

Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Rosemary Menard
Cc: Elizabeth Smith
Subject: RE: houseless depot parking lot

Thanks for speaking with her, Rosemary.

She's been making the rounds with her calls/voicemails.

Lee Butler, AICP, LEED AP
Deputy City Manager /
Director of Planning, Community Development, & Homelessness Response
809 Center Street, Room 107 | Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Main: 831-420-5110 | Direct: 831-420-5103



From: Rosemary Menard
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Donna Meyers <dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <lImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: houseless depot parking lot

Yep, already talked with her. Not a happy camper... (excuse the somewhat unfortunate reference).

Rosemary

From: Donna Meyers <dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Fwd: houseless depot parking lot

This is the person who fought against Depot Park last time and got 1000 signatures in a couple of days.

D

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue Ellen Gales <sue@andersonchristie.com>
Date: December 16, 2021 at 7:34:48 AM PST
To: Donna Meyers <dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com>, Martin Bernal <mbernal@cityofsantacruz.com>,

Martine Watkins <mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com>, Cynthia Mathews
<CMathews@cityofsantacruz.com>, Susie O'Hara <SOhara@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: houseless depot parking lot

Hello All-

I write this morning to oppose the use of the Depot Park parking lot for the “houseless tent city”. This has been opposed several times by the neighbors and community and continues to surface each year.

Please take this off your list of approved sites!!

With the City taking December 20 – January 3rd off, please consider locating this service in the City Hall parking lot that is a much better choice. It has a roof and will keep this group comfortable and not impact the Depot Park community.

Thank you-

SueEllen Gales

831.239.5516

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I can hope on but from car. Please send me invite!

Thank you,
Laura

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
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How about 11:30 after the County meeting for a team huddle? It will be good to debrief on your County convo and make a plan for the next several days.

Copying Rosemary and Laura in case they would like to join.

From: Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 9:04 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: Calls Regarding Depot

Hi Elizabeth,

I agree a chat would be productive, and I'm happy to make time. FYI, Rosemary, Lee, and I have our City/County Collaborative meeting from 930-1130a today. I'm open ahead until that starts, and after.

Bet,

Larry

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From: Tim Shields
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Bernie Escalante
Cc: Tony Elliot; Mark Dettle; Lee Butler; Heather Sawyer; Larry Imwalle; Travis Beck; Jose Garcia PD; Megan Bunch; Elizabeth Smith; Rosemary Menard; Filipina Warren; Brian Borguno
Subject: Re: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

As long as we maintain the access drive lane, then we should be good in terms of placement.

I would agree they visibility in does help our crews when responding.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:48 AM, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

The PD does support the fencing but with the same intent as Mark mentions. We suggested the fencing to keep better control of what and who is coming in and out. To better manage the site so it can be a successful model. To prevent it from being run over by a large number of people with a lot of stuff. Maybe without the screening so it remains visible and if possible, in a way to keep public access to the testing.

Bernie Escalante, Interim Chief of Police
Santa Cruz Police Department
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com
SantaCruzPolice.com

From: Tony Elliot
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:38 AM
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Subject: RE: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

I agree with Mark. The site at Depot needs to remain visible and we need to maintain public access for the COVID testing site as we have already promised.

Tony Elliot

Director

Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Department

323 Church Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: Mark Dettle

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:34 AM

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I think we need to slow down here. One of the points of this site was it was visible to keep it in check. Fencing with screening eliminates that attribute. PD needs to way in. There is no approval to take over the whole site. This site will quickly get over run. Focus need to be opening other sites. This is a temporary site and it needs to be orderly. That may mean reducing the amount of extra things at the site. If we want a chance of opening another site, this needs to be a model site and one that people can see.

Mark R. Dettle
Director of Public Works
City of Santa Cruz
831 420-5164

On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:24 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Sounds like we need to regroup on this.

Mark/Heather/Brian: Can we hood the meters on Center for testing and block off the whole lot, but for emergency access and the testing van?

Tony/Travis: If we can provide street parking for the testing site will that be acceptable?

Tim: If the "U" in and out of the parking lot is accessible (to emergency vehicles and the testing van only), are you okay with fencing around the evacuation site, knowing that it will impair visibility?

Megan

From: Heather Sawyer

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:19 AM

To: Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Mark Dettle <mdettle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Travis Beck <tbeck@cityofsantacruz.com>; Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>; Jose Garcia PD <jgarcia@cityofsantacruz.com>; Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>; Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>; Filipina Warren <fwarren@cityofsantacruz.com>; Brian Borguno <bborguno@cityofsantacruz.com>

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That limits visibility if anyone drives in. I'd rather no park the north end too. We need Fire to help work out the plan. We also need to keep a lane open for covid van, which could be the south entrance, just barricaded so general public don't enter.

I'm off Fridays just sending updates from yesterday. Filipina is off and out of town.

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:08 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Just around the evacuation site. Leaving the driveway around the lot and the parking on the north end available.

Megan

From: Heather Sawyer

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:07 AM

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We're talking entire perimeter of the parking lot?

Heather

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[<mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>](mailto:mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com) wrote:

As soon possible. With screening, please.

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Where do we want it?

Heather

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[<mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>](mailto:mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com)
wrote:

Hi all,

I think we need to move forward with installing fencing at Depot parking. We discussed this yesterday, but I don't think anyone was assigned to make it happen. The constituent complaints are flowing in and I believe some barrier will help both the campers and the constituents.

I am not able to take this one today. Do Parks or Parking have staff that can order the fencing?

Megan

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Attachments: Depot Park Calls.xlsx

Updated form.



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Thanks Elizabeth.

I am ok with going about it this way for the remainder of the day, as staff will be out after today anyway. Just did a quick spreadsheet. If this works, where should I save it? Other city staff who answer calls, etc. should probably know this process so that everyone is on the same page.



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Hi Bonnie,

I think it would be best to just start logging calls in a spreadsheet on the M drive that we can access. Fields to include:

Date
Name
Address
Phone
Email
Summary of complaint

The script could be:

Thanks for calling and sharing your concerns. We are working to create a website with information, and city staff would like to contact you with that once it is online, along with other updates and ways to share any concerns as they arise.
[Ask for constituent's information]

Let me know if you see any concerns with this approach. My guess is that the main voicemail will get full if both Rose and Sheri are out for the full closure, so that's also something to keep in mind.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Bonnie Bush; Lee Butler
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Rosemary Menard; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Subject: Re: Calls Regarding Depot

Looks good. You can put it in my folder on the M drive, unless you have a better idea. I could also upload it as a Google sheet if access off-site would be helpful.

You're right about anyone answering the phones. I don't have a sense of who that would include. If you do, could I request your assistance in getting the word out to folks who are relevant to this task? If you copy me, I will know who to include for next time and won't have to bug you!

From: Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 11:32 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>

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Thanks Elizabeth.

I am ok with going about it this way for the remainder of the day, as staff will be out after today anyway. Just did a quick spreadsheet. If this works, where should I save it? Other city staff who answer calls, etc. should probably know this process so that everyone is on the same page.



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From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:05 AM

To: Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Re: Calls Regarding Depot

Hi Bonnie,

I think it would be best to just start logging calls in a spreadsheet on the M drive that we can access. Fields to include:

Date
Name
Address
Phone
Email
Summary of complaint

The script could be:

Thanks for calling and sharing your concerns. We are working to create a website with information, and city staff would like to contact you with that once it is online, along with other updates and ways to share any concerns as they arise. [Ask for constituent's information]

Let me know if you see any concerns with this approach. My guess is that the main voicemail will get full if both Rose and Sheri are out for the full closure, so that's also something to keep in mind.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 9:35 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Sounds good.

They are calls as I'm sure were to be expected – members of the public complaining.



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Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>; Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: Calls Regarding Depot

Can we have quick chat after the 9 a.m. on what would be on such a webpage? I don't know the nature of the calls you're getting.

From: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 8:43 AM

To: Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>; Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>

Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>; Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>; Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>

Subject: Re: Calls Regarding Depot

Good Morning,

I think we need to get general info on the website and include an option to submit comments. I am guessing that we will get so many calls that we will not have capacity to call every person back and spend 15 min with each. Elizabeth, can you help us set up the website? If we require an email address for the comment, we can have a standard response that we quickly personalize and send off. Then, callers can be referred to the website for comments and info.

Thanks,
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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:58 AM
To: dl_Dept Heads
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Subject: FW: Calls Regarding Depot Park Campsite

Department Heads,

FYI, should any of your staff receive calls about the move to Depot Park. We are working to log the incoming and will be putting together an outreach plan as soon as we can.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

P.S. This list is not the usual receptionist list since many folks are already out of the office.

From: Bonnie Bush <bbush@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Friday, December 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM
To: Katy Fitzgerald <kfitzgerald@cityofsantacruz.com>, Maralise Howze <MHowze@cityofsantacruz.com>, Jennifer Yeung <jyeung@cityofsantacruz.com>, Beth Thurman <bthurman@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Patzke <MPatzke@cityofsantacruz.com>, Nikki Randazzo <nrando@cityofsantacruz.com>, Tess Fitzgerald <tfitzgerald@cityofsantacruz.com>, Sara DeLeon <sdeleon@cityofsantacruz.com>, Rosemary Balsley <rbalsley@cityofsantacruz.com>, Shari Cope <SCope@cityofsantacruz.com>, Julia Wood <jwood@cityofsantacruz.com>, Tremain Hedden-Jones <tjones@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lindsay Bass <lbass@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Calls Regarding Depot Park Campsite

Good afternoon,

As you may know, the camp that was previously at the Benchlands has been moved to Depot Park. As the result, we have gotten some calls from members of the public wishing to speak to someone about it.

In order to streamline an immediate response (you), please use the below:

Thanks for calling and sharing your concerns. We are working to create a website with information, and city staff would like to contact you with that once it is online, along with other updates and ways to share any concerns as they arise.

Please use this [spreadsheet](#) to document their information and someone will follow up with them.

Please share this email with anyone who may be responsible for assisting members of the public, whether that be in person or over the phone.

Thank you,



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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Justin Cummings; Rosemary Menard
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Hi Justin,

Will be sending it out within the next half hour. Had some personal stuff to attend to last night but working on the final elements now.

