trumbull Neighborhood President

Intended results – Dr. Azka Naru reviewed the intended results of the meeting:

- Learn about the Housing Vouchers
- Distribute Dream Play Build books by James Rojas and John Kamp
- Cover the Good Neighbor Agreement

Reminders shared about Gateway Housing Navigation Center and Gibson Health Hub

- Gateway has 50 beds for women available in the Gateway Housing Navigation Center. 90 program, low barrier, trauma informed program to help the women connect to the services they need for career readiness, health care, mental health care
 - a. Access through referrals only – followed by an assessment to be sure this is the best fit
 - b. Engagement Center assists in access to needed help and tools for success
 - c. New Engagement Center partner is Good Will and they'll do job readiness and career prep.
 - d. Opening the Emergency Winter bed shelter for men – 35 beds. Referrals only from service providers.
- Gibson Health Hub – medical respite, Medical sobering center, First Responder Triage Center

General HHH Updates:

- Family Housing Navigation Center has permanently housed more than 1100 people so far.
- Emergency Bed Tracker – going live next week for our first responders – shows responders where beds are available across the city.
- Receiving Area expected to open by end of 2023. It will be open to First Responders and will have overnight triage rooms with pull out beds. This will be a place to wait until they can be situated in best appropriate destination depending on whether they are a family, a couple, or an individual

Question asked by neighbors:

- How are refugees helped? How do they get placed?
- Answer: Asylum seekers and refugees are assisted through Homeland Security and refugee management – FEMA can also help, Lutheran Family Services family resettlement, etc.
- Idea: Maybe provide a presentation on the refugee assistance program

Question asked by neighbors:

- In August Carol and Mayor Keller stated “The Gibson Health Hub will help 1,000 people a day.” – how so?

- Answer: Yes, with all of GHH's tenants and the services they offer, we can help more people than you will see. Goal is to have the facility fully utilized.

Question asked by neighbors:

- Can you have a presentation on the Coordinated Resource Guide? All the different resources?
- Answer: Yes, this can be built into an agenda in 2024.

Question asked by neighbors:

- What is happening with the Gibson Facility? There is new construction, AMG tenants have added new beds with chronic care – What parts are done? What's being done in building 11?
- Answer: Gibson construction – Hawk Light crossing – estimated to be done by end of the year. –
- + There is construction underway for Respite and Sobering Center.
- + In Building 11 is the current Winter shelter on 1st floor

Question asked by neighbors:

- Are there Amnesty Boxes? If clients come in, they can put things that are not allowed in the building.
- Answer: No weapons or drugs are allowed in building.

Guest Presenter: Devin Mandell Kloster (HHH) – Presented on housing vouchers

- Estimated 2,200 households need permanent supportive housing
 - (based on the PIT count, people in shelters, coordinated entry data, ViSPDAT)
- An assessment is HUD mandated. Some people need housing assistance but not Permanent Supportive Housing. Some may need eviction prevention, some may need help with rent for a couple years to get back on their feet, etc.
- Affordable housing – mix at Los Altos Loft for example – Sawmill
- Presentation Slides will be uploaded to CABQ/TNPM site page

Agenda put on hold to move to additional neighborhood comments, questions, answers:

- Question: Are you working with Black Leadership Council? – if we know someone who needs help, how can we get them help before they get evicted?
 - Answer: Every Health and Social Service Center has Eviction Prevention Funds available to help people to avoid getting evicted. <https://www.cabq.gov/health-housing-homelessness/services/health-social-services>
- Comment: So many don't feel they can get a voucher or they get one and it expires before they can find a place. The planning department keeps shooting down any place for these people on the streets and sidewalks. We try to come up with something and the planning department shoots it down.
 - Answer: We're always looking at our tools to try to figure out how to serve people in different ways. Need to look at Coordinated Entry System – also need to look at other creative ways to create housing for people. Camp Hope in Las Cruces is the model for Safe Outdoor Spaces and we still think they are an idea that could help people here.
- Question: NMBLC area has people on sidewalks, in RVs and other issues. What is done if people are blocking sidewalks, using in front of the kids?
 - Answer: Call 311
- Question: Officer will tell them they have to move in 3 hours, then they return and they stay there. What can we do about that?

- Answer: Contact your area commander with that feedback with as much detail as possible regarding the time, location, etc.
- Comment: There needs to be a solution, they will not go to shelter. We need Safe Outdoor Spaces – something more like Camp Hope & Pallet homes.
- Comment: Biggest sticking point in the Safe Outdoor Spaces ordinance is 2 years + 2 more years – it could be 4 years for a neighborhood to deal with problems. Research shows better results if they are only there for 6 months then the community can agree to another 6 months. Voice for the community in the placement and renewal – and not all in District 6.
- Comment: Affected communities need to have a voice. We need you to hear our issues and hear what we are seeing and hearing and having happen in our community.
- Comment: Things are allowed in District 6 that are not allowed in other areas.

Next meeting date/time: November 30 6:30-8

- Neighbors requested time at the beginning of the agenda to air their concerns and ask their questions. Also requested information on questions/concerns so that we can be sure we can address concerns.
- December 14 meeting to – include presentation on Sobering Center.

Meeting ended at 8:17 PM