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From: Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 7:33 AM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Revised doc
Attachments: CCD Downtown Homeless Outreach Fact Sheet.docx

I revised this to include the Social Impact Bond program to emphasize that we are providing shelter, housing and services – not just breaking up encampments. I had to make a few trims to keep this to one page. Could you take a look and make sure everything is still accurate and makes sense? Txs.

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From: Slevin, Colleen <cslevin@ap.org>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 2:50 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: RE: Homeless fact sheet

Thank you

From: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA [mailto:Julie.Smith@denvergov.org]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 2:22 PM
To: Slevin, Colleen
Subject: RE: Homeless fact sheet

Sure!

From: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 2:19 PM
To: 'apdenver@ap.org' <apdenver@ap.org>
Subject: Encampment Information

Hello Coleen,

It was nice talking with you. Thanks for reaching out.

Attached is the fact sheet and flyer I mentioned. I also included a statement at the bottom of this email for your use. One note on the fact sheet – I talked with the Denver Rescue Mission this morning and they have seen an uptick in people accessing the shelter recently, so that number should be adjusted to reflect the downtown and Peoria shelters are operating at about 90% capacity.

Over the weekend and this morning, the flyers were distributed in the area. Today, between 8:30 and 9 a.m., crews with Denver Public Works put into place approximately 30 street signs advising of the encumbrance ordinance and potential for enforcement. We don't have a firm timeframe on when we might take action on violations. The city must provide at least 24-hour notice, which happened today with the posting of the signs, but no decision has been made on what, when, where, etc.

This is all in relation to the city's encumbrance ordinance, so I want to note that the city is not clearing people from the sidewalks. What we are attempting to do is a cleanup of an area that has increasingly become a concern from both a public safety and public health standpoint. People will be asked to remove their items from the sidewalk. If they do not, then the city may choose to clear the sidewalks of said items. If that happens, then any personal belongings will be taken to a warehouse location at 1221 Glenarm. The city has worked for six months to try and remedy this situation at Park and Lawrence without taking this step. It was not a decision made lightly, but it is one supported by several of our nonprofit partners, the neighborhood and area businesses.

Here is a Statement you may use and attribute to me as a city spokesperson:

"Since last September, various city agencies have been working closely with homeless outreach workers and providers to connect people living on the streets in the Ballpark Neighborhood with shelter, housing and other support services like food and medical benefits. We have also increased efforts to keep the neighborhood free of trash, debris and waste. Together, through this intensive and focused effort, we have helped hundreds of people and supported the community. However, the health, safety and welfare of those who continue to live outside on the streets and sidewalks is nearing a crisis. This unsafe, unhealthy, unsanitary and inhumane situation must be addressed. The City will be increasing our efforts to connect people with services and in order to avoid a looming public health and safety emergency, starting this

month, we will be strictly enforcing various city codes. I want to stress that we will be taking great care to protect the personal belongings of people living on the streets as we intensify efforts to keep the neighborhood clean, safe and sanitary.”

As we discussed, the annual point in time count includes people in shelters, in transitional supportive housing, in safe haven or on the streets. From page 33 of the report on Denver County, there were 3,737 homeless individuals identified on January 26, 2015. Of them, 45% were in transitional housing; 37% were in a shelter; 2% were in a safe haven; and 16% were on the street (approx. 597). In the event the city’s shelters did reach capacity, we do have a shelter plan that we would put into action to ensure that we shelter everyone willing.

We are working on a number of housing and other initiatives within the homelessness continuum. At least 250 people who are chronically homeless will be housed through projects funded by the city’s social impact bonds; we’re creating a new Solutions Center for people experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis, including the homeless; will be training people throughout the city on mental health first aid – this is designed to help people identify a mental health issue when it is occurring; we are creating a pilot day jobs program for the homeless to provide paid day work opportunities at city agencies; and other housing, health and jobs initiatives for those who find themselves without a home in our city.

Thanks!
- Julie Smith
303-513-6851 – cell

From: Slevin, Colleen (<mailto:cslevin@ap.org>)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: Homeless fact sheet

Hi,

Could you please email me the fact sheet and statement you mentioned when we talked earlier? I gave you our bureau email address before but you could just send it to this account?

Thanks,



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From: Ben Markus <bmarkus@cprmail.org>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Re: Homeless clearing

of course ... we'll be in touch. Can I get your contact info?

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2016 at 12:02 PM, Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
<Julie.Smith@denvergov.org> wrote:

Probably. Can we play it by ear?

From: Ben Markus [<mailto:bmarkus@cprmail.org>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:00 PM

To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: Re: Homeless clearing

Will you, or someone else, be available for an interview tomorrow?

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2016 at 11:53 AM, Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
<Julie.Smith@denvergov.org> wrote:

Hey Ben,

Sorry for the delay. I am sure you can imagine I'm getting a few calls as I think your editors must be spreading this rumor! LOL! ☺

Attached is a fact sheet for your use. I just talked with the Denver Rescue Mission this morning and do want to update that number on the sheet. They saw a slight increase in shelter usage recently, so they are reporting that they are currently operating at about 90 percent capacity between the downtown and Peoria locations. That said, it is worth noting that the city has an overflow shelter plan in place that would allow us to utilize other sites if the need outpaced current sites.

One stat worth mentioning is the point in time count. The total counted in the annual survey has been thrown out as if it is a count of people "on the streets" and that is incorrect. The annual point in time count also considers people that are in shelters and in transitional supportive housing. From page 33 of the report on Denver County, there were 3,737 homeless individuals identified on January 26, 2015. Of them, 45% were in transitional housing; 37% were in a shelter; 2% were in a safe haven; and 16% were on the street (approx. 597).

