Please include Mr. Shively’s message dated March 28, 2014 as a public comment related to the homeless encampment code development process. I do not have fancy enough Adobe software to pull it out myself.

Thank you,

Carl

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From: Rich Shively [mailto:Rich.Shively@mqp.org]  
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 2:44 PM  
To: Carl de Simas  
Subject: RE: Tent City Stats

Carl:

Thanks for your email. Sorry it has taken me a few days to get back to you.

The comment about the Camp Advisor is less related to the ordinance, and more to conversations that sponsor churches like MQP should have with SHARE. I have had a few follow up conversations with SHARE since they were here, and will continue along these lines.

I recognize that all such correspondence is a matter of public record already (my typos and all!). I don’t mind it being included, but it’s connection to the process for the Council is pretty indirect.

Thanks for all the hard work that everyone on the City of Sammamish staff puts in related to this process.
Hello Mr. Shively,

I am currently compiling public comment for the City Council regarding the homeless encampment code development process. Would you like me to include your message below to Chief Elledge (March 28, 2013) as part of that record?

Thank you,

Carl

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From: Elledge, Nathan [mailto:Nathan.Elledge@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 8:49 AM
To: Carl de Simas
Subject: FW: Tent City Stats

Carl...Mr. Shively is the administrator at Mary Queen of Peace. At the end of his email he has a recommendation regarding future encampments in the city. I am forwarding this to you for consideration. Nate

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To: 'Rich Shively'
Subject: RE: Tent City Stats

Rich,

Thanks Rich...the information that I put out at the planning commission meeting is consistent with the info I provided to the city council in January, and to others who have requested our statistics since then. I am going to forward your input regarding the on-site Camp Advisory to our planning department as they consider what elements to add to the new ordinance.

Nate

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From: Rich Shively [mailto:Rich.Shively@mqp.org]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 3:51 PM
To: Elledge, Nathan
Subject: Tent City Stats

Nate:

I was not able to be at the Planning Commission Meeting last week, but watched your presentation on the Video provided by the city. As usual, you were clear and fair in your delivery. I had one clarification...at the peak in late October, we had approximately 80 residents in the camp. The average was more like what you named, however (about 45), as it got much smaller towards the end. Before they left, I was able to find out that 125 different individuals were in the encampment over the course of the 90 days.

We were forwarded an email about a group from Trossachs wanting to keep future encampments out. Your breakdown of calls/arrests was pretty clear. When there are all lumped together, it sounds very problematic. I would have to listen/watch again, but I assume the basic facts presented are true, but interpreted for effect (by the writer of the petition). This is what the email said:

Statistics of Tent City’s stay in Sammamish last year: (Quoted from the petition itself)

*During the last stay of TC4 in Sammamish, there were 8 arrests made at Tent City IV, and police responded to 30 calls in addition to the 119 regular rounds the City police made within the 90 days according to Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge. This included one case that "police and sheriff’s deputies arrested a Tent City resident Jan. 9 for felony possession of narcotics and the man claimed to have sold methamphetamine to 12 residents of Tent City 4 earlier that day", and another case "Another man, age 22, will also be charged with felony narcotics possession. Also there is currently an open investigation case for a RAPE incident within TC4 during their stay in Sammamish*

Sargeant Garza had shared much of the above, as well as the “hits” from the sniff dog. My own sense is that if we were asked to host TC4 again, and MQP planned to say yes, it would be critical that the encampment had a clearly designated Camp Advisory on premisis. This is not something for the ordinance, but I would want that for both our sakes and emergency services. My understanding is that when Fr. Kevin hosted them in Kirkland, that person was in place, and was very strict with the Code of Conduct.
The training of the EC’s by this person can go a long way in helping them keep their promise to the community of a safe, sober and clean encampment. I still think that the struggles toward the end were as a result of the lack of this central coordinator, and poor training for the EC’s. I would be interested in your feedback, now that several weeks have gone by since they moved on from MQP.

Thanks again for all the Sammamish Police did over the three months TC4 was here.

Sincerely,

Rich Shively
PA for Administration
Mary, Queen of Peace

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