

## Tiny Home Pilot Project

Community Meeting – July 31, 2025

#### Waters Meet

# Community Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions and purpose of meeting (Zeke).
- 2. Presentation by Waters Meet staff on proposed Tiny Home Village Pilot Project (Leroy & Barbra).
- 3. Questions from community members.
- 4. Close out and discussion of next steps (Zeke).



## Why Tiny Homes

- The project came about over years of engagement with Spokane's unhoused and service providers communities
- Tiny homes provide privacy, stability, and dignity key factors in helping people move toward long-term housing.
- Communities like **Missoula** and **Walla Walla** have successfully launched similar models—helping residents safely transition out of homelessness.
- We have been watching and learning lessons from other communities, including:
  - What hasn't worked
  - Best practices for us to implement here
  - How to incorporate the unique needs of Spokane

#### What is a Tiny Home Village

- A planned community of small, individual temporary units about 100– 200 square feet each
- A private space for residents to live in with shared access to bathrooms, laundry, and a communal kitchen.
- Additional features can be added to create a community





#### What is our Pilot Tiny Home Village Project?

- 30 individual tiny home units with heating and air conditioning
- Shared facilities for dining and case management services
- Bathroom facilities with a toilet, sink, and shower in each stall
  - One is ADA accessible
- Temporary structures that can be moved
- Pallet Shelter and the Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) are providing the structures





#### What do these facilities look like inside?













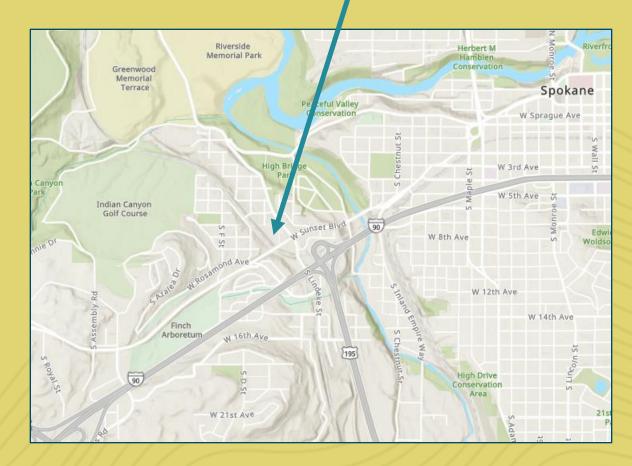
## How will the Tiny Home Village be operated

The **operator has not yet been selected**. This project is intended to be part of the existing continuum of housing services that the City has already funded. The **City of Spokane and Waters Meet** will lead the contractor selection process.

- We expect service providers will adhere to several best practice guidelines:
  - No drugs and alcohol allowed on property.
  - Case managers link participants to services in community and meet needs through a care plan with goals.
  - Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Care, and Recovery Based Approaches are utilized to build rapport and guide people on their journey to stable, permanent housing.
  - Good Neighbor Agreements set up opportunities for the service providers, guests, and system administrators to support the neighborhood.

#### Why is this project being sited here?

- Waters Meet Foundation owns the property
- Accessible and ready to deploy quickly
- Location meets Spokane's new homeless facility siting criteria (on a transit line and not within 1000 feet of a school)
- The temporary structures are a permitted use on this property under current zoning laws.





#### Where is it located in the neighborhood

On vacant land at the intersection of S. Audubon Street and W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue





## What parcels?

All of this parcel

A portion of this parcel





#### Ascenda and Waters