

Homeless Encampment Subcommittee 3-1-17

(3-1-17) Alison, Andrea, Ari

Started 7:10pm to 8:20pm no members of the public present

1. Commissioner Prichett will be the chair of this subcommittee.
2. Suggestion was raised about the usefulness of plugging into other efforts i.e. Sophie Hahn, Homeless Commission.
 - a. **Property-** Does the taking of property while police stand by, constitute support for an illegal taking?
 - i. Can we expand existing policy around abandoned/lost property? (P-65)
 1. Alison has yet to hear from anyone who can prove that it was actually the police who took property.
 2. Andrea will look for video that affirms police involvement
 - ii. We should ask the full commission to write a letter to the City Manager asking for the legal basis for the confiscation of property because we are worried that police may be involved in/complicit in illegal confiscation of property. As the PRC we want to better understand the role that police are playing in supporting public works seizure of property. (Agreed)
 - b. Do we need a policy to clarify how police will clear homeless
 - i. Do police give notice?
 - ii. Can we separate these enforcement actions against illegal lodging from protest encampments?
 - iii. Lets ask the police to provide video of their clearing of the Gilman Street and overpass clearings. (Ask Kathy to contact department about this)
 - c. **NEXT MEETING: 6pm March 22**