Elizabeth

From: Justin Cummings <jcummins@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:07 AM
To: Rosemary Menard <RMenard@cityofsantacruz.com>
Cc: Laura Schmidt <LSchmidt@cityofsantacruz.com>, Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>, Robert Oatey <roatey@cityofsantacruz.com>, Bernie Escalante <bescalante@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Hey Rosemary,

I wasn't sure if you had intended on providing the update from Elizabeth as an attachment, but I don't think that information was provided. Could you please forward us the information related to the work to address the benchlands last week?

Thanks,

Justin

From: Rosemary Menard
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 5:08:20 PM
To: Rosemary Menard
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante
Subject: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Good Afternoon All –

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To: Rosemary Menard
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.
Attachments: 21-12-18 Incident Chronology.pdf; 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Participant Agreement and Code of Conduct.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Dear Councilmembers,

Please find a detailed chronology of City staff's work over the past week ahead of and in response to the storm attached for your information. Please also find the participant agreement for the Depot Park temporary evacuation site. Below you will find some details expanding on Rosemary's talking points about that site for your conversations with constituents.

Depot Park

- This is a temporary evacuation site.
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I will be updating [the cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness](https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness) website with this information this morning. Please send any constituents to that site for updates or questions.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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Flooding Incident | Chronology of Citywide Support Dec. 10-17, 2021

Friday-Sunday, December 10-12, 2021 | Preparing for the Storm

Fire Department/Emergency Operations closely monitored weather forecasts and reported to staff and leadership about the upcoming storms. During this period, the National Weather Service reported that severe storms would NOT impact the City of Santa Cruz.

To ensure individuals in low-lying areas were aware of the coming rains, Homelessness Response Team members spent eight hours outreaching to people camping in the cemetery and the Benchlands South, encouraging them to seek higher ground and working with them to clean up trash and debris to mitigate materials entering the San Lorenzo River.

Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 | All-Hands Response

Morning

The National Weather Service forecast from 6 a.m. did not predict significant changes in their prior assessment that the storm would primarily hit south of Santa Cruz – in Monterey County. City staff and public safety recognized changing conditions, and an in-person evaluation was conducted by Fire Chief Oatey and Parks and Public Works staff members. Fire consulted with USGS and NWS to get up-to-the-minute information. Chief Oatey authorized/requested an immediate evacuation of the cemetery and Benchlands South with this up-to-date, real-time information. The Water team monitored streamflow and weather.

Immediately following the evacuation order, eight staff members, including two Police, three Fire, one Parks, one Water and two Homelessness Response Team employees, conducted camper evacuations along the Flood zones along the San Lorenzo River for up to six hours. Fire's Emergency Services activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) "virtually" and reached out to SC County's Office of Resource, Recovery and Response (OR3) for support and supplies. Based on reports from City staff, Emergency Services specifically requested blankets, cots, water, meals-ready-to-eat (MREs), heaters, lighting.

Midday

Five Parking Services staff set up the River Front Garage for evacuees. A senior Parking Services staff member stayed onsite to conduct intake and manage the garage site through 6 p.m. Other staff, including three Homelessness Response Team and five Parks and Recreation employees, worked to evacuate campers and transport campers and their belongings out of Upper San Lorenzo Park over the following four hours. Five additional Parks staff stayed after hours to move portable toilets to the River Street garage emergency shelter.

Emergency Services confirmed with SC County OR3 staff that supplies (blankets, cots, water, MREs) were delivered by County staff around 5 p.m. Emergency Services staff also assisted with setting up a temporary evacuation site located at River St garage. CERT volunteers and City staff distributed supplies as people checked in. Staff began canvassing the County and community partners for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location. No sites were able to be secured from that effort. Four individuals with medical vulnerabilities were able to move to the Armory shelter.

Evening

Staff remained onsite at the River Front Garage until 10 p.m. and in the Benchlands/San Lorenzo Park area until after 11 p.m. Five Parks staff were called back to assist public safety personnel by contacting people remaining in Benchlands and moving their belongings to River Front Garage until 10:00 p.m. Police staff was deployed to clear and maintain upper San Lorenzo Park as it is closed after hours. The Fire Department duty chief and additionally staffed units continued to patrol low-lying San Lorenzo River and river mouth/main beach areas. Reports indicate that the river elevated to levels of 20 feet. There were no reports of rescues.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 | Repair and Recovery

Parks conducted routine maintenance to address litter and debris throughout river and streams (riparian areas). Five Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter which had washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for around 5 hours. The team collected 261 needles and executed waste drop-off at the landfill.

The Homelessness Response Team continued staffing River Front Garage with support from Parking, Public Works and Parks and Recreation. The City's contractor for encampment trash removal at the cemetery and the Benchlands began to clear debris and trash as the water receded from low-lying areas. Analysis and planning for near and long-term shelter locations in the City was underway throughout the day. Staff continued canvassing for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 | Repair and Recovery

Parks conducted their routine maintenance to address litter, debris throughout river and streams. Five Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter which had washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for around 4 hours with more than 100 needles collected.

The Citywide Encampment Assessment Team met two times to work on the operations and logistics for standing up Depot Park as a secondary emergency evacuation area. The team provided sanitation and hygiene facilities and the plan and resources needed to move people and their belongings from the River Front Garage to the temporary evacuation area at Depot Park. Spaces were drawn in the parking lot, and the infrastructure was put into place. The team developed the participant agreement and voucher for the Depot Park location, which outlined the set of rules that participants will be required to follow

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 | Repair, Recovery and Planning

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 15 staff members, including 12 Parks and five Homelessness Response Team employees, set up and moved 40 camps from the River St. garage to Depot Park parking lot. Approx. thirty-five camps had "owners." The remaining five were abandoned at the time of the move. The Encampment Assessment Team met to debrief on the move, coordinate additional logistical needs at Depot Park, and assign duties for meeting those needs. Two Police staff were onsite at Depot Park assisting with the occupancy of the parking lot.

Cleanup and trash removal continued via a City contractor in the Benchlands. Three Parks and Recreation Wharf/Beach staff members collected debris and litter that washed up on the beaches and underneath the Wharf for about 2 hours. They collected 21 needles and executed one dump run.

With storms in the forecast for Monday, Dec. 20, the Citywide Encampment Assessment Team and Fire began planning and preparing for next week. Fire began gathering and reporting forecasts to city staff, updating City/department contact lists for the incident, and developing contingency plans for the City's

population given the inclement weather forecasts. As always, Fire's Emergency Services would activate EOC operations as needed.

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 | Current Conditions

The River level has subsided, and cleanup efforts continue in the low-lying areas. Approximately 150 people are still in San Lorenzo Park Benchlands. The Benchlands South area and the cemetery have been closed. A Parks staff member with an ATV and another Parks staff member were each cleaning behind the cemetery for three hours today, and the City contractor worked on cleanup at the cemetery camp for six hours today. Approximately 30 cubic yards of refuse were removed from the area, and in addition, a significant amount of metal debris was removed. Police were onsite in the cemetery while cleanup efforts were underway.

Two Homelessness Response Team staff worked to verbally inform individuals in the south Benchlands camp to vacate and were offered assistance with spaces in the north camp. The team estimates that 11 people remain. The Homelessness Response Team also continued its Depot Park temporary emergency shelter management.

The Citywide Encampment Assessment Team and Fire continued planning and preparing for next week. Fire continued gathering and reporting forecasts to City staff and developing contingency plans for inclement weather forecasts. Staff is working to identify an evacuation site for the Benchlands should one be required.

Future

While the team has not had time for a formal debrief, we have evaluated the major areas where operations went smoothly and where the team could have improved. As such, we will be even more conservative in our reliance on forecasts, continue cleanup and more readily require individuals to evacuate low-lying areas.

The City contractor will be at the Benchlands South location Saturday to clear trash and debris. FD/EOC will evaluate NWS forecasts and consult with meteorological and USGS experts daily. They will patrol the river, streams and oceanfront during the storm. They will report forecasts/findings to city staff as needed. If necessary, they will activate our EOC for emergency response to weather-related issues that need to be addressed.

Fire will continue to conduct life safety inspections of the temporary evacuation area at Depot Park. Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Water, should floods be imminent, will continue outreach to camps along San Lorenzo River and warn/advise of incoming weather and potential risks.

The temporary evacuation location is expected to remain active for the next 3-4 weeks. Securing alternate covered or indoor locations have been one of the most significant challenges of this effort and continue to pose challenges in the team's day-to-day homelessness response efforts. Staff will continue to canvass for alternate evacuation sheltering options with the hope of finding an indoor or other covered location.

The City Manager's Office is on point to continue proactive communications with the community and address community concerns. Please check cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness for updates.

Depot Parking Lot Camp
Participant Agreement / Camp Rules

I, _____, (hereinafter "Participant") hereby understand, acknowledge, and agree, in consideration of my participation in the Depot Parking Lot Camp (hereinafter the "Camp"), to follow and adhere to the following:

1) Camp Rules. Participant shall comply with the following key rules:

1. No violent behavior toward yourself or others;
2. No theft;
3. No open drug use;
4. Participants must utilize provided hygiene units, and Participants are strictly prohibited from urinating or defecating in the Camp or the surrounding area;
5. No open fires;
6. No weapons, fireworks, or incendiary devices;
7. No motor vehicles in the Camp;
8. Propane tanks are limited to either one (1) large (20 pound/5 gallons) or two (2) small (16 ounce camping) per campsite;
9. No aggressive behavior, inappropriate sexual comments, offensive/aggressive use of profanity, or the use of profanity around children;
10. No vandalism, misuse, or destruction of property (including fencing electrical boxes, etc.);
11. No damaging trees or any plantings/landscaping;
12. No jeopardizing the safety of any other Camp occupants or staff members;
13. No disorderly conduct on park property, per SCMC 13.08.090;
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17. Participants must interact with City of Santa Cruz ("City") staff, service providers, neighbors, and fellow participants with respect.

Any single violation of these rules may result in the Participant being required to leave the Camp promptly in the City's sole discretion.