I also want to note that the city is able to provide short-term care for pets if that is needed to minimize the barrier of someone seeking shelter – especially in cold weather. We are working as hard and thoughtfully as possible to break down these types of barriers for folks so that we can get them into the shelters – or into supportive housing, for that matter.

I know there are some who wish to make this into a criminalization or enforcement action. It is not. We just need to clean up the site for the sake of everyone – including those who are encamped. It is just not sanitary or safe. However, the voice of the community should also not be lost in this conversation. We've worked for six months to try and remedy this situation without having to take this step. It was not a decision made lightly, but it is one supported by several of our nonprofit partners, the neighborhood and area businesses.

Finally, needless to say, we are working on housing and a number of pieces to this entire homelessness continuum. We will house at least 250 chronically homeless through projects funded by social impact bonds; we're creating a new Solutions Center for people experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis, including the homeless; will be training people throughout the city on mental health first aid; are creating a pilot day jobs program for the homeless; etc. Would love to talk about any and all of these at any point and, frankly, could only dream of getting coverage on any of those items like we are on cleaning the sidewalks.

Sorry to get on a bit of a tangent! I hope this information is helpful. Feel free to email again if you need/want more.

Thanks!

- Julie

From: Ben Markus [mailto:bmarkus@cprmail.org]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: Re: Homeless clearing

Well, my editors have already decided it'll be quite the show tomorrow, so you'll see plenty of news outlets there.

Do you have some numbers you can send me? Like number of beds, how full shelters are, etc?

Ben Markus, Reporter

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2016 at 10:24 AM, Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org> wrote:

Hey Ben,

We don't have a firm timeframe. The ordinance says the city must provide at least 24-hour notice, but no decision has been made on when, how, etc.

Also, I just want to make sure we're on the same page about what is happening as I think some advocates are taking this story to a different place. The city is not clearing people from the sites as a part of this. What we are attempting to do is a cleanup an area that has increasingly become a concern from both a public safety and public health standpoint. People will be asked to remove their items from the sidewalk. If they do not, then the city may choose to clear the sidewalks of said items. If that happens, then any personal belongings will be taken to a warehouse location at 1221 Glenarm. The city has been out on side nearly every day for six months trying to remedy this situation without having to take this step, but the reality is it is entirely possible to get into a serious public health situation at these sites if we don't do something.

Hope this helps.

- Julie

From: Ben Markus [mailto:bmarkus@cprmail.org]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: Homeless clearing

Julie,

When will the city be clearing the homeless encampments in the Ballpark neighborhood? Is that still on for Tuesday?

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From: Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 7:38 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA; Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office
Communications Director; Strott, Mike - Mayor's Office; Espinoza, Jenna K - Mayor's Office
Subject: Fwd: Media request
Attachments: image001.jpg

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gelardi, Liz" <liz.gelardi@kmgh.com>
Date: March 6, 2016 at 7:36:23 PM MST
To: "Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA" <Jesse.Granger@denvergov.org>
Subject: FW: Media request

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From: Terese Howard [mailto:terese.act@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 6:50 PM
To: Gelardi, Liz <liz.gelardi@kmgh.com>
Subject: Re: Media request

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: City Plans to Sweep People Without Homes
"Away"**

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Rally in Support and Solidarity with those being displaced:
in front of the Rescue Mission
Tuesday March 8th at 5am until unknown time.

#HomesNotSweeps #Right2Rest

Denver, CO -- Denver City Officials announced that starting Tuesday March 8th, 2016 they will be seizing all people's belongings and kicking everyone "away" who stays outside in the areas around Samaritan house (Park Ave/Lawrence/Broadway/and surrounding blocks). Currently at least 75 people live outside in this area every night and many hundred more stay in this area during the day. People who have made the best home they can out of tarps and sleeping bags, and if they are lucky, tents, will be forced to leave and/or have this

survival gear taken to a far off location with some vague promise of retrieving it from the police -- if they can jump through all the hoops. Even if this survival gear, IDs, and valuable belongings are retrieved, the city says they cannot return to this area to sleep with any cover.

Houseless people through no fault of their own living in public space, have no choice for survival to use tarps, sleeping bags, tents, anything for shelter that currently violates the urban camping ban. The meager belongings that folks use for survival will be confiscated leaving them with nothing to use for their daily needs. This is a violation of their human rights. We are demanding that our Mayor Michael Hancock put an immediate stop to this sweep.

City Officials say, "no shelter has turned away any homeless person wanting to enter" and that there is room for all those currently staying outside to stay in the shelter. This is simply not true. If you look at numbers it breaks down like this: The City lists just under 1,500 emergency shelter beds and mats. The 2015 Point In Time Count, known to be an undercount, counted 3,456 people experiencing homelessness in Denver city proper on one night. If you do the math that is 9 people for every 4 shelter beds. Bottom line - if every homeless person sleeping on the streets of Denver tried to stay in the shelters tonight there would not be room.

Furthermore, even if there were enough shelter beds and mats for all those without homes in Denver that does not address the need. People need home, dignity, community, protection from the elements, etc... and for many shelters are not a place where these needs can be met. There are countless reasons why a great many people will not or cannot live in shelters including: couples not wanting to be separated from their partners; having a pet; working hours that do not correspond with shelter hours; mental health; health and safety issues in shelters; having a need for autonomy/humanity/independence. Many people stay in this area together for safety because it is safer to stay together with others than to be off alone in a hidden corner. If the indoor option we are talking about is shelters, the City's statement that, "The safest, most sanitary and dignified place for people experiencing homelessness is indoors" is simply not true. For many many people it is safer and more dignified to stay outdoors with a tarp and blanket. We must respect people's right to live where they need to best survive through homelessness.

