

22 North Update for November 2022

Dear community members,

I wanted to provide you with an update on stabilization reporting and community engagement moving forward as we wrap up this year and head into a new one. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have participated in supporting the 22 North community and OC management in achieving some major stability goals that have created a greater sense of health and wellbeing for our tenants, staff, and neighbors. Though it was a critical and urgent process, your contributions played a huge role in helping to re-create and revitalize an essential housing resource for years to come.

Below I have outlined some important updates and highlights from the last few weeks.

Community Engagement

- The 22 North Task Force met on November 9th for a review of achievements and next steps. During this meeting the task force decided to move forward with monthly check-in meetings. The next task force meeting will be held on December 14th, 2022. Members would like to keep an open invitation for our city and county councilmembers to join these sessions as able.

Operations

- The WA State Department of Commerce has provided a response to the request to remove and/or reduce of youth set aside units. 22 North is being granted a temporary allowance to fill vacant units with eligible adult (25 yr and older) applicants if there are no eligible young adults. However, an expectation has been set that over the course of next year OC will work with community partners to identify appropriate housing and services resources for our young adult population. Just as a reminder, 22 North will continue to serve all currently housed young adults as well as new eligible applicants age 18 and older.
- OC leadership is working with our local funders to develop a comprehensive monthly reporting system to monitor and track the ongoing stability and management of 22 North. These new reports will be replacing the previously issued weekly reports and will continue to be shared with our community members as requested. The first monthly report will be made available in December.
- OC leadership will continue to share information of specific interest or concern with our community members and public funders. Immediate concerns may be sent to Wendy Lawrence, Housing Development and Property Management Director, at wendy.lawrence@oppco.org.

Thank you all for ongoing patience and understanding. Please let us know if there are any questions.

Happy Holiday,

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