# Rosie’s Tiny House Village

Community Meeting | April 15, 2021 | 6:00pm–7:30pm

# Welcome

*Sharon Lee, LIHI Executive Director*

# Meeting Housekeeping

- **Meeting Recorded -** This meeting is being recorded and will be posted at *lihi.org/rosiesvillage.*
- **Sharing questions and comments**- Post questions or comments through the Q&A box anytime throughout the meeting. If on the phone or unable to use the Q&A feature, email questions to rebecca.finkes@lihi.org. These will be checked frequently and added to the queue of questions.
- **Q&A period** - Presenters will respond to questions, concerns, and comments during the lengthy Q&A period following the formal presentation.
- **Our commitment** - We are committed to answering as many questions as possible during the meeting. We will post any questions and answers we didn't get to on the LIHI website soon after the meeting here: *lihi.org/rosiesvillage.* You may also contact Community Engagement Director Josh Castle at josh.castle@lihi.org.

# Panelists

City of Seattle

- Councilmember Alex Pedersen
- Ebony Wood, Planning and Development Specialist II
- Lisa Gustaveson, Strategic Advisor II
- Tom Van Bronkhorst, Strategic Advisor
- Kevin Mundt, Strategic Advisor

Sound Transit

- Abel Pacheco, Government and Community Relations Manager
- Mara D'Angelo, Senior Project Manager for Transit Oriented Development
- Ryan Bianchi, Senior Community Engagement Specialist

Low Income Housing Institute

- Theresa Hohman, Tiny House Program Manager
- Bradford Gerber, Tiny House Special Projects Manager
- George Scarola, Strategic Advisor
- Josh Castle, Community Engagement Director

Resident Speaker

- Tracy Williams

# Councilmember Alex Pedersen

# City of Seattle

*Ebony Wood, Planning and Development Specialist – Homeless Strategy & Investment*

# Sound Transit

*Abel Pacheco, Government and Community Relations Manager*

# Low Income Housing Institute

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## Affordable Housing

2,400 units of affordable housing throughout the Puget Sound Region.

## Urban Rest Stops

2 Urban Rest Stops in Seattle providing free hygiene resources to people experiencing homelessness.

## Tiny House Villages

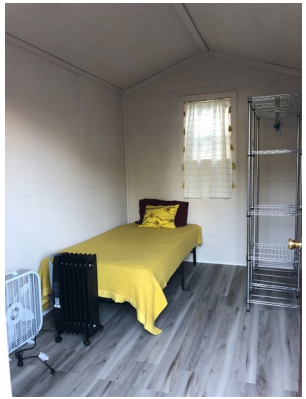
12  tiny house villages in Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia providing shelter and case management to individuals, couples, and families experiencing homelessness.

# Tiny House Villages

- LIHI operates or supports 13 tiny house villages in Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia.
- Each tiny house is 8 feet by 12 feet, is insulated, and has heat, electricity, and a locking door.
- Villages include hygiene and kitchen facilities, community spaces, and offices for on-site staff.
- Villages serve populations not served by traditional shelters such as families, couples, and people with pets.

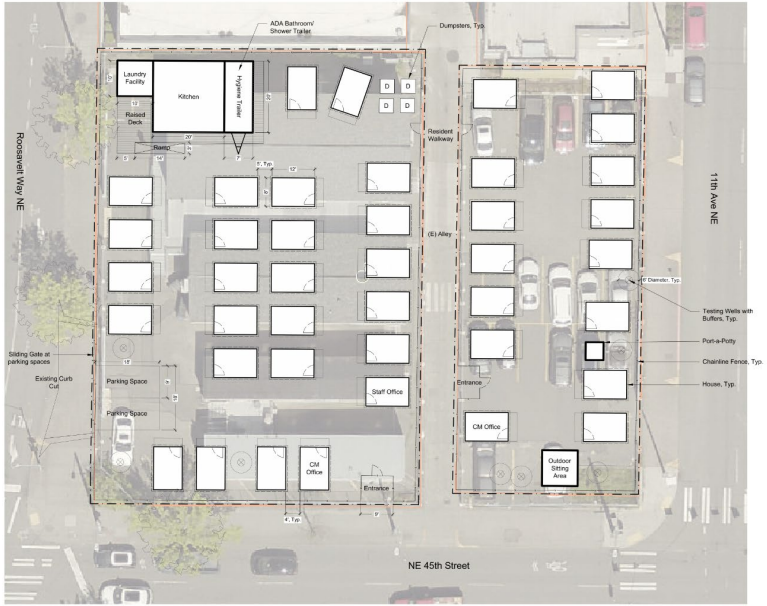
# Tiny Houses

- Tiny houses are built by neighbors, volunteers, faith organizations, pre-apprenticeship programs, schools, and local contractors.
- We will provide furnishings including a mattress, bedding, storage, heater, and a welcome kit with other essential items.
- LIHI abides by all fire safety standards. Each tiny house includes a combination CO2/smoke detector, and fire extinguishers are distributed throughout the village.