So we ask "move along to where...?"

This threat of big sweeps starting Tuesday comes after regular sweeps, including destruction of property, over the past many months. One of the most serious sweeps happened on December 15th, 2015 when roughly 100 people were kicked out, belongings thrown straight in the trash, and told if they returned they would be arrested. Many folk did leave the area to other more hidden outdoor spots, but many came back and set back up in the same general area.

According to Denver city officials there is a shortage of 40,000 affordable housing units in Denver. Spark Policy Institute reports that "A household must earn an hourly wage of \$17.61 to make the Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Colorado affordable." And further "There is not a single county in Colorado where the Fair Market Rent for a studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom unit would be considered affordable for a minimum wage worker." Bottom line - people cannot afford homes even when working a full time job.

In the midst of Denver's greatest housing crisis in years we cannot allow our city leaders to kick people around, take their belongings, and force people to move along out of sight out of mind. We demand that Mayor Michael Hancock put an immediate stop to the sweeps.

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#HomesNotSweeps #Right2Rest

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On Sun, Mar 6, 2016 at 3:37 PM, Gelardi, Liz <liz.gelardi@kmgH.com> wrote:

I'm a reporter with Denver7 & we would like to talk with someone from your organization about the city's actions to remove the homeless on Tuesday. You can call my cell phone at 720-955-5395.

Thanks,

Liz Gelardi
Denver7 Reporter
Email: liz@thedenverchannel.com
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From: Miller, Amber - Mayor's Office Communications Director
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Way, Brooke; Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA; Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Re: Homeless property removal plan

Brooke - Human Services is speaking on behalf of the city and administration regarding this issue.

Looping in Julie Smith and Jesse Granger who I believe you all worked with already today. They can help with any additional folks you might be looking to interview.

Best-
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Amber Miller, Communications Director
Office of Mayor Michael B. Hancock

On Mar 4, 2016, at 4:12 PM, Way, Brooke <brooke.way@9news.com> wrote:

Hi Amber,

We wanted to reach out and see if Hancock has a statement about the following plan that is supposed to take place on Monday. Here is some information we received from Denver Human Services attached. Also, is anyone available to speak with us about this from his office either over the weekend or Monday?

Thanks!

Brooke Way

Notice of Property Removal and Regular Sidewalk Cleanings

Beginning on March 8, Denver Public Works will be enforcing Sec. 49-246 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code by ordering the removal of all items of property encumbering any public sidewalks or other public property in this area.

Please remove all of your property, especially your personal daily necessities such as small personal electronic devices, medications, and important documents such as identification cards, birth certificates, drivers' licenses, and health care documents from the public sidewalks.

Encumbrances that remain in the public right of way will be transported to 1221 Glenarm Place and will be available for retrieval at that location Monday through Friday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. **PROPERTY NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE REMOVAL WILL BE DESTROYED.** Please call 3-1-1 with any questions related to the retrieval of property.

Brooke Way

Assignment Editor

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From: Kuhn, Nancy - PW Policy, Planning & Communication
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: FW: Homeless Encampments
Attachments: CCD Downtown Homeless Outreach Fact Sheet_FINAL.pdf; 3 2 adjustment flyer.pdf

Thanks for all this work you are doing on this project - I can't tell you how much I appreciate it.

From: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Karen Vega <kvega@entravision.com>
Subject: Homeless Encampments

Hello Karen,

It was nice talking with you just now. Thanks for reaching out.

Attached is the fact sheet and flyer I mentioned. I also included a statement at the bottom of this email for your use – although I know statements aren't always best for television. One note on the fact sheet – I talked with the Denver Rescue Mission yesterday morning and they have seen an uptick in people accessing the shelter recently, so that number should be adjusted to reflect the downtown and Peoria shelters are operating at about 90% capacity.

Over the weekend and yesterday, flyers were distributed in the area along with information on resources available for the homeless. Yesterday, Public Works also approximately 30 street signs in the area advising of the encumbrance ordinance.

I want to note that the city is not attempting to clear people from the sidewalks. We are attempting to cleanup an area that has increasingly become a concern from both a public safety and public health standpoint. If the city takes action on the ordinance, people will be asked to remove their items from the sidewalk. If they do not, then the city may choose to clear the sidewalks of items left behind. If that happens, any personal belongings will be inventoried and taken to 1221 Glenarm where they can be retrieved. The city has worked for six months to try and remedy this situation at Park and Lawrence without taking this step. It was not a decision made lightly, but it is one supported by several of our nonprofit partners, the neighborhood and area businesses.

Here is a Statement you may use (if wanted) and attribute to me as a city spokesperson:

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I'll be sure to get back in touch if anything new develops.

Thanks!