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- 10) **Abandoned Sites.** If a site reasonably appears to be abandoned and is not occupied for 72 hours, an abandoned property notice will be posted, and the tent

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Under most circumstances, the City anticipates that this Camp will use a three-tier safety plan before participants will be required to permanently exit the Camp:

Tier 1: Participant will be verbally informed of violation of Participant Expectations Agreement.

Tier 2: Assuming the problem persists, a Safety or Corrections Plan will be written. Participant will identify the unsafe behavior and a remedy will be drafted.

Tier 3: If the problem continues to persist, the Participant will be required to promptly leave the Camp.

12) Storage of Personal Effects. In the case of abandonment or eviction, the City may store Participant's personal effects for up to 90 days. Personal effects that remain unclaimed after ninety days may be discarded, recycled, dedicated for public use, or given to a nonprofit agency for charitable use.

13) Respect. Participants are expected to treat both themselves, community members, and their surroundings with respect and dignity at all times.

14) Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity

Participant understands, acknowledges, and agrees to follow and abide by all the expectations and rules listed above. Participant furthermore understands and agrees that failure to do so will result in Participant being removed from the Camp and barred from entry onto the Camp premises, in the City's sole discretion.

Participant furthermore, on Participant's own behalf and behalf of Participant's dependents, heirs, successors and/or assigns, expressly agrees to indemnify, discharge, release, and hold harmless the City of Santa Cruz and its officials, officers, agents, contractors, service providers, employees and volunteers (hereinafter the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, or liability of whatever nature resulting from or in any way related to Participant's use of Camp facilities or Participant's participation in the Camp and related activities therein.

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BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING MY NAME TO THIS AGREEMENT AND BY DOING SO AM ACCEPTING ITS TERMS AS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY HEIRS, AGENTS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASSIGNS. I FURTHER CERTIFY MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND ALL OTHERS NAMED IN THIS AGREEMENT.

Participant's Printed Name

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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Sandy Brown; Rosemary Menard
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante
Subject: Re: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Hi Sandy,

Depot Park is currently fully subscribed, but we will keep you updated if spots do become available. The team continues to try to get folks into the Armory or other shelters if spaces open up.

I'm so sorry to hear about your stepmom. Sending best wishes to you and your family and healing vibes for your stepmom.

Elizabeth

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From: Sandy Brown <sbrown@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Hi all,

Thank you for keeping the council updated about responses to homeless encampments adjacent to the San Lorenzo River and in the Benchlands. I am getting questions from people in the community who want to help and am directing them to the City website, DTS, and several mutual aid groups that I am aware of but am not sure what to say about whether the City is still admitting people to the Depot Park location (understanding that they would need to follow the proper intake and agreements and standards established by the City. Can someone on the team advise?

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to everyone who has stepped up to try to navigate these extremely difficult circumstances. I imagine you are getting pushback from all sides on top of the logistical and resource challenges. My stepmom recently had a stroke and I am away visiting her at the moment but would like to help communicate accurate info as much as possible.

All the best to you and yours this holiday season.

Sandy

Sandy Brown
Santa Cruz City Council

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Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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From: Rosemary Menard

Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 5:08:20 PM

To: Rosemary Menard

Cc: Laura Schmidt; Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch; Robert Oatey; Bernie Escalante

Subject: Friday Afternoon Status Update.

Good Afternoon All –

I wanted to provide a brief update on the status of issues related to benchlands and other homelessness issues prior to the end of the day and to let you know that I'll be working with Laura Schmidt and Matt Huffaker over the weekend to ensure a smooth transition as I get ready to head out of town on Monday.

Here are the headlines:

1. Plans for additional forecasted rain storms beginning Monday have been developed staff have already initiated outreach to those occupying the low-lying area between Branciforte Creek and the San Lorenzo River and those occupying or who reoccupied areas behind the cemetery that they need to be moving to higher ground.
2. Steps are being taken today and through the weekend to reduce the potential for trash or other camp related items to end up in the river should water levels rise to the point that they did with Monday's storm.
3. If/when storms actually are imminent, additional City staff will be deployed to again advise anyone who hasn't left the at risk areas to leave the area.

Also, to document all of the storm related work completed during the last week, Elizabeth Smith has compiled a chronology documenting the actions taken by City staff to alert those in at risk areas regarding the coming storm and to assist those whose locations were being inundated by the rising river to relocate out of the rain and ultimately to the Depot Park parking lot.

Regarding Depot Park, as I'm sure is the case for all of you, we have been receiving a lot of telephone calls and emails regarding the community's concerns regarding camp that we established there yesterday. We acknowledge the concerns that have been raised, but there is still a lot of unhappiness related to this development. Our key talking points include:

1. This camp is not permanent;
2. This isn't an "anything goes" camp, and all participants have signed statements acknowledging the rules, which are being actively enforced by City staff; and
3. The Council took action this week that will allow staff to start implementing a number of initiatives that have been in the works that will implement shelter and other services in the coming weeks. These initiatives are being implemented as quickly as we possibly can so that individuals from the Depot Park area will be able to relocate to other areas as soon as possible. We're working hard to have at least some of these options available beginning in early January with others coming online through the month.

During the upcoming Holiday Closure, please be assured that City staff will be monitoring and managing conditions and taking appropriate and necessary steps to respond.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday.

Rosemary

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From: Donna Meyers
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Laura Schmidt; Lee Butler
Subject: Fwd: Depot park homeless camp

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 1:33 PM
To: payparking@comcast.net
Cc: Laura Schmidt; Larry Imwalle; Homelessness
Subject: Re: Depot park homeless camp

Hi Ken,

Thank you for reaching out to the Councilmembers with your suggestions. We continue to consider all public lots as potential locations either for transitional encampments, temporary emergency camping locations, or safe parking options, taking into account a variety of factors. We currently have spaces reserved in the PD lot for safe parking. For lots near fire stations, we would need to ensure that fire truck access is not negatively affected.

More information is available on our website at <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/community/homelessness>, including contact information should any concerns or questions arise.

(Councilmembers re bcc'd here.)

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Where do we want it?

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<mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

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I think we need to move forward with installing fencing at Depot parking. We discussed this yesterday, but I don't think anyone was assigned to make it happen. The constituent complaints are flowing in and I believe some barrier will help both the campers and the constituents.

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Hi Travis,

Thanks for your question. This came up at our team meeting earlier today. I concur, sounds like a syringe kiosk is an important addition to the site for health and safety. How do we get that implemented? I believe Chris & Jeremy can provide support onsite.

Thank you.

Best,

Larry

From: Travis Beck

Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 2:02 PM

To: Heather Sawyer; Megan Bunch

Cc: Tim Shields; Lee Butler; Mark Dettle; Larry Imwalle; Tony Elliot; Jose Garcia PD; Elizabeth Smith; Rosemary Menard; Filipina Warren; Brian Borguno; Jon Bush; Paul Fortino

Subject: RE: Fencing at Depot evacuation site

Hi all,

One update and one question:

Update – In order to provide electricity access to the campers, Parks staff have opened the electrical panel between the Freight Building and the playground (we had a little help from campers over the weekend) and built a temporary shed over it to help keep things dry and safe (see attached photo). We will work over the next few days to split the door to allow access only to the outlets and not to the breakers. If the panel is abused or damaged we may have to shut it down. We may also have to turn it off during wet weather.

Question- Our maintenance staff has suggested providing some sort of syringe kiosk in the camp, as they are already finding loose needles in the area. Larry and team, what do you think?

Happy Monday,
Travis

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After speaking with Mark and Brian, Angel and I will be out there tomorrow morning to install 4ft high orange barrier fence along the u shape. The back opening to the camp will be cut and zip tied shut on one side for emergency easy access.

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2021, at 10:24 AM, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Sounds like we need to regroup on this.

Mark/Heather/Brian: Can we hood the meters on Center for testing and block off the whole lot, but for emergency access and the testing van?

Tony/Travis: If we can provide street parking for the testing site will that be acceptable?

Tim: If the "U" in and out of the parking lot is accessible (to emergency vehicles and the testing van only), are you okay with fencing around the evacuation site, knowing that it will impair visibility?

Megan

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I'm off Fridays just sending updates from yesterday. Filipina is off and out of town.

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Just around the evacuation site. Leaving the driveway around the lot and the parking on the north end available.

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To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Sonja Brunner; Laura Schmidt
Subject: Fwd: Depot park

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Thank you
Shebreh

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From: andrew mora <andrewbmora@hotmail.com>
Date: December 20, 2021 at 5:58:39 PM PST
To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson <SKalantari-Johnson@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot park

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Seriously Disgusted
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To: Sonja Brunner
Cc: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle; Laura Schmidt
Subject: Re: Depot park

Got it. Thank you

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On Dec 20, 2021, at 10:18 PM, Sonja Brunner <sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Shebreh,
Depot Park is intended to be a temporary emergency shelter until January as other locations are implemented and people are able to relocate. Elizabeth has posted updates today and information to the city website here: <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/community/homelessness>, and it might be helpful to direct people there for information and contact info. Larry Imwalle: homelessness@cityofsantacruz.com
Hopefully that helps.
Thank you!



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To: Elizabeth Smith; Robert Oatey; Tony Elliot; Travis Beck; Megan Bunch; Larry Imwalle; Nathan Nguyen; Bernie Escalante
Cc: Lee Butler; Laura Schmidt; 'Sheri Benninghoven'; Mark Dettle
Subject: RE: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Thanks, Elizabeth...and we're available throughout the next couple of weeks as needed.

Scott and Sheri

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 8:06 PM
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Subject: FW: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Hey team,

We'll aim to send an update to Council each night until the storm passes. Please send me daily updates from your area related to the storm and/or homelessness by 5 p.m. from now through Thursday.

The topics I'm especially interested in covering are:

Emergency Preparedness

Outreach, including placing people into shelter

Enforcement

Cleanup efforts

Site-specific updates: Benchlands/Upper SLP, Depot Park, Armory, Harvey West (if we see any activity there), HWY 1/9

Thanks to Rob, Bernie and Megan for answering my evening texts and providing the latest info to get this one out tonight.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Elizabeth Smith <esmith@cityofsantacruz.com>
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:57 PM
Cc: dl_Dept Heads <dl_DeptHeads@cityofsantacruz.com>, Larry Imwalle <Limwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>, Megan Bunch <mbunch@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Dear Councilmembers (bcced),

Please find your evening update for Dec. 21, 2021 below.

