

# Seattle Site Visits (Permitted Interaction Group, Resolution 16-146) June 22-23, 2016

## COUNCILMEMBERS' ITINERARY

Councilmembers Kobayashi, Menor and I traveled to Seattle during the week of June 21-24, 2016 to visit a series of homeless housing and services solutions in the city. Councilmembers Menor and Kobayashi had discussed the Downtown Emergency Services Center's Crisis Solutions Center during the Public Health, Safety and Welfare (PHSW) Committee's April 2016 meeting, and included additional funding in the City's operating and CIP budgets for consideration of this type of program.

We also visited a number of Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) permanent supportive housing facilities, short-term housing using a 'Tiny House' village model, and Urban Rest Stops to examine the wide range of housing/services alternatives that have been developed to combat homelessness in Seattle/King County. Although the site visits took place over an intensive 2-day period, the examples of homeless housing and services solutions were very comprehensive and represented a diverse group of housing alternatives from which we in Honolulu can learn a great deal. Specific legislation and action recommendations will be forthcoming in our Permitted Interaction Group report.

### Wednesday 6/22/16

1. We toured the **King Country Crisis Clinic** and discussed the scope of the program's operations with Executive Director Kathleen Southwick. The Clinic's operations are the focal point for crisis resources (including training, outreach and a bridge to other community resources) in Seattle/King County. The Crisis Clinic depends on the involvement of volunteers to staff its phone lines for (a) *Crisis and Recovery Help Line*, (b) *Teen Link*, and (c) *King County 2-1-1 referral services*. <[http://crisisclinic.org/?gclid=CjoKEQjws\\_m6BRCv37WbtNmJs\\_IBEiQAWKKtoEe21sqrklS\\_d\\_XOUXTs54FGmDowKRZ3ng5OjlnxVKcaAu3H8P8HAQ](http://crisisclinic.org/?gclid=CjoKEQjws_m6BRCv37WbtNmJs_IBEiQAWKKtoEe21sqrklS_d_XOUXTs54FGmDowKRZ3ng5OjlnxVKcaAu3H8P8HAQ)> - 9725 3rd Ave NE #300 / 206-436-2980.
2. In Hawaii, similar crisis referrals/help line programs are coordinated through the **Aloha United Way's 2-1-1 service**, which is being expanded to meet broader homeless services and referral needs.
3. We visited two of Low-Income Housing Institute's permanent supportive housing projects and two Urban Rest Stop facilities with LIHI Director Sharon Lee and her staff:
  - **Cheryl Chow Court** <<http://lihi.org/properties/cheryl-chow-court/>> – Construction of this 50-unit housing project for seniors making 50% or less of area median income was completed in 2014. It is located near the Ballard Commons, three grocery stores, the public library, transit and retail on NW 57th Street (*see attached fact sheet*).
  - **Ballard Urban Rest Stop** <<https://urbanreststop.org/about/information/ballard/>> (in same building) is a homeless hygiene center with free showers, restrooms and laundry facilities located in the Cheryl Chow building, and completed in 2015. The showers, restrooms and laundry facilities are clean and well-lit.
  - **The Marion West** <<http://lihi.org/properties/the-marion-west/>> - a new housing facility that opened publicly on June 21<sup>st</sup>, it features 49 affordable apartments for homeless

young adults and low wage workers. This 5-story structure is located next to the University District's Library Branch, and is close to shopping, employment and transit at 5019 Roosevelt Way NE (*see attached fact sheet*).

- **Downtown URS** <<https://urbanreststop.org/about/information/downtown/>> - LIHI's original model for free public hygiene centers, it is located at 1924 9TH Avenue, and provides between 250-300 hot showers and 150 loads of laundry completed daily. It operates roughly 16 hours a day on weekdays, and 9 hours on weekends, and has been in operation since 2000. With private shower rooms, 9 washers/14 dryers, a health room and large restrooms, it provides a valuable model of successful public-private agency partnerships.

#### Thursday 6/23/16

1. We toured the Downtown Emergency Services Center's **Crisis Solutions Center** <<http://www.desc.org/documents/CSC%20Information%20Sheet.October%202013.pdf>> and discussed its operations with Ash Warren, Crisis Diversion Interim Services Project Manager. The Center is located at 1600 South Lane Street, and has been at this location since its opening in 2012 (*see attached fact sheet*). The scope of its operations are identified as a central strategy in King County's Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Acton Plan, and funded through a dedicated sales tax.
2. We toured another Low-Income Housing Institute permanent supportive housing projects and two examples of 'Tiny House Village' facilities with LIHI Director Lee and her staff:
  - **Ernestine Anderson Place**<<http://lihi.org/properties/ernestine-anderson-place/>> – Located on 2010 S. Jackson Street, this 5-story, 60-unit housing complex was designed for homeless and low-income seniors, and features a broad range of community spaces (including an exercise room, library with internet-enabled computers, service space and outdoor patio garden). Sound Mental Health provides on-site supportive services for 45 homeless seniors, including 8 veterans and 15 low-income seniors (*see attached fact sheet*).
  - **Nickelsville Tiny House Village**<<http://lihi.org/tiny-houses/tiny-house-village/>> - this 'Tiny House Village' includes 14 tiny houses clustered in a semi-circle on a Church-owned property next to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, with two restroom-showers and a communal kitchen- with outdoor/barbeque grills-common area at the entryway on 1419 22nd Avenue. It includes an attractive gateway entrance, and residents work in teams to handle maintenance, security, governance and food preparations/group meetings. This property currently has electrical power/sewer and water hook-ups on the property (*see attached fact sheet*).
  - **Seattle Othello Village**<<http://lihi.org/tiny-houses/othello-village/>> - the second 'Tiny House Village' included approximately 20-24 tiny houses on a vacant lot at 7544 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. This village did not have electrical power/sewer and water hook-ups, but the additional infrastructure support was being sought through grants and external funding sources. Residents at this site work a site manager to handle maintenance, security, governance and required group meetings, and food preparations.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: July 11, 2016

Traveler: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga  
 Event: Investigate Homeless Programs and Facilities in Seattle, WA  
 Location: Seattle, Washington  
 Dates: From 6/21/2016 To 6/24/2016

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	<del>0.00</del>	
2. Airfare	881.99	
3. Hotel	<del>1112.00</del> 787.50	
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	142.55	Airport Shuttle and Taxi Fare
6. Tips	28.40	
7. Other	50.00	Checked Baggage Fee
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	<del>2214.97</del> 1590.44	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

Carol Fukunaga  
Signature of Traveler

7/12/16  
Date