- Julie Smith
303-513-6851 – cell

Downtown Denver Homeless Outreach

- The City works with shelters to ensure those who are homeless can find a safe place to stay, and we are projected to spend \$47 million this year on dozens of direct and indirect costs related to homelessness.
- To date, no shelter has turned away any homeless person wanting to enter. Shelters are providing beds and mats to as many as 1,500 people per night, with Denver Rescue Mission's downtown shelter and overflow facility in Northeast Denver still operating at 79 percent of capacity.
- Unfortunately, a number of homeless individuals continue to camp outside the Samaritan House and Denver Rescue Mission shelters. The majority of those individuals refuse services, including shelters.
- Since September, employees from multiple city agencies have connected more than 650 people outside and inside these shelters with medical, food, bus passes, housing, mental health and other services.
- Even with this increased outreach and the opening of the Lawrence Street Community Center, which is serving about 900 people per day, this unsafe, unhealthy, unsanitary and inhumane situation continues. People are still sleeping outside, even in the cold, and items continue to pile up on sidewalks.
- The Department of Public Works has been on site three days a week to remove the considerable trash accumulating in the area and to power-wash sidewalks (when weather appropriate). In January, PW increased trash removal and sidewalk cleaning to five days a week.
- Beginning this month, the city will take the following actions to protect people, maintain public health, and respond to mounting concerns from nearby residents and businesses:
 - **Post information** – Public Works will post information around the area advising that public spaces must remain free of obstruction. The same information will be distributed to people encamped on the public right of way. People will be strongly encouraged to seek shelter and services and not leave items behind.
 - **Continue to connect people to services** – Outreach teams will continue to connect individuals with services. Those who continue to violate city codes will receive a verbal warning. Subsequent encounters with the same individuals who remain in violation of city codes will result in progressive punishment.
 - **Enact temporary storage for impacted individuals** – The city will temporarily store items left behind on the sidewalk for up to 30 days.
 - **Place 250 chronic homeless individuals into permanent supportive housing** – Earlier this year, the City launched an Innovative Social Impact Bond Program that will help transition people living on the streets into housing and services.
 - **Give a Better Way relaunch** – In response to the growing number of drive-by curbside drop offs of food and other items to the homeless, the city will begin a renewed push around better ways to give.
 - **Pilot Employment Program** – The city is planning to launch a jobs program this spring/summer that would provide opportunities for homeless individuals to work for city departments.
- The safest, most sanitary and dignified place for people experiencing homelessness is indoors. Without the stability of a place to sleep each night, it is very difficult to achieve self-sufficiency. Anyone needing shelter services is urged to contact the Mile High United Way at 2-1-1, or if it is an emergency, such as in bitter cold weather, call 9-1-1.



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From: Ben Markus <bmarkus@cprmail.org>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Homeless clearing

Julie,

When will the city be clearing the homeless encampments in the Ballpark neighborhood? Is that still on for Tuesday?

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From: Kovaleski, Jennifer <jennifer.kovaleski@kmgh.com>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 6:33 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: RE: Denver plans to clear homeless camps near Samaritan House next week

It was great to meet you, Julie.

Thanks again for all of your help and please let me know about any potential story ideas in the future!

-Jennifer

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Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 5:51 PM
To: Kovaleski, Jennifer <jennifer.kovaleski@kmgh.com>
Subject: RE: Denver plans to clear homeless camps near Samaritan House next week

Hey Jennifer,

Great to meet you today. I thought I would share my contact information below.

Please let me know if I may be of assistance in the future!

- Julie



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To: Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Jesse.Granger@denvergov.org>; Gelardi, Liz <liz.gelardi@kmgh.com>
Cc: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: RE: Denver plans to clear homeless camps near Samaritan House next week

Great, thanks so much!

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Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Gelardi, Liz <liz.gelardi@kmgh.com>; Kovaleski, Jennifer <jennifer.kovaleski@kmgh.com>
Cc: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Julie.Smith@denvergov.org>
Subject: DP: Denver plans to clear homeless camps near Samaritan House next week

Hi Liz and Jennifer,

Here's the Post story on the planned action downtown. I'm also attaching a fact sheet with more info on the necessity of enforcing the city code and clearing the encampment at this time as well as the cleanup notice.

[Denver plans to clear homeless camps near Samaritan House next week](#)

Homeless camps that first sprung up on sidewalks near the downtown Samaritan House shelter last summer soon will get an eviction notice.

The city plans to provide advance warning early next week and on Tuesday will begin removing any remaining items left on public sidewalks or other public property, according to a notice obtained by The Denver Post and confirmed by city officials.

If the city doesn't take action, officials say, the area will face "a looming public health and safety emergency."

The city is taking a tougher stance toward the camps with a new multi-agency effort. It will mark the first clearing of downtown camps on this scale in recent memory, an official said, though police have conducted smaller periodic sweeps near the South Platte River and also have used a controversial camping ban to move people off the streets.

In recent months, homeless campers have moved around the area near Lawrence Street and Park Avenue after the city has cleared sidewalks for cleaning — as frequently as five days a week in January.

Despite ongoing attempts since September by city departments and homeless outreach groups to connect people to shelters and other services, the camping has persisted. Some people have resisted offers of shelter beds.

"I know for a lot of these people, it comes down to not wanting to be confined to an enclosed area, and some are just here for the legalized marijuana and can't do that indoors," said Daniel Dishman, a frequent visitor of the Lawrence Street Community Center. "More than that, the minimum wage here is too low and the cost of living is too high. You have to be able to compromise with the homeless. If you don't want their furniture on the streets, give them somewhere else to put it."

Julie Smith, a city spokeswoman, remains optimistic their efforts have begun to make an impact.

"Together, through this intensive and focused effort, we have helped hundreds of people and supported the community," Smith said in a statement to The Post. "However, the health, safety and welfare of those who continue to live outside on the streets and sidewalks is nearing a crisis. This unsafe, unhealthy, unsanitary and inhumane situation must be addressed."