Emergency Preparedness

We are expecting rain over the next 6-7 days. Expecting 3-5 inches total, with highest six-hour precipitation rate occurring on Thursday 12/23. After discussing the forecast with Water Dept staff, flooding in low lying areas is **not a concern** as of yet. Interim Chief Oatey will continue to monitor and have FD staff patrol San Lorenzo River encampments over the next 48-72 hours.

Interim Chief Oatey has been working closely with county Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience. They received a supply need list with an estimate of quantities needed earlier today and have committed to help fulfill as much of this order as possible if an evacuation is needed.

Encampment Outreach

Yesterday, Fire, PD and Homelessness Response Team members walked the area behind the Cemetery, Hell's Trail and the Agreement Camp (Benchlands South). During their walk, they identified approximately 36 active camp sites and contacted approximately 20 individuals. On Hell's Trail, the team identified approximately 30 encampments and contacted 14 individuals, advising them of the incoming storm. At the Agreement Camp, they identified approximately 16 active campsites and contacted approximately 7 individuals advising them of the incoming storm.

They informed the individuals of the incoming storm and advised them to vacate the area. There did not appear to be any active effort to leave the area from any of the inhabitants. The Homelessness Response Team members in the Benchlands reported that by the end of the day four sites remained occupied in the lowest-lying southern areas.

Homelessness Response Team members identified two more campers to move to the Armory shelter, and they are expected to move tomorrow.

Cleanup Efforts

Parks and Recreation staff continued their regular cleanup of the beach and river mouth this morning. Each day the team is collecting trash, debris and discarded needles from the sites. The refuse removal contractor who works alongside the Homelessness Response Team worked on trash removal from the cemetery last Friday and Homelessness Response Team members led a volunteer cleanup in the cemetery on Sunday. The contractor continued massive cleanup work in the south end of the Benchlands Monday and today.

Depot Park Temporary Evacuation Site

The Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Police continue oversight of the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park. The team is working with campers to ensure compliance with the agreed upon code of conduct. Parks and Recreation have installed external power access for the campers.

Transitional Community Camp – 1220 River

Opening plans for 1220 River St. are set. Homelessness Response Team members are enrolling participants Dec. 27-28. The infrastructure will be installed on Jan. 3-4 with participant move-in occurring Jan. 6-7.

The new Transitional Community Camp will host up to 35 participants, who will be vetted for their ability to comply with a set of agreements that aim to ensure the healthy, lawful functioning of the camp. The agreements will include abiding by a basic code of conduct, contributing weekly volunteer hours toward the maintenance and functioning of the camp, adhering to quiet hours, and attending regular camp meetings.

Participants will also work with case managers to establish individual goals geared toward stability and self-reliance. They will be required to attend weekly one-on-one case management meetings with staff. Successful participants will be allowed to stay for an initial term of six months. Two, three-month extensions will be allowed if the individual is showing progress toward meeting their individual goals. Conversely, participants will be removed from the camp if they do not live up to the community agreements.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We will send daily updates as the week's storm progresses and keep you informed immediately if conditions change.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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Thank you for this thorough update Elizabeth.

It's really helpful to have up to date information. As you know, we are getting a lot of calls and emails.

What is the plan for where the remaining individuals behind the cemetery, Hell's Trail and Benchlands South will go when the rains come? I understand that currently evacuation is not expected, but if that should come, where will we place these individuals?

I expect that River St. Parking garage will no longer be an option given the events of last week but want to make sure. What is our alternative plan?

And I have also been getting a lot of questions about when Depot temporary encampment will be relocated (persons moved to other locations). How temporary is temporary?

I'm cc'ing Lee, Larry and Megan here as they may have some of these details.

Thank you all for the work that you are continuing to do to support unhoused community members. I know this is very challenging and everyone is working super hard during a very busy time.

Thank you.

Shebreh

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From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 7:57:15 PM
Cc: dl_Dept Heads; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Subject: 12/21/21 - Evening update

Dear Councilmembers (bcced),

Please find your evening update for Dec. 21, 2021 below.

Emergency Preparedness

We are expecting rain over the next 6-7 days. Expecting 3-5 inches total, with highest six-hour precipitation rate occurring on Thursday 12/23. After discussing the forecast with Water Dept staff, flooding in low lying areas is **not a concern** as of yet. Interim Chief Oatey will continue to monitor and have FD staff patrol San Lorenzo River encampments over the next 48-72 hours.

Interim Chief Oatey has been working closely with county Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience. They received a supply need list with an estimate of quantities needed earlier today and have committed to help fulfill as much of this order as possible if an evacuation is needed.

Encampment Outreach

Yesterday, Fire, PD and Homelessness Response Team members walked the area behind the Cemetery, Hell's Trail and the Agreement Camp (Benchlands South). During their walk, they identified approximately 36 active camp sites and contacted approximately 20 individuals. On Hell's Trail, the team identified approximately 30 encampments and contacted 14 individuals, advising them of the incoming storm. At the Agreement Camp, they identified approximately 16 active campsites and contacted approximately 7 individuals advising them of the incoming storm.

They informed the individuals of the incoming storm and advised them to vacate the area. There did not appear to be any active effort to leave the area from any of the inhabitants. The Homelessness Response Team members in the Benchlands reported that by the end of the day four sites remained occupied in the lowest-lying southern areas.

Homelessness Response Team members identified two more campers to move to the Armory shelter, and they are expected to move tomorrow.

Cleanup Efforts

Parks and Recreation staff continued their regular cleanup of the beach and river mouth this morning. Each day the team is collecting trash, debris and discarded needles from the sites. The refuse removal contractor who works alongside the Homelessness Response Team worked on trash removal from the cemetery last Friday and Homelessness Response Team members led a volunteer cleanup in the cemetery on Sunday. The contractor continued massive cleanup work in the south end of the Benchlands Monday and today.

Depot Park Temporary Evacuation Site

The Homelessness Response Team, Fire and Police continue oversight of the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park. The team is working with campers to ensure compliance with the agreed upon code of conduct. Parks and Recreation have installed external power access for the campers.

Transitional Community Camp – 1220 River

Opening plans for 1220 River St. are set. Homelessness Response Team members are enrolling participants Dec. 27-28. The infrastructure will be installed on Jan. 3-4 with participant move-in occurring Jan. 6-7.

The new Transitional Community Camp will host up to 35 participants, who will be vetted for their ability to comply with a set of agreements that aim to ensure the healthy, lawful functioning of the camp. The agreements will include abiding by a basic code of conduct, contributing weekly volunteer hours toward the maintenance and functioning of the camp, adhering to quiet hours, and attending regular camp meetings.

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Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We will send daily updates as the week's storm progresses and keep you informed immediately if conditions change.

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Subject: Dec. 22, 2021 - Evening Update

Dear Councilmembers (bcced),

Below is your update for Dec. 22, 2021.

Emergency Preparedness

There has been no significant weather updates to report. Over the last 24 hours, we have received .45" of rain and expect .5"-1" through Friday. The valley will receive 1"-1.5" over the same time period. There is the potential for thunderstorms tomorrow, but, again, no threat of flooding at this time. No forecasted flooding in SLR.

Interim Chief Oatey patrolled the east levee from Soquel to Felker this morning and this evening. There were no immediate flood concerns noted. The water level between Hwy 1 and Soquel bridges actually dropped from this morning to this evening. FD will continue patrols tonight and tomorrow.

Enforcement

Lieutenant Crofts, PO Cole, PO Luna and Interim Chief Escalante conducted a foot patrol behind the cemetery at 9 a.m. with the intention of citing people for being in a closed area. PD issued 8 citations before an individual who was a suspect was contacted. Consent was given to search his backpack. Officers found a BB gun and quickly afterwards found a loaded handgun. He was arrested for those initial charges. A full search of his person and backpack resulted in a total of \$11,211 in cash being found along with (gross weight) 171.7 grams of fentanyl/heroin, 42.9 grams of methamphetamine and other indicia of sales. The large amount of cash, drugs and other items of evidence (over 60 items) took two officers all day to book it. The suspect was medically denied at the Jail because they were concerned he may have swallowed some drugs along with other medical reasons. PO Cole spent all day at the hospital and just cleared the ER at 4 p.m.

The total charges were for a previous warrant, 11351 HS & 11378 HS, 25400 PC (Carrying concealed firearm), 29800 PC (Addict in possession of a firearm), 25850(a) PC (Carrying a loaded firearm in public) and 25850(c)(6) PC (Carrying an unregistered firearm).

Encampment Sites

Homelessness Response Team members will be working through the holiday, checking in on the Benchlands and Depot Park each day.

San Lorenzo Park

Parks and Recreation staff brought portable toilets from River St. garage to San Lorenzo Park and located them near the waste dumpsters near Water St. PD responded to abandoned encampments behind lawn bowling, Parks is cleaning up today and tomorrow. Condition of the Benchlands is wet and muddy. Some individual campers have spread out to other areas including at the base of Branciforte Creek footbridge, under the Soquel St. bridge, and to higher ground on the opposite side of the river.

Depot Park

An electrical panel was installed at Depot Park. A one-way in, one-way out traffic flow was established for access to the Optum COVID testing site co-located in the parking lot. Thanks for Public Works for the assist on this! Sandbags were delivered and are being used by campers.

1220 River Street

Enrollment packets for 1220 are printed and ready for action early next week. The procurement process to purchase shower units with CDBG funds should also begin next week. Parks and Recreation is scheduling for trucks and staff for the eventual move. The Homelessness Response Team purchased gift cards to have the Benchlands environmental stewardship team (BEST) work this Sunday and through the end of January. Thanks to Travis for coordinating!

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Please find the update for Dec. 23 below. Weather conditions are looking good. Unless there are significant changes or issues that you should be aware of, this will be the final update until Monday, Dec. 27.

Emergency Preparedness

The weather forecast hasn't changed much. The forecast shows another .25-.5 inches of rain into late Friday morning. Late Friday, Saturday and through Wednesday of next week, another system will bring scattered showers bringing 1-2.25 inches of rain over that same time period.

