



Meeting Notes

July 13, 2017

Topic: Health and Safety; Security Coordination Efforts - US59 Encampment

Call In Number- 713-942-1097

Attending: Shavonda Johnson (CM Boykins CoS); Rashad Cave (DoN); Chelbi Mims (HouSE MD); Oletha Jacobs (OST/Alameda RDA); Cynthia Alvarado (Midtown MD- call in); Lt. Shamara Garner (HPD); Sgt. Shannon Farquhar (HPD); Sgt. Tuan Nguyen (HPD); Kathleen O'Reilly (MPSN); Sandra Stevens (MPSN)

Current Resources/Efforts

Dept. of Neighborhoods - Defers to HPD, HouSE, and Midtown

Management Districts/Constables:

Midtown – Currently providing dumpsters for solid waste management; providing security patrols through Pct. 7 that roam through the encampments generally 2x/day at varying times, among the other Pct. 7 duties for Midtown. Also contribute to Public Intoxication Team (PIT) and work to have individuals assisted through this program. HPD is in ongoing coordination with Midtown, including working with the HPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

SEAL security also patrols Midtown , “SEAL” units patrol area regularly.

Houston SE – Currently providing security patrols through Pct. 7 that roam the adjacent business locations impacted by the encampment. Sgt. Ganz (HPD) assists HouSE with coordination of security efforts and also uses roaming HPD bike patrols paid for by HouSE.

City of Houston – provides garbage pick-up on Tuesday/Friday mornings with 5-10 man crew & supervisor clearing the area of trash.

Houston Police Dept. / HOT Team – HPD has issued verbal and written warnings to identified individuals regarding the encampment ordinance but for various reasons further enforcement is pending.

Health Dept. – Assessing potential storm water sampling effort to evaluate impact of storm water runoff contaminated by human waste.

Potential Coordination of Resources/Efforts

Dept. of Neighborhoods – continues to coordinate with Mayor’s Homeless team and CM Boykins Office

Management Districts/Constables/HPD – Midtown, Houston SE, Houston Police Dept. / HOT Team

- The need for housing and wrap around services to this population by the City of Houston remains paramount. Shelters reportedly aren’t an enticing alternative. CoH continues to work towards adequate housing opportunities.
- Significant mitigation resources are being dedicated to managing the impacts of the US59 encampment by adjacent governmental entities.

Action Items:

- Efforts are being made to coordinate Pct. 7 Constables employed by Midtown and HouSE, and this focus will be increased.
- HPD officers employed by HouSE are working towards overall coordination of HPD bike and motorcycle patrols, as well as with Pct. 7 Constable.
- Request that HouSE revisit engagement with PIT program; the need for such is readily apparent.
- HouSE will work to coordinate clean-up efforts of HouSE landscape team with CoH Solid Waste on Tu/Fri am.
- Health Dept. – will work towards storm water sampling approach that may help alleviate public health issues.
- Parking Report Cards were suggested to raise awareness of BMV prevention. MPSN will provide to Sgt. Gans for distribution in Museum Park. HPD is focusing on this issue/area in the immediate future. Please see attached.
- Museum Park is distributing informational cards to impacted businesses with helpful contact information.