But the plan sparked concerns for John Parvensky, president of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

"It is unfortunate that the city is moving more aggressively to enforce the camping ban ordinance at this time," Parvensky wrote in an e-mail. "While we agree with the mayor's office and businesses that the current conditions of people sleeping on the streets around the shelters is not sustainable, criminalization is not the answer."

The city's one-page notice, titled "Notice of Property Removal and Regular Sidewalk Cleanings," actually relies not on [Denver's 2012 camping ban](#) but on an older ordinance. That law empowers the Department of Public Works to order the removal of articles or vehicles that are "encumbering any street, alley, sidewalks, parkway or other public way or place," while the camping ban more broadly prohibits unauthorized camping on public and private property.

The city says it will begin posting the notice Monday morning, giving a 24-hour heads-up before property removal would start. Outreach workers also will provide the notice to campers.

The notice urges people to move all property, including small electronic devices, medications and important documents, or else the city will take it away. Workers will take cleared property to a secured warehouse on Glenarm Place downtown for up to 30 days, the city says. The notice says people can claim their confiscated property between noon and 2 p.m. on weekdays.

Smith added that the city will ramp up efforts to connect the campers with services at the same time it more strictly enforces city codes.

Also planned: the relaunch of a campaign, called "Give a Better Way," that encourages people who want to help to do so in better ways rather than dropping off food, mattresses and other items, as has been done; and a pilot city jobs program for the homeless this spring or summer.

One impetus cited for the crackdown: the opening in November of the Lawrence Street Community Center, a day center built mostly with city money next to the Denver Rescue Mission men's shelter.

While the center has been used heavily during the day, Ballpark neighbors [told The Post recently](#) that sidewalk encampments have increased nearby overnight. And city officials say the center has provided more options during the day and should give the homeless reason to seek shelter at night.

A city fact sheet on the coming plan says the Rescue Mission's downtown and overflow shelters have been at 79 percent capacity, and no shelters have been turning people away. It also says 650 people have been connected since September with medical and mental health help, food, bus passes, housing and other services, but it doesn't break that down between people who already were in shelters and those staying outside.

"I know that if it wasn't for these shelters there would be a lot more hungry people on the streets," Dishman said. "But a lot of people, for different reasons, aren't social and don't want to be confined with or around other people inside."

Not all campers have wanted to stay in shelters overnight, either.

"The shelters are not a good place for us," Alexis Ross, 20, told The Post in September, describing them as unclean and full of bed bugs. "That is why we are in the street."

Parvensky called the city's property-clearing plan "costly and counterproductive."

"The real solution to this issue is developing additional safe and appropriate emergency shelter and creating enough housing and service options so that those currently living on the streets can move into long-term housing for good."

The city recently moved ahead with a long-discussed "social impact bond" program that in coming years will provide up to 250 of the city's most chronically homeless individuals with supportive housing. But advocates and City Council members note the impact of that program, while laudable, will be limited for the larger homeless community.

Other plans in Denver include the opening later this year of a "solutions" center in Athmar Park that will offer behavioral health services and temporary shelter to homeless people.

But the city still faces more demand for homeless housing than it can provide, leaving shelters as the stop-gap — if people want to use them.



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Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 5:51 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA; Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Re: Fact Sheet and Statement

Got it. Thank you.

Jon

On Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 5:49 PM, Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
<Julie.Smith@denvergov.org> wrote:

Hey Jon,

Attached is a fact sheet that details the background and future actions regarding the encampment situation we discussed earlier. I know you also have a copy of the flyer provided to the homeless outreach workers today. That information is correct. Physical signs will go up in the area beginning on Monday morning in accordance with the 24-hour public notice.

In addition to the attached and the information contained in the flyer, here is a brief statement that you may attribute to me as a city spokesperson:

"Since last September, various city agencies have been working closely with homeless outreach workers and providers to connect people living on the streets in the Ballpark Neighborhood with shelter, housing and other support services like food and medical benefits. We have also increased efforts to keep the neighborhood free of trash, debris and waste. Together, through this intensive and focused effort, we have helped hundreds of people and supported the community. However, the health, safety and welfare of those who continue to live outside on the streets and sidewalks is nearing a crisis. This unsafe, unhealthy, unsanitary and inhumane situation must be addressed. The City will be increasing our efforts to connect people with services and in order to avoid a looming public health and safety emergency, starting this month, we will be strictly enforcing various city codes. I want to stress that we will be taking great care to protect the personal belongings of people living on the streets as we intensify efforts to keep the neighborhood clean, safe and sanitary."

Thanks, Jon. Let me know if you need anything more.

- Julie

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Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 2:25 PM
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Subject: Sidewalk encampments
Attachments: Homeless Outreach Flier for Distribution.pdf

Denver Post story is up: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_29596168/denver-plans-clear-homeless-camps-near-samaritan-house.

Attached is the flier that is/will be distributed regarding belongings and retrieval.

Thanks.

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Attachments: Sidewalk Encampment Stakeholder Outreach.xlsx; CCD Downtown Homeless Outreach Fact Sheet.docx

Good evening. A few updates:

- Attached is an updated stakeholder outreach list and assignments. Outreach began today and will continue Friday.
- The Denver Post will be breaking the story online Friday afternoon.
- Attached is an updated one-page fact sheet.
- We will go over final logistics and address any last-minute questions on Friday's call.
- Here are short talking points that can be used to answer questions or preface emails you may be sending to your own stakeholder lists:
 - Since last September, the City has worked closely with homeless outreach workers and providers to connect people living on the streets and sidewalks of the Ballpark Neighborhood with shelter, housing and services, including those provided at the new Lawrence Street Community Center. This year alone, we anticipate spending nearly \$50 million on direct and indirect homeless services citywide.
 - We have also increased efforts to keep the neighborhood free of trash, debris and waste. Together, through this intensive and focused effort, we have helped hundreds of people and supported the community.
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Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:15 PM
To: Smith, Julie A. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Cc: Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact; Granger, Jesse M. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: Re: Calls on homeless project outreach encampment

There are no shelter options for couples.