Interim Chief Oatey patrolled the east levee from Benchlands south to the cemetery multiple times. 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The river level had mild rise but no flooding threat observed or expected. Camps were wet/soggy with puddling throughout. FD will continue to monitor over the weekend and report any issues.

Enforcement

Police responded to an altercation that resulted in minor stab wounds. The victim is known to PD and was uncooperative with the investigation. He is not a participant in the camp and should not have been onsite at 3 a.m. when the incident occurred.

To support the ongoing work of PD, FD and the Homelessness Response Team at the Depot Park site, the team is onboarding First Alarm to assist in rules enforcement and working to bring on more temporary staff to help manage the various sites while the core team members continue their work on 1220 River St.

Cleanup

Parks and Recreations continued business as usual with routine parks operations, waste pickup, etc.

Enjoy the holiday!

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Sent: Friday, December 24, 2021 12:20 PM

To: Lee Butler

Cc: Larry Imwalle; Laura Schmidt; Mark Dettle; Bernie Escalante; Elizabeth Smith; SC.Branch

Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Re: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

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Julia Wood

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:17 AM
Subject: Dec. 27, 2021 Update

Dear Councilmembers,

The threat of harm from floods in areas where there are encampments has subsided significantly since your last update. Going forward, updates will come as-needed and, rather than detailed reports of ongoing daily activity, will outline any significant changes in conditions or operations for your awareness. Please find the update for Dec. 27 below.

Emergency Response

Key Points from NWS:

- Rainy, cold, unsettled pattern expected Tonight through Wednesday.
- Minor nuisance flooding possible through Wednesday.
- Rapid rises on streams and creeks possible, but should remain below flood stage.
- Much colder air to move into the region early Tuesday morning and this weekend.
- Low elevation snow may be possible Tuesday, mainly above 1500 feet, but cannot rule out trace amounts in the North and East Bay Valleys.
- Cold air remains in place for much of the work week, with overnight temperatures in the mid to upper 30s for Tuesday through Friday. Colder temperatures in the forecast area wide for Saturday and Sunday.

Interim Chief Oatey patrolled both levees of the SLR during the morning and found the river level to still be 3'-5' below any encampment. He patrolled the same areas in the afternoon and found the water to be down another foot or so below (4'-6') any encampments. There is no expected flooding forecasted in these areas and no advisories or warnings issued for rain or wind.

Over the next two days, the on/off precipitation is forecasted to bring .5"-.75" with no flooding expected in the encampments along the SLR in the city. FD will continue to monitor the SLR encampments and the weather over the next 48-72 hours and report any significant changes as needed.

Enforcement

PD continues to check on both Depot Park and Upper San Lorenzo Park multiple times a day. No signs of any campers in the Upper San Lorenzo Park area. Sunday night PD wrote 20 parking citations in the Harvey West area to address the increase in overnight vehicles.

Encampment Sites

Depot Park

The Homeless Response Team contracted with First Alarm to support rules enforcement at the Depot Park temporary evacuation site. Service began Sunday Morning. First Alarm will be onsite working with the Homelessness Response Team and campers three times per day throughout the remainder of operations at that location.

The Covid testing site at Depot Park continues to operate effectively. The week of Dec 20 – 23 the site conducted 335 tests. The County anticipates increased demand for testing and is considering extending testing hours to 7 a.m.–7 p.m. The testing site currently operates 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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J. Elizabeth Smith

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To: Lee Butler; Megan Bunch; Elizabeth Smith
Subject: Fwd: Message from Unknown sender (8312395516)
Attachments: VoiceMessage.wav

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Hi again,

Sharing a another message I just received this morning from a resident regarding the impacts of the Depot Park encampment on the neighborhood, and wanting some answers on the plan moving forward. She also references 8 tents now established at Cowell Beach.

I can try to respond later today or tomorrow - if that is the right response. I'd like to touch base on the messaging given the issues she mentions.

Best,

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org>
Date: December 28, 2021 at 8:14:43 AM PST
To: limwalle@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org
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Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Megan Bunch; Lee Butler
Subject: Fwd: Daily Site Summary / N 70 Depot Park / 12/28/2021 08:00am
Attachments: DAILY-REPORT-N-70-DEPOT-PARK-2021-12-28.pdf

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Hi,

Based on this report it looks like trash, and bikes and belongings are an issue at Depot Park. (The resident voice mail noted trash as well).

Is there some additional attention we can direct to refuse?

FYI, I confirmed with Leonore at FA that Chris or Jer will be at Depot for the 4-5p patrol, so they can discuss noticing and enforcement.

Best,

Larry

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From: Automatic Alert <no-reply@staffr.com>
Date: December 28, 2021 at 8:08:30 AM PST
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Subject: Daily Site Summary / N 70 Depot Park / 12/28/2021 08:00am



Allied Universal Aptos Branch

Good day ,
The following is an activity report that contains information regarding your property.

Best regards,

The Allied Universal Aptos Branch Team
Phone: 831-685-1110
Email: SC.Branch@aus.com



1111 Estates Dr
Aptos California 95003

Daily Site Report

N 70 Depot Park

12/27/2021 08:00am - 12/28/2021 08:00am



Time	Action	Details
10:44am 12/27/2021	#8021127 Activity Log Entry Pedro Ortiz N 70 Depot Park	<p>Patrol Inspection Notes: Trash overflowing</p> <p>Picture 1</p> 
10:45am 12/27/2021	#8021129 Activity Log Entry Pedro Ortiz N 70 Depot Park	<p>Patrol Inspection Notes: Bike blocking pathway</p> <p>Picture 1</p> 
10:47am 12/27/2021	#8021132 Activity Log Entry Pedro Ortiz N 70 Depot Park	<p>Patrol Inspection Notes: Belongings outside tents, trash everywhere</p>

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



10:49am
12/27/2021

#8021137 Activity Log Entry
Pedro Ortiz
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:
Multiple bikes / belongings
outside of tents

Picture 1



Picture 2



11:12am
12/27/2021

#8021181 Activity Log Entry
Aaron Boggs
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:

Foot patrol of area completed. Bicycle and trash in the way of walkpath. Trash overflowing by some tents. No arguments or unwanted activities observed. All clear.

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



11:14am
12/27/2021

#8021185 Activity Log Entry
Pedro Ortiz
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:

Property foot patrol completed, observed many rule violations , took pictures , no major incidents observed

Picture 1



Picture 2



04:44pm
12/27/2021

#8022202 Activity Log Entry
David Sanchez
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:

Walked the entire property the electrical box that was accessed needs a padlock to secure it there's garbage from one end to another all within the camping area the yellow caution tape that was put up to restrict parking along the edge of the park has been moved and taken down

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



04:51pm
12/27/2021

#8022228 Activity Log Entry
Miguel Torres
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:

Completed a full patrol of the property. The electrical box needs a new lock. It can still be accessed easily. A lot of stuff found outside of the tents. Also a white vehicle has been parked in the lot since the camp started.

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



08:27pm
12/27/2021

Checkpoint Scan
David Sanchez
N 70 Depot Park

Checkpoint Name: Alarm Panel
Instructions: Set alarm nightly
Extra Scan Option: Exception Verification - Yes/No Question. (No is an Exception)

08:28pm
12/27/2021

Checkpoint Scan Question

Alarm Panel Checklist

08:28pm
12/27/2021

Did you set the alarm?
David Sanchez
N 70 Depot Park

Yes

08:54pm
12/27/2021

#8022992 Activity Log Entry
David Sanchez
N 70 Depot Park

Patrol Inspection Notes:

The extension cord was plugged in to the electrical box again on my arrival some one unplugged actually someone living at the electrical box the rest of the camping area garbage everywhere

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



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Larry
Cell: 831-585-7544

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Hello Larry,

We have our patrol team between 4 PM- 5 PM and between 8 PM-9 PM. I can have them meet up with your staff at a particular time if you would like?

Thank you,
Leonor Tallon
Client Manager
Santa Cruz County

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Guess I should actually add her to the email!

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+ Leonore Tallon

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Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Sonja Brunner; Larry Imwalle; Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Subject: Re: Depot park

Hi Andrew,

Thanks for reaching out to the Councilmembers with your concerns about Depot Park. We understand your concerns and the position it puts you and your family in.

We have been posting regular updates to our website at <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/community/homelessness>. The "December 2021 Storm Updates" section also includes updates about Depot Park. We are working on multiple fronts right now, including but not limited to setting up an ongoing camp at 1220 River St. that is slated to open late next week, improving rule compliance at the temporary Depot Park camp, planning for closure of the Depot Park camp, and setting up a managed camp at the National Guard Armory site. Multiple members of our team - from different departments - are at the temporary Depot Park camp daily. We have also brought on First Alarm to provide additional, supplemental presence at the temporary camp.

We will aim to keep the website updated with new information, but feel free to reach out to us with questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,
Lee Butler
Deputy City Manager

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 23, 2021, at 1:18 PM, Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson <SKalantari-Johnson@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hello Andrew

Thank you for your email. I'm really sorry to hear how this is impacting you and your family. City staff is on site and managing depot and we have plans in place to remove the encampment as soon as possible.

I am cc'ing our homeless response team here who can provide more details.

Please accept my apologies for the impact this is having.

Best
Shebreh

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2021, at 1:24 PM, andrew mora <andrewbmora@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon

Just wanted to update everyone in case you haven't heard. There was a stabbing this morning at the depot park camping area. Once again how is my kid suppose to walk anywhere around that area. Area being a park and field where kids go to get active.

Thanks
Andy Mora

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2021, at 3:38 PM, Martine Watkins
<mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Andy,

Thank you for reaching out to me. I haven't been directly connected to the coordination of the efforts resulting to having the encampment set up at Depot Park AND I understand and empathize with your frustration.

I believe that ultimately our solutions to homelessness need to be by various populations - youth and families, foster/transition aged youth, veterans, women, and the most acute population as the unhoused highly addicted and mentally ill individuals. Lastly, I also recognize that some folks refuse to accept services and then our issue is how to address those individuals.

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I recognize that you're also a city worker and I truly believe collectively at all levels we serve this community, so I want to also thank you for your service. Please know I'm committed to trying

to seek solutions to this complex issue so that you and your daughter can live and thrive here.

I hope that you can enjoy your holiday and please accept my sincere apology for the impact this has had on your life and those in the area.

