



## Magnolia Community Council

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Project Welcome/Tent City 5 Report  
January 16, 2018

The encampment continues to on a smaller footprint pending SEPA process. This has caused adverse consequences for the community. There was a death in the camp over the weekend. A 53 year old woman who had medical issues including diabetes was found unresponsive in her dorm tent, and could not be revived. She was a valued member of the community, who participated in the move to the new site, and spent 6 weeks with them without power or heat.

- Physical camp, From TC5: 51 residents in tiny cabins and dorms, including one family with a newborn. It was noted that unlike more typical census of encampments, there are only 9 women in TC5 currently.
- The camp has added more bark to even out the walking surfaces. More gravel and bark is needed. Port-a-Potties have been moved inside the fenced area
- Power for heat and light was delayed for 6 weeks. It finally has been hooked up to community areas and to individual cabins; campers now have heat and light!
- There is still no running water, or hookups for toilets or showers, as a result of the lawsuit. This continues to be of concern for sanitation and safety reasons.
- Community Relations: No complaints have been received; litter patrols have taken place. TC5 will focus on east side of 15th W, since they have encountered other litter patrols near Whole Foods. Re: TC5's "old" neighborhood near 17th W. Stacy (manager of Dravus Starbucks) reports that litter and drug use has increased since the move. One of the neighboring business owners, who was not initially supportive of TC5, experienced a break-in a month after TC5 left, and noted to the press that he had never had any problems with TC5.
- The camp is in need of hot meals on weekends.