Protocols for guests with lice usually involve disposal of infected clothing and provision of new clothing. Linens are washed and replaced each day. Vinyl mats are disinfected (mats are designed for disinfection in large environments such as those in hospitals, etc.--not the traditional home mattresses that cannot easily or repeatedly cleaned).

I'll get you specific detail on those protocols tomorrow but our partners take serious preventative and abatement measures at facilities.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:54 PM
To: Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact
Cc: Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact
Subject: Re: Sidewalk encampments follow-up
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg

Good background, thanks. For now, sounds like we'll keep this in our resource pool but not plan to build out a robust plan.

Thx,
A

Andrea Albo, Deputy Director
Denver Human Services
720.944.3035

On Jan 21, 2016, at 9:44 PM, Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact
<Christopher.Conner@denvergov.org> wrote:

Thanks, Andrea--

We've had a similar option set up before when Doug Linkhart was at EH but have had less success getting individuals to part with their animals, even for a night. Alternatives have been to place kennels at the shelter, or to allow small dogs on the assumption that they are service animals (even when they may not be). But almost always the offer to have a pet cared for at a separate location is declined.

Chris

From: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 5:45 PM
To: Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact; Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact
Subject: FW: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Do you have any thoughts on how this might be able to help in our efforts?

Thanks,
A

From: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 2:51 PM
To: Brown, Jill M. - DAP <Jill.Brown@denvergov.org>; Nightengale, Alice L. - DAP <Alice.Nightengale@denvergov.org>; Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact <Christopher.Conner@denvergov.org>
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Thanks for the great info, Jill. I'm adding in Chris Conner who works with the Denver's Road Home Street Outreach teams and has a better sense of how many individuals we come across with pets that may be interested in this program. As we engage in exploring further incentives to offer day and night shelter, the resources you're describing can be a great incentive to someone with a pet.

From: Brown, Jill M. - DAP
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 5:34 PM
To: Nightengale, Alice L. - DAP <Alice.Nightengale@denvergov.org>; Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Andrea.Albo@denvergov.org>
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Andrea,

DAP currently provides a safe housing program for individuals with *temporary* homelessness (fires, domestic abuse, etc.) & for homeless individuals during extreme winter conditions (under 15 degrees). We require temporary homeless candidates to either currently be working with a DHS caseworker for referral or from a DPD referral.

We would be open to discussing the ongoing needs in the community to determine whether or not we could adjust our program structure to meet those needs.
I'd be happy to set up a time to chat with you to discuss the opportunity there.

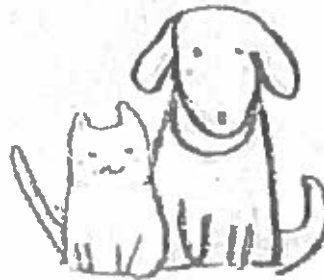


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Cc: Brown, Jill M. - DAP <Jill.Brown@denvergov.org>
Subject: Re: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Hi Andrea, I am on my way out of town and have asked Jill Brown to work with you on this. She will contact you shortly.

AN

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Hughes, Meghan - DEH Administration
Cc: Nightengale, Alice L. - DAP; Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Great, thanks!

Alice – if a quick call is easier, let me know and we can arrange.

A

From: Hughes, Meghan - DEH Administration
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA <Andrea.Albo@denvergov.org>
Cc: Nightengale, Alice L. - DAP <Alice.Nightengale@denvergov.org>
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Hi Andrea,

I am copying Alice Nightengale, Director of Denver Animal Shelter, to provide additional details on the program and how it's administered.

Best,

Meghan

From: Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org>; Hughes, Meghan - DEH Administration <Meghan.Hughes@denvergov.org>; Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact <Christopher.Conner@denvergov.org>; Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact <Bennie.Milliner@denvergov.org>
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Agreed on steering away from promoting a new program/svc.

Meghan, if you can send over details of the existing resources for pet shelter, we can talk through how to build that into our messaging when our outreach teams are engaging with folks. I believe it will be viewed as an incentive.

Thanks,

A

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Thanks Meghan. I'm looping in a few others. I think if we can say that if necessary we will provide shelter for homeless pets, that would help. But similar to the discussion we were having yesterday about storage, we are trying to avoid creating new services or programs. The focus is really to clear the illegal encampments.

From: Hughes, Meghan - DEH Administration

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 2:10 PM

To: Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org>

Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Do we have any idea if we need temporary pet housing for the sweeps? Our temp housing for the pets of the homeless is usually not for short term housing but we can work something out to support this effort if needed.

Just let me know.

Meghan

From: Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:24 PM

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Subject: Agency PIOs: Please join Monday meeting regarding sidewalk encampments:

Dear Communicators:

For the past several months, we have been working to address the sidewalk encampments in the Ballpark area. In September, you helped develop messaging and handle media ([Denver stepping up homeless outreach at encampment, Denver Post](#)). We are about to step up those efforts and we would like to reconvene with you Monday. Please watch for a separate calendar item inviting you to join a meeting of agency representatives. Here is some additional information:

- Since September, the City, homeless outreach workers and other providers have increased efforts to connect those who are living on the streets in and around the Ballpark Neighborhood with essential services.