Kindest regards,

Martine

Martine Watkins
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From: andrew mora <andrewbmora@hotmail.com>

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From: andrew mora <andrewbmora@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Lee Butler
Subject: Re: Depot park

Thanks for the reply. The thing I don't understand is everyone has said the same things kinda. They signed letters, we are down there, first alarm is there. It doesn't change the fact of the element you've placed at a PARK where kids go, walk through for school. There was two stabbing. I was down there today a guy had a bicycle chop shop by his tent. I just don't want something bad to happen to a child and have to say I told you so. They need to be moved away from parks and schools.

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On Dec 28, 2021, at 10:43 AM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

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City staff is on site and managing depot and we have plans in place to remove the encampment as soon as possible.

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Best
Shebreh

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<andrewbmora@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Thanks
Andy Mora

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On Dec 22, 2021, at 3:38 PM, Martine Watkins
<mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Andy,

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Subject: RE: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant

Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Guess I should actually add her to the email!

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Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Larry Imwalle <LImwalle@cityofsantacruz.com>; Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RE: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx
+ Leonore Tallon

Larry, Leonore oversees the patrol division and will advise on your request.

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Hi Wes,

Can you confirm what time your patrol will be out at Depot Park tomorrow afternoon? I think it would be a good idea if the could connect with our city staff (Chris Monteith and Jeremy Leonard) who support the encampments. They may have already connected informally over the weekend, but I think it would be good if everyone on site they knows each other. I can have Chris & Jeremy be at Depot Park at the time your team is set to be there.

Best,

Larry

Larry Imwalle
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831-420-5405

From: Walker, Wes [<mailto:Wes.Walker@aus.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Laura Schmidt; Mark Dettle; Bernie Escalante; Elizabeth Smith; SC.Branch
Subject: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Re:

2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

Lee,

We can start this service Sunday Morning. In our conversation you indicated you wanted 3 daily site walks, what time frames would you like these site inspections?

Due to the nature of these camps, we would send two patrol officers to pair up on these inspections. 2 patrol officers conducting a 30 minute check 3 times per day 7 days a week is \$3000 per month.

If over time the need reduces or increases we can adjust the monthly cost accordingly.

Let me know if you would like us to start service Sunday morning. We can work out the details of citations, notifications etc. on Monday.

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On Dec 23, 2021, at 5:58 PM, Lee Butler

<lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Email from:

lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com

phish@aus.com

Hi Wes,

I ran down to check out the current state of the camp at Depot Park. It's in more need of attention than when I saw it Monday night.

I'd estimate 10 spots currently need attention, with varying degrees of challenges - from belongings/shopping carts outside the tent (~7-8) to minor amounts of trash. I

expect the amount of time needed will vary - more time up front as more people need to fall in line, and less time later as people understand that we're enforcing the rules.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
Thanks again and happy holidays,

Lee

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 23, 2021, at 4:26 PM, Lee Butler
<lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Wes,
Thanks for chatting with me this afternoon. I've attached the camp rules that we're looking for assistance in enforcing. For minor issues, we would want a progressive approach – verbal warning, written warning, and finally an eviction notice. For significant issues, like exhibiting violence, we can pursue eviction right away. As discussed, for actual evictions, we can have Police assistance. The time it will take to go through the camp will vary based on the number of violations present. We have about 35 tents there now. The vast majority are in compliance. I saw about 3-5 questionable ones the last time I was there earlier this week, but the team has been down aiming to keep things consistent with the rules. A nightly log of those who have received warnings (written or verbal) and photos would be helpful to

review patterns of non-compliance.

Thanks again for your assistance. I've copied other City stakeholders here from the Police and City Manager's Office. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: Laura Schmidt
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 4:58 PM
To: dl_Dept Heads
Cc: Eileen Cross; Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
Subject: December 30, 2021 Update

Dear Councilmembers (bcc'd),

Our need for emergency response related to potential flooding has significantly subsided as we are fortunately facing dry conditions in the next 3-4 days.

Key Weather Highlights:

- Dry conditions are expected through the next 3-4 days.
- Rain is expected to return late Monday 1/3 with showers on and off through Wednesday 1/5.
- No flooding is expected.
- Very cold, near freezing temperatures are expected over the next several nights.

Interim Chief Oatey patrolled both levees of the SLR during the morning and afternoon and found muddy conditions, with puddles and ponding of water, trash and debris. Drier conditions will enable trash clean-up. The river level is approximately 4'-6' from any encampment and no flooding is expected during the next several days.

Enforcement

On Tuesday, PD cited 17 people who were still occupying the area that is closed behind the cemetery. More work needs to be done to clean-up trash in the area, and PD will continue enforcement until the area is cleared. Wednesday night, 18 vehicles were cited in the Harvey West Park neighborhood for illegal parking.

Encampment and Transitional Sites

Benchlands:

- Clean-up efforts from the flood and rains continue, with the City contractor continuing to remove abandoned sites and manage refuse removal.
- Steward staff received a donation of blankets, which are being distributed.

Depot:

- The first patrol by Allied Universal was shifted to 7:00 am to align with the opening of the County COVID testing site, which is co-sited at Depot with the evacuation site. COVID testing hours will be expanded beginning Monday 1/3, from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.
- Allied Universal is distributing garbage bags during their 3 daily patrols of the park.

1220 River:

- The site has been demarcated and pre-inspection approval has been given by Fire.
- Camper enrollment and vetting has been underway since Monday.
- The delivery of the shower trailer will occur on Monday 1/3 and additional infrastructure will be put up early next week.
- Camper move in is schedule for Thursday 1/6 and Friday 1/7.

Staff and I will be in contact over the New Year holiday if needed for emergent situations. Otherwise, we will next update you on Monday 1/3.

Thank you,

Laura

Laura Schmidt

City of Santa Cruz | City Manager's Office | Assistant City Manager | (831) 420-5015



Julia Wood

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Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:42 PM
To: Lee Butler
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From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
Subject: FW: Depot Park Encampment

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Good morning,

I know we have plans to demobilize the site in mid-January. Lee and I can discuss the details in our check-in this week, but let me know if there's anything I can share with this resident in the meantime.

Thanks!

Matt

From: Dawna Linsdell <dawnalinsdell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:11 PM
To: Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot Park Encampment

Please remove the Depot Park camp.

I am now scared to go on my walks in my neighborhood including to Depot Park & over to the wharf. I purchased my home to be secure and to walk in my neighborhood. You have taken that away from me. Crime has already increased in the neighborhood, drugs are being used, and drug paraphernalia and garbage is accumulating.

We already had numerous discussions at City Council meetings and the City agreed to keep Depot Park free of encampments.

The park is used everyday, throughout the day and now this encampment threatens our Santa Cruz children.

On weekends and holidays the parking lot is full of families parking for soccer games and tourists parking to access the Boardwalk, the Wharf, and West Cliff. This was not the case this holiday break. You took their access away.

Please move the camp immediately and reach out to the state to help find real shelter for these people in need. Certainly the state can help find beds when we do not have enough. Please protect my safety and my community's safety and remove the camp as you already agreed to do in previous City Council meetings.

I very much want to help unhoused people, but encampments in parks are not the solution. I pay my property taxes and now I cannot safely go to my neighborhood park or walk through it to access restaurants, the wharf, or the beach. Please restore safety to me and my neighborhood by removing the camp.

The drug use is rampant in Depot Park this week.

Dawna Linsdell

Julia Wood

From: Tony Elliot
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler
Subject: FW: Message from Unknown sender (8313598883)
Attachments: VoiceMessage.wav

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I received a call from Trish Unrue (sp?) regarding Depot Park. I'm happy to call her back. Please let me know if you have already done so, or if you prefer to call her.

Thank you,

Tony Elliot

Director
Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Department
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From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System [mailto:unityconnection@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org]
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To: telliot@cosc-cxn1.cityofsantacruz.org
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To: Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
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Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: City Manager Email from the City website

Homeless at Dept Park.

Dear Mr. Huffaker.

Ok, enough is enough, I live on Beach Hill for over 40 years and never had to live within a Homeless encampment ever, it is disgusting, drug dealers, addicts, just no good individuals taking over a popular spot for us locals that spend many dollars to live here. You need to move these people out and back to Lower San Lorenzo Park or somewhere else. This is not a place to put these individuals, especially in a high traffic tourist destination on the way to the beach. Please look into this immediately.

Sincerely,
Current Resident for over 40 years.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:04 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
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Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Lee Butler
Subject: FW: Jan. 3, 2022 Update

Per the below highlight – vs. the one we are trying to buy. What’s the difference?

Thank you,
Laura

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:22 PM
Subject: Jan. 3, 2022 Update

Dear Councilmembers,

Storm conditions have fully subsided for now, so this will be the last regular update. We will continue to provide updates as significant milestones are met or activities are underway related to homelessness response.

Emergency Response

The precipitation that was forecasted has been downgraded significantly due to the system moving north of the city of Santa Cruz. We are expected to have light misting/precipitation overnight. The Santa Cruz Mountains are forecasted to receive approximately 0.5”-1” over the next 24-48 hours but there is no flooding expected downstream at this time. The cold weather has also seemed to dissipate as well with temperatures expected to remain in the low to mid 50s. There are no weather-related advisories/warnings issued for the county. FD staff has been in the areas along the SLR (patrols and calls for service) and do not report any major life safety concerns related to weather/flooding.

Cleanup

Parks & Rec operations continue with respect to routine maintenance and waste collection in parks, open spaces, river levee, and beaches. During the month of December 2021, Parks & Rec collected nearly 500 needles at Main Beach. Most of these were located at the river mouth as a result of having been washed downstream from recent rains. This does not include syringes collected by Downtown Streets Team as their aggregated data is not yet available. Nevertheless, this is an enormous number - by comparison in Dec. 2020 there were 50 syringes collected by Parks & Rec staff at Main and Cowell.

Enforcement

PD completed checks throughout the past 24 hours, however, no citations or arrests were made. Multiple abandon tents were tagged for vacate/removal in Benchlands.