# Rosie’s Tiny House Village

- Located at at the corner of 45th and Roosevelt on Sound Transit property.
- 32 tiny houses will serve up to 45 people. This includes individuals, couples, and people with pets.
- Includes hygiene facilities with restrooms, showers, and laundry, community kitchen and spaces for meeting, dining, and community gatherings.
- All community spaces will be ADA accessible.
- Offices for 24/7 operations staff and case management.
- 6 foot perimeter fence surrounding the village.

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# Development Timeline

- Site development will start in May.
- LIHI will host volunteer work parties with Covid safety precautions in May and June to prepare the village for occupancy.

# Tiny House Village Management & Operations

- Rosie's Village will have 24/7 staffing:
  - **Special Projects Manager**- manages site
  - **Case Manager**- provides services and support to residents
  - **Village Organizers** - provides security and operational support
- Residents will be required to agree to and abide by a Code of Conduct as a condition of staying at the site.
- LIHI employs grievance procedures to address resident concerns.

# Tiny House Village Supportive Services

- LIHI will employ a full time Case Manager to work on-site at the village.
- The Case Manager will support residents in obtaining housing, employment, health care, getting IDs, education, and more.
- Residents will be required to work with the case manager as outlined in Code of Conduct.

# Village Population

- Will serve individuals, couples, and people with pets experiencing homelessness in Seattle.
- Referrals come from the HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach and Provider Ecosystem) who oversee a network of local outreach providers.

# LIHI Tiny House Village Outcomes

- The goal of Rosie's Village is to transition residents from homelessness to permanent or long-term housing as quickly as possible.
- LIHI transitioned 704 people into permanent housing and 170 into transitional housing (874 total into long-term housing) since the program began in 2015.
- In 2020, LIHI transitioned 111 people into long-term housing, a 50% exit rate of residents into long-term housing.
- Tiny house villages have significantly higher rates of exits to long-term housing than other shelter programs.

# Resident Perspective

Tracy Williams

# Community Engagement

- Rosie's Village is committed to being a good neighbor. LIHI will respond promptly to questions, concerns, ideas, or offers of support or donations from the community and neighbors.
- Engagement with neighbors, local businesses, community groups, and the public is active before opening and ongoing for as long as the village is operating.
- LIHI and City of Seattle staff will meet with your organization or group by request.
- Village staff will have a phone number reachable 24/7 once village opens and publicly posted on City of Seattle's homelessness website:

  www.seattle.gov/homelessness/city-permitted -villages

# Community Advisory Committee

- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be formed to oversee progress of the village and provide a pathway for addressing community concerns, questions, or ideas.
- Includes 7-10 community stakeholders including immediate neighbors, nearby businesses, faith organizations, service providers, and others.
- Provides accountability to community through updates on operations and resident services and outcomes, and allows for community participation in success of village.
- CAC meets monthly (virtually at this time).
- CAC meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.
- Email Josh Castle at josh.castle@lihi.org if interested in applying or attending meetings.

# Get Involved!

- **Donate** - email tinyhouses@lihi.org
- **Volunteer** - email tinyhouses@lihi.org
- **Apply to be member of the CAC** - email josh.castle@lihi.org

# Questions & Answers

**Ask a question:** Please submit your questions and comments through the Q&A box.

**On phone?** If on phone or unable to use Q&A feature, please email questions to rebecca.finkes@lihi.org Becca will catch your question and add to queue.

**Our commitment:** If we don't get to your question tonight, we will post any unanswered questions and answers on the LIHI website here: *lihi.org/rosiesvillage*

**Contact:** You may also send questions to be responded to following meeting to George Scarola at george.scarola@lihi.org

# Thank You!

Visit the LIHI website to follow the development of the village and learn more about how to engage:

*lihi.org/rosiesvillage*