- This coincides with a significant increase by the Department of Public Works, with the assistance of the Denver Police and Sheriff Departments, to clear debris from the sidewalks in the Ballpark Neighborhood. Public Works has been power-washing and removing trash three times a week from sidewalks near the Samaritan House and Denver Rescue Mission homeless shelters.
- With the November opening of the Lawrence Street Community Center, we had hoped the number of people living on, and the amount of items piling up on, the sidewalks would diminish. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. In fact, this unsafe, unhealthy and inhumane situation is only getting worse, with dozens of people continuing to live on the streets even in dangerous winter weather.
- Therefore, we will be taking the following steps in order to protect people, maintain public health, and respond to mounting concerns from nearby residents and businesses:
 - Increase from three days a week to five trash removal and sidewalk power washing by Public Works and Sheriff Department work crews.
 - Encourage members of the public who engage in “drive by” drop-offs of food and other items that there is a better way to give.
 - Escalate efforts to connect people with services. DPD officers will be:
 - Verbally directing those who remain on the sidewalk to indoor services.
 - Clarify police enforcement by:
 - Verbally warning folks if they or their belongings are violating city laws (unauthorized camping, obstructing or encumbering the public right of way)
 - Issuing written warnings
 - Issuing written citations
 - Making arrests
- While DPD will retain the belongings of anyone taken into custody, we are still working on a plan to retain abandoned belongings for up to 30 days.
- Additional facts:
 - The Lawrence Street Community Center is serving 785 to 850 unique gets per day and has provided 55,690 meals from Nov. 23 - Jan. 1.
 - The facility is allowing anyone who wants to bring their belongings into the courtyard to do so.
 - Even while shelters are providing beds and mats to as many as 1,500 people per night, the Denver Rescue Mission shelter and nearby overflow facility at Peoria are operating at 79 percent of capacity. If anyone wants to come inside day or night, they will not be turned away.
 - According to DPD and service providers, the main reason people continue to live on the sidewalk is so they can use drugs.
- Pending items:
 - Letter from Public Works to Police Chief requesting enforcement of relevant ordinances within specific geographic area for 60 day intensive effort.
 - Plan for storage of belongings and process for managing and returning belongings
 - Final decision on whether DPD training bulletin needs updating
 - Updating messaging, media and community strategies
 - Julie Smith is working on “better way to give” messaging
 - Do we have stats showing #'s of outreach contacts, people moved from sidewalks to shelter and housing?
 - Other ...

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From: Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 3:29 PM
To: Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office; Hughes, Meghan - DEH Administration; Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact; Albo, Andrea L. - HSOA Administration - HSOAA
Subject: RE: Sidewalk encampments follow-up

Samaritan House for adult women makes reasonable accommodation for small dogs that are pets.
Men do not have a consistent option for animals.
Service animals are allowed in programs per ADA regulation.



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Thanks Meghan. I'm looping in a few others. I think if we can say that if necessary we will provide shelter for homeless pets, that would help. But similar to the discussion we were having yesterday about storage, we are trying to avoid creating new services or programs. The focus is really to clear the illegal encampments.

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Do we have any idea if we need temporary pet housing for the sweeps? Our temp housing for the pets of the homeless is usually not for short term housing but we can work something out to support this effort if needed.

Just let me know.

Meghan

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Subject: RE: Sidewalk Encampments Action Plan
Date: Monday, January 11, 2016 12:14:57 PM

Great. Thanks. My apologies for the short notice.

From: Mix, Daelene D. - MOS
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Hi Evan,

I have a DSD Implementation meeting during this time and am unable to join your meeting; however, someone from DPD should be in attendance.

DM

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From: Conner, Christopher N - HS Office of Community Impact
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 1:04 PM
To: Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact
Subject: RNO points

Hi Bennie-- Some points that may be helpful at the Dist 9 RNO's meeting...

Ongoing issues concerning Dist. 9

- We are continuing to work on mapping overnight and day services through the city per a request brought forward by Curtis Park Neighbors
 - We will defer mapping of project based housing to a larger mapping effort currently underway by the State and CHFA that should detail this information.
 - We would like to capture some forthcoming modifications in the overnight shelter network in the mapping effort. These include:
 - Closure of the Peoria Temporary Shelter facility in East Denver
 - Inclusion of forthcoming shelter options outside of District 9.
- We will be increasing efforts to prevent curbside donations through our Give a Better Way campaign.
 - This month's Denver Voice features a supportive voice from Denver Rescue Mission, requesting the well-intentioned to Not provide donations at the curb.
- In partnership with Denver Human Services and varied city agencies we are looking to pilot a day work program to assist individuals to move to a full day's work directly from the street.
- The City of Denver will be hosting its second region-wide housing summit to galvanize commitments around affordability throughout the Denver Metro Region.

On the "sweep" of Lawrence St. and Triangle

- General talking points on health and safety issues driving the action.
 - Agencies and businesses immediate to the area of the Lawrence St. encampments were supportive of this action. Service agencies have been witness to ongoing unreported violent crime associated with entrenched encampments. This has included multiple rapes and beatings of women sheltered immediate to the area. Additionally, Catholic Charities provides 30 family shelter rooms at Samaritan House. Encampments had been threatening to school children boarding and unboarding busses.
- Notification of encumbrance removal was provided through the weekend preceding the sweep by Street Outreach and fliers. Signage was posted advising that items remaining after that Monday would be removed by Public Works, and stored for up to 30 days at 1221 Glenarm Pl (one mile from the site).
 - The City has met these commitments, which are not mandated by ordinance.
 - Shelter for single adults remains available. Our shelter network has not turned anyone away for lack of space, however we know many still remain outside.
 - Few (if any) have arrived to reclaim items.
 - The ordinance that assigns the responsibility and authority to Public Works to maintain thoroughfares is not a criminal ordinance. No citations were issued in association with the steps taken to clear the streets.