Encampment Sites

1220 River St.

The efforts at opening 1220 River later this week are on track (thanks to Megan, Chris, Jer and Public Works). The site has been marked out and reviewed by Fire. **Today shower combo trailer was delivered. Wastewater will hook up the unit to sewer, Facilities/Streets will set up large tent tomorrow and Streets will repair cut fence.** Move-in of people and belongings will be happening on Thursday-Friday. The team expects about 30 participants, most from the Benchlands, but approximately six from the Depot Park site.

Depot Park

Staff continue to be onsite every day, and the contracted security company (Allied Universal) doing patrols 3 times a day. City staff and security patrols continue to work with campers on rule compliance at the emergency evacuation site. The City and security patrol are meeting again this week to discuss further improving campers' rule compliance and issuance of additional formal violation notices. The Homelessness Response Team is working on a demobilization plan for the location with details to come.

The OptumServe COVID testing site at Depot Park expanded its hours to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. effective today (1/3) due to increasing demand. This is putting more pressure on Depot Park parking lot as the public is increasingly seeking testing. The last report on volume of tests/samples at Depot Park was from Dec. 27-29 totaling 434 tests.

Meanwhile, we are seeing issues with vehicles parking overnight in the Depot Park parking lot causing traffic jams and limiting access for OptumServe. Public Works plans to address issues with parking in this lot to clear the area and maintain an open, accessible route to the OptumServe site.

Harvey West

Harvey West Pool is open – effective today (1/3) - under the operation of County Parks and Recreation's Simpkins Swim Center staff while the County pool is under renovation. Harvey West will continue to see increased use through the season especially now with the pool open. SCPD is ticketing RVs in the area. It is important that this area remain clear of encampments for safety and accessibility of the park and pool.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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J. Elizabeth Smith

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12:35 PM
To: Lee Butler
Subject: RE: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Thanks for the heads-up, Lee. Shebreh mentioned she was meeting with you when we met for lunch yesterday as well.

From: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: FW: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

FYI, I'm meeting w/ Shebreh on 1/18 re: homelessness in general & also a housing policy platform that YIMBY presented to her. Per below, she's also hearing from community members about shutting down Depot Park camping.

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From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:54 PM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Ok great. Thank you lee

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2022, at 7:04 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Shebreh,

Just sent you a meeting request for 1/18 at noon with a Zoom link.

We have a draft/tentative timeline for various January efforts, but we need to confirm resources and how they all fit together. We should have more definitive info on timing very soon, and we will keep you posted as soon as we've nailed that down.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Lee
So glad to hear that you had down time with the fam!

Thanks for the update. It's difficult to not have a date when community members reach out. But I know you know that. I'll keep my eyes out for future updates on closure date.

Thanks for offering some times-Tuesday 1/18 at noon would be great!
Talk to you soon!
Shebreh

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From: Lee Butler
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:00:28 PM
To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Subject: RE: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Shebreh,

I was able to get a bit of down time in, which was very nice. Hope you were able to get some down time in with your family as well, and happy new year to you too!

We don't have the specific timing for the Depot Park closure yet, but we are working towards making that happen. We have about six Depot Park residents who will be moving to 1220 River later this week – the opening of which has been and will be an immediate focus of our team. We're also meeting with First Alarm tomorrow and expect that, if changes aren't made by some of the campers who aren't in compliance with the rules, we will have some evictions soon. We'll be having more conversations later this week and next, including with Matt H., on the specific timing of the full closure. We will keep you and the other Councilmembers posted as we have additional specifics.

I'd be happy to meet with you regarding homelessness and regarding your discussion with YIMBY. I am interested in hearing what they had to say. Here are a few times that currently work for me:

Friday, 1/14 flexible
Tue., 1/18 noon to 2
Wed., 1/19 after 3
Thurs., 1/20 11-noon or after 3

Let me know if any of those line up for you.

Thanks,

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From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:42 PM
To: Lee Butler <butler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Lee

Happy New Year. I hope you were able to get some down time.

I wanted to check in about Depot Park. I continue to receive communication from neighbors about this. Can you please share when the estimated date of all campers being moved out will be?

I also wanted to see if we could schedule a meeting for sometime in mid January to discuss homelessness in general and my follow-up meeting with SCYIMBY.

Thank you in advance Lee.
Shebreh

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Julia Wood

From: Larry Imwalle
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Elizabeth Smith; Megan Bunch; Lee Butler
Subject: RE: CM Updates resume this week

Hi Elizabeth,

Here are some items to consider for inclusion in the CM updates to Council.

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1/6/21

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Safe Parking

- Staff is meeting next week to move forward the next steps to establish Tier 2 safe-parking programs.
- The Zone Administrator Hearing for the Coastal Permit related to the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (and Safe-Parking program operations) was continued to January 12, 2022.

Other

- Collaborative meetings between the City & County continue on the plan for utilizing the \$14m from the State.

Best,

Larry

From: Elizabeth Smith
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Larry Imwalle; Megan Bunch
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Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Larry Imwalle; Elizabeth Smith; Megan Bunch
Subject: RE: CM Updates resume this week

Thanks, Larry, and nice work, team.

Elizabeth, I added some additional detail to the Coastal Permit bullet.

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Matt Huffaker
Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler; Laura Schmidt
Subject: Depot Park Temporary Encampment Messaging

Mayor and Council (Bcc'd),

I've been receiving inquiries from the neighborhood around Depot Park regarding the temporary homeless encampment. I'm sure some of you have as well. Lee, Elizabeth and I developed a template response below. Please feel free to use for your own purposes. Of course, as our demobilization plans for the site move forward, we'll be sure to keep you all updated.

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park. Please know that the City takes your concerns and your safety very seriously.

To manage the site, City staff from multiple departments are at the location each day. A contracted security firm, Allied Universal, also patrols the site three times per day and works with individuals in compliance with the code of conduct. Even with this, we understand your concerns about the current situation. Our staff is actively working on multiple fronts to manage the impacts of homeless encampments on neighbors and provide assistance for unhoused individuals to access County support services and pathways to housing.

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For updates on Depot Park and other efforts, please check our website cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness, where we post regular updates.

Thank you again for reaching out,

Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:22 PM
To: 'Rebecca Clark'
Subject: RE: Depot Park Homeless Encampment

Dear Ms. Clark,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Clark <rockyroo801@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:04 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot Park Homeless Encampment

Dear Santa Cruz City Council Members and City Manager:

I am writing you as a concerned member of our community and a close neighbor of Depot Park. I am extremely concerned about the activities in and around the homeless encampment that has been moved to Depot Park parking lot. As a senior citizen who walks my senior dog daily around the soccer field I am shocked and threaten by the behaviors I witness. Drug use in autos parked in front of the homeless camp with passed out people falling out of their cars, piles of trash around the autos and camp, needles and needle kits laying in the pathways where children are riding and walking to the play area and soccer field. Trashed "portapotties" instead of our park restrooms (now locked), human feces in the landscaping, the list goes on and on. My neighbors and I do not feel safe using our beloved park any longer. This is not a compassionate way to treat humans, they need to be in a place where they can get help and be monitored for this unacceptable community behavior. I find it very sad that the City and Rec and Parks would choose this park to move this camp to, we are not a wealthy community and this soccer field and park is used by many families of color and economic struggles, it is directly across from an affordable housing complex. We are not a powerful, political neighborhood and it seems that is why they were moved here without any community output.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

Sent from my iPad

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Julia Wood

From: Tony Elliot
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Patti U; Matt Huffaker; City Council
Cc: Elizabeth Smith; Lee Butler
Subject: RE: Depot Park Concerns

Good afternoon, Patti,

Thank you for your email regarding Depot Park. I agree with your concerns and with your points regarding the park's purpose for healthy living and recreation. We are disheartened by the vandalism and issues at the park. Please know that the City's homeless response team is diligently working on alternative sites for the individuals living in Depot Park. The park site is intended to be a short term solution which stemmed from needing to relocate camps out of flood-prone areas during the heavy rains. We will have details soon regarding a timeline for Depot Park.

Please reach me any time with questions. I am also copying Deputy Mayor Lee Butler who oversees homelessness response and Communications Manager Elizabeth Smith.

Thank you,

Tony Elliot

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From: Patti U [mailto:pattipu@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Tony Elliot <telliott@cityofsantacruz.com>; Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>; City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot Park Concerns

I am writing because I am very concerned about the Homeless encampment that was placed at Depot Park during December. This unsupervised encampment is right next to a children's playground, a soccer field and a COVID testing facility. Because of drug use and trash, this creates a dangerous situation for the children and families who usually use the park. Also this sets a dangerous precedent for other vagrants to start using Depot Park as a camping spot as evidenced by a new tent this morning outside of the parking lot area. I am attaching some photos of recent graffiti and trash in the area.

Our neighborhood would like to know who is overseeing this encampment and what is the date for the move out of the encampment. We are requesting that the encampment be moved immediately from Depot Park.

The purpose of parks is to promote healthy living through playing and exercising not for providing shelter to drug addicts. Stop using our parks for vagrant encampments.

Patricia Unruhe
Laurel Street, Santa Cruz





Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:51 PM
To: dl_All SCruz City Users
Subject: Weekly Update January 7, 2022
Attachments: 22-01-07 City Manager Weekly Update.pdf

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City team,

As I wrap my first week, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the warm welcome. I'm incredibly impressed by the passion, dedication and spark you all have for going above and beyond to serve the community. I'm very much looking forward to working with all of you to move the many exciting initiatives and projects forward.

I'm attaching this week's update for your reading pleasure. A big thanks to Elizabeth Smith for producing this week's report.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

With gratitude,

Matt

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Julia Wood

From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 3:39 PM
To: Lee Butler; Matt Huffaker
Subject: Fw: RESTORE OUR TRUST

FYI....

Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson (she/her)
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From: Dawna Linsdell <dawnalinsdell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Subject: RESTORE OUR TRUST

I am unable to make public comment at 3:00 tomorrow. I am a teacher in the K-12 public school system and will not be able to log in at that time.

I am asking our city leaders to restore our trust in their leadership and permanently remove the Depot Park encampment by "mid-January" on Friday, January 15.

