

## 22 North Weekly Report for August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

### **Legal Notices Issued**

- Following a recent police investigation for suspected drug trafficking activity, a new tenant who was not currently in the eviction process has terminated their tenancy and will be vacating their unit by the end of next week.

### **Total pending terminations to date:**

- Four (4) 3-Day Waste or Nuisance Notices have been issued to four tenants who have engaged in criminal activity in or around the building. These are presently in process with the Whatcom County Superior Court.
  - All of these tenants have signed mutual terminations and will vacate their units within the next two weeks.

### **Staff Development**

- 16 new staff participated in 15 hours of PSH professional development training this week.
- Supervisors have provided leadership feedback expressing increased staff morale and productivity as a result of the improved project/program management.
- The OC newest case manager started on 9/1; this staff person will assume the role of providing services to young adults who currently reside in the building.

### **Facility Updates**

- Exterior building improvements for increased site security are still underway. The fencing, lighting, and exterior sound system should begin no later than the end of September.
- Reminder the City of Bellingham contracted RSU patrols of the State street corridor have begun. If you are a property or business owner, RSU dispatch can be contacted at #800-824-2383.
- The City of Bellingham has also contracted with Downtown Bellingham Partnership to provide Friday evening street side music (busking). Local musicians will play along the State Street corridor for community members to enjoy.

### **Tenant Engagement**

- 22 North residents received food donations from downtown businesses including Sustainable Connections, Otherside Bagels, and Avenue Bread.
- Residents and staff of 22 North will be welcoming guests from County Council for a brief site visit in the upcoming weeks. While the facility is not a public space open to the community, staff and residents welcome the opportunity for them to learn more about their home and community.

### **Community Engagement**

\*Reminder\* Individuals who are interested in receiving our weekly updates may still sign-up for The 22 North Community listserv, please send an email of interest to [22NCommunityEngagement@oppco.org](mailto:22NCommunityEngagement@oppco.org) You may also visit our new website: [www.oppco.org/22n](http://www.oppco.org/22n)

- Leadership met with city staff for feedback on building security and guest management. OC staff are looking into additional building improvements to provide even more guest monitoring and control. Additional updates on this will be provided over the next two weeks.
- The 22 North Community Task Force will move their meetings to every other week.
- OC staff provided an update on 22 North stabilization progress to Bellingham City Council, Committee of the Whole on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Operations Updates**

- The Department of Commerce acknowledged their receipt of OC's application requesting to removal restrictions that require the 22 North facility to maintain a 20 unit young adult set aside. Commerce staff indicated they were prioritizing their response and would follow-up in the next few weeks.