On DSOC work in the Triangle

- Denver Street Outreach is providing an estimated 14 hours each week of time directly at the Triangle and adjacent areas.
 - These hours are followed up with an estimated 26 hours each week of office/agency based case management.
 - Outreach workers anticipate housing up to 7 individuals from the Triangle area within the month after the encumbrance removal
- Street Outreach is not the only presence in the Triangle area. Additionally DHS Caseworkers have been arriving, with one stationed daily directly at Catholic Charities.

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Subject: Re: Ballpark Neighborhood clean-up // talking points for appointees

Sorry! Just seeing these and I will just ditto Evan's answer. ;)

I'll be at the PIO meeting at 9:30, unless you guys want me to work on some other items. I will head straight over to the CC Bldg. for the group call.

I can put the FAQ's into a formatted page if you want for stakeholders who may get questions.

On the supporters side, did you include Mile High Spirits? I know that owner has been very vocal with the city. Has anyone reached out to the Salvation Army? They work very closely w/DRM in regards to capacity and have an outreach team as well. Or Urban Peak?

One talking point missing from the list is something I heard from both Alexxa and Chris.

- The encampment is preventing some people experiencing homelessness who want to access the shelter from doing so. We have heard from homeless individuals, especially women, who say they are fearful of crossing through this encampment to get to the shelter. This prevents them from accessing a warm, safe place to sleep at night and the services offered at the shelter.

Finally, what about the social media side of things? We have the video from DPD that demonstrates the conditions, (DPD's photog told me he wouldn't go down there w/out police escort, btw - emphasizing the safety perception) and Jesse is grabbing our camera this morning in the event we want to get our own testimonials... but I am lost on who would host it if we did do something. DRH has very few followers.

Julie Smith
Marketing and Communications Director
Denver Human Services

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2016, at 7:43 PM, Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org> wrote:

I need tequila. Always need tequila.

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Evan, Julie and Jesse - what else do you need from us? Here to help.

Amber Miller, Communications Director
Office of Mayor Michael B. Hancock

On Mar 3, 2016, at 7:16 PM, Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org> wrote:

Thanks dude. I will circulate these, an updated stakeholder outreach spreadsheet and a reminder about tomorrow's final check-in call to the full group shortly.

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Subject: Ballpark Neighborhood clean-up // talking points for appointees

Distilling the points Evan sent to 311 into an elevator for appointees:

- the health, safety and welfare of those who have continued to live outside on the streets and sidewalks in the Ballpark neighborhood is nearing a crisis.
- The city will be increasing efforts to connect people with services and avoid a looming public health and safety emergency.
- Since last September, multiple city agencies have been working closely with homeless outreach workers and providers to connect people living on the streets in the neighborhood with shelter, housing and services, including opening the new Lawrence Street Community Center in partnership with the Denver Rescue Mission.
 - Each year, the City and County of Denver spends more than \$40 million on direct and indirect costs related to homelessness. There is shelter space and services available for those who seek it, they don't have to be in these unsafe and unhealthy conditions.
- We are taking great care to protect, and make available for retrieval, the personal belongings of these individuals as we work to keep the neighborhood clean and sanitary.

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To: Graves, Anthony E. - Mayor's Office
Cc: Sinden, Janice - Mayor's Office; Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office; Okubo, Derek P. - Human Rights/Community Partner
Subject: Re: Coby Wikselaar (The Urban Citizen 001) just sent you a message in Canvas.

Team,

Also receiving information concerning plans to mix "spiked" bags, articles amongst articles in the encampment area . Plastic bags may contain broken glass, sharp metal and other objects meant to injure workers handling . Additionally the bags may contain or be smeared with feces, urine, or other disgusting material. Public Works staff and contractors should be alerted. We will continue to work with our sources.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2016, at 7:33 AM, Graves, Anthony E. - Mayor's Office <Anthony.Graves@denvergov.org> wrote:

Confirmed, thanks.

----- Original message -----

From: "Sinden, Janice - Mayor's Office" <Janice.Sinden@denvergov.org>
Date: 03/07/2016 7:29 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Graves, Anthony E. - Mayor's Office" <Anthony.Graves@denvergov.org>
Cc: "Dreyer, Evan F. - Mayor's Office" <Evan.Dreyer@denvergov.org>, "Milliner, Bennie L. - HS Office of Community Impact" <Bennie.Milliner@denvergov.org>, "Okubo, Derek P. - Human Rights/Community Partner" <Derek.Okubo@denvergov.org>
Subject: Re: Coby Wikselaar (The Urban Citizen 001) just sent you a message in Canvas.

We are actively following this. Thanks!

Janice Sinden
Chief of Staff
Office of Denver Mayor Hancock

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On Mar 7, 2016, at 7:26 AM, Graves, Anthony E. - Mayor's Office <Anthony.Graves@denvergov.org> wrote:

Janice/Evan,
I am passing along a tip from Mayor Heidi Williams of Thornton about protests regarding our recently announced public health sweeps. See below.

Anthony