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Unhoused people are desperate for your help, our help, with housing, mental health services, and drug addiction. Placing people in tents in Depot Park, a neighborhood park with central access to key Santa Cruz landmarks, helps no one. Restore our trust in your leadership. Permanently remove the encampment this week as promised and insist that our county, state, and federal representatives provide coordinated, systematic help for our people in need in Santa Cruz. An encampment in Depot Park, a neighborhood park, is not the solution, not even a temporary solution. Please, restore our trust in your leadership.

-Dawna Linsdell, homeowner

Julia Wood

From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Dawna Linsdell; Lee Butler; Larry Imwalle
Subject: Re: RESTORE OUR TRUST

Hello Dawna

Thank you for reaching out. I'm so sorry to hear how this has impacted you, your family and neighborhood have experienced.

Community safety and well-being is very important to me and the city team.

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Thank you again for your email and sharing your concerns.

Best,

Shebreh

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Lee Butler
Cc: Laura Schmidt
Subject: RE: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Thanks, Lee. Sorry for the slow reply. I'm hoping to get to ground zero on emails today! I'll be curious to hear how your meeting with Shebreh goes.

From: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Matt Huffaker <mhuffaker@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: FW: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

FYI, I'm meeting w/ Shebreh on 1/18 re: homelessness in general & also a housing policy platform that YIMBY presented to her. Per below, she's also hearing from community members about shutting down Depot Park camping.

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From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:54 PM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Ok great. Thank you lee

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2022, at 7:04 PM, Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Shebreh,

Just sent you a meeting request for 1/18 at noon with a Zoom link.

We have a draft/tentative timeline for various January efforts, but we need to confirm resources and how they all fit together. We should have more definitive info on timing very soon, and we will keep you posted as soon as we've nailed that down.

Thanks,

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From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Lee Butler <lbutler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Re: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Lee
So glad to hear that you had down time with the fam!

Thanks for the update. It's difficult to not have a date when community members reach out. But I know you know that. I'll keep my eyes out for future updates on closure date.

Thanks for offering some times-Tuesday 1/18 at noon would be great!
Talk to you soon!
Shebreh

Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson (she/her)
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From: Lee Butler
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:00:28 PM
To: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Subject: RE: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Shebreh,

I was able to get a bit of down time in, which was very nice. Hope you were able to get some down time in with your family as well, and happy new year to you too!

We don't have the specific timing for the Depot Park closure yet, but we are working towards making that happen. We have about six Depot Park residents who will be moving to 1220 River later this week – the opening of which has been and will be an immediate focus of our team. We're also meeting with

First Alarm tomorrow and expect that, if changes aren't made by some of the campers who aren't in compliance with the rules, we will have some evictions soon. We'll be having more conversations later this week and next, including with Matt H., on the specific timing of the full closure. We will keep you and the other Councilmembers posted as we have additional specifics.

I'd be happy to meet with you regarding homelessness and regarding your discussion with YIMBY. I am interested in hearing what they had to say. Here are a few times that currently work for me:

Friday, 1/14	flexible
Tue., 1/18	noon to 2
Wed., 1/19	after 3
Thurs., 1/20	11-noon or after 3

Let me know if any of those line up for you.

Thanks,

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From: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 6:42 PM
To: Lee Butler <butler@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: Depot Park and setting up a meeting (re homelessness in general and SCYIMBY)

Hi Lee

Happy New Year. I hope you were able to get some down time.

I wanted to check in about Depot Park. I continue to receive communication from neighbors about this. Can you please share when the estimated date of all campers being moved out will be?

I also wanted to see if we could schedule a meeting for sometime in mid January to discuss homelessness in general and my follow-up meeting with SCYIMBY.

Thank you in advance Lee.
Shebreh

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Julia Wood

From: Larry Imwalle
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Martine Watkins
Cc: Matt Huffaker; Lee Butler
Subject: Re: RESTORE OUR TRUST

Hi Councilmember Watkins,

Thank you for your message. I'm happy to respond to Ms. Linsdell if you like, or I can offer suggested language for you to provide. I've attached the reply that Councilmember Kalantari-Johnson provided on Tuesday evening below, which I believe provides a good concise response of our plans for closing Depot Park and some of our specific efforts underway to expand shelter capacity.

As an update, we are providing formal notice to the people camped at Depot Park today that they must leave by Tuesday, January 18 at 300pm. Our outreach staff have been regularly communicating ahead of this notice that this camp will be closing soon. We will be providing assistance in moving people back to the Benchlands on Monday (1/17) and Tuesday (1/18). On Wednesday, the parking lot will be cleaned and returned to its normal use.

Best,

Larry

Hello Dawna

Thank you for reaching out. I'm so sorry to hear how this has impacted you, your family and neighborhood have experienced.

Community safety and well-being is very important to me and the city team.

We are in the process of closing the temporary evacuation site at Depot Park camp, and we are on track to do so by mid-month. In addition, staff is setting up spaces for around 100 individuals through a transitional camp at 1220 River Street and a managed camp at the National Guard Armory site, which is expected to come online later this year. A number of individuals from the Depot Park evacuation site will be moved to 1220 River Street this week, which is the first step in closing the site.

For updates on Depot Park and other efforts, please check our website cityofsantacruz.com/homelessness, where we post regular updates.

I'm also cc'ing Lee Butler and Larry Imwalle who are overseeing our homeless response.

Thank you again for your email and sharing your concerns.

Best,
Shebreh

Larry Imwalle
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On Jan 13, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Martine Watkins <mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com> wrote:

Hi Larry,
Do you like to respond to these or have suggestions for a response? Thanks! Martine

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dawna Linsdell <dawnalinsdell@yahoo.com>
Date: January 10, 2022 at 3:05:30 PM PST
To: Martine Watkins <mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com>
Subject: RESTORE OUR TRUST

I am unable to make public comment at 3:00 tomorrow. I am a teacher in the K-12 public school system and will not be able to log in at that time.

I am asking our city leaders to restore our trust in their leadership and permanently remove the Depot Park encampment by “mid-January” on Friday, January 15.

We have had numerous community discussions and lengthy city council meetings where Santa Cruz leaders agreed a homeless encampment was utterly inappropriate in Depot Park. We already agreed and decided; yet, you put an encampment there anyway on Dec 17, 2021. Furthermore, the encampment was placed there sneakily on the day your offices were closing for the holidays. You have broken our trust. Restore our trust and permanently remove the Depot Park encampment by “mid-January” on Friday, January 15, as promised.

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 5:53 PM
To: dl_All SCruz City Users
Subject: CM Weekly Update
Attachments: 22-01-14 City Manager Weekly Update.pdf

Good afternoon (and happy Friday!)

It's hard to believe another week has flown by. I'm attaching the City Manager's update for your reading pleasure.

I really enjoyed this week's All Employee Meeting and all the thoughtful questions. I also wanted to take a moment to thank all the departments and City staff involved in the closure of Lot 27 in advance of the Pure Water Soquel construction project. It was a big lift, with several moving parts. Great work.

Take care and have a restful weekend.

Matt

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Julia Wood

From: Matt Huffaker
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Matt Huffaker
Cc: dl_Dept Heads
Subject: Council Quick Updates

Mayor and Council (Bcc'd)

In addition to the CM Weekly Report, I will also be pushing out a streamlined "Quick Updates" to the Council and Department Heads only. Have a nice weekend.

Sales Tax Receipts Up 20% Over 2020

Santa Cruz sales receipts for the third quarter of 2021 were 20.2% higher than the third quarter of 2020. After adjusting for modifications, actual sales were up 21.2%, with an overall place of sale collections rising to 25.9%. Most sales categories saw a dramatic increase compared to the lows of 2020 during the height of the pandemic shutdowns.

PD Recruits in the Pipeline

The Police Department is expanding with the newest class of recruits of ten cadets starting the Police Academy this week. We now have a total of 17 cadets making their way through the academy.

\$5M for Affordable Housing

The City of Santa Cruz has been awarded \$5 million through the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department's highly competitive grant program, Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF). These funds have been allocated to the development of the Pacific Station North Project.

Encampment Management

There are 24 people enrolled in the Transitional Community Encampment at 1220 River Street, and we expect to be at full capacity (approximately 30) by the end of next week. Lot 27 was closed this week in advance of a construction project by Soquel Creek Water District. The temporary evacuation site at Depot Park will close early next week. PD issued notices yesterday.

Safe Parking

At the public hearing on Jan. 12, the Zoning Administrator approved the Coastal Permit and Design Permit related to the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance and the Safe-Parking program operation. Staff is moving forward the application and permitting process required by the ordinance. If the approval is appealed to the Coastal Commission, staff will continue work on programmatic elements outside the coastal zone.

Rail Trail Kudos

Our "Westside Rail Trail" has been honored with a 2021 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award and an ACEC California 2022 Engineering Excellence Merit Award. Congrats to the team!

Matt Huffaker

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Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Matt Huffaker; 'Cassie Bronson'; Bernie Escalante
Cc: Larry Imwalle; Heather Sawyer; Megan Bunch; Laura Schmidt
Subject: Depot Park status update

Just in from Megan via Heather... Parking's relocation efforts just finished for the day, and nearly everyone has been relocated from Depot Park. Only one or two stragglers remain at Depot. This is a significant shift from earlier today and will make it much easier for Bernie's team tomorrow. Huge thanks to Heather and her team for all their work yesterday and today!

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Julia Wood

From: Eddy O'Connor <light10up@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:47 PM
To: Larry Imwalle; Donna Meyers; Justin Cummings; Martine Watkins; Renee Golder; Sandy Brown; Sonja Brunner; skalantarijohnson@cityofsantacruz.com; Lee Butler
Cc: Bernie Escalante
Subject: THANK YOU !!

I am writing to THANK YOU for shutting down the drug slums at Lot 27 and Depot park.
I can only hope that you can return all public land back to the tax paying public.

I am of the opinion that the time has come to effectively deal with the scofflaw entity known as food not bombs. The arrogance and belligerence of this organization is toxic to the community.

Respectfully,

Eddy O'Connor
Santa Cruz. CA.

Julia Wood

From: Lee Butler
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Lee Butler
Subject: Depot Park emails attached
Attachments: Fwd: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Re: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx; Re: [CAUTION: Verify Sender Before Opening!] Re: 2021-12-15 Depot Parking Lot Partipant Agreement and Code of Conduct_Final.docx

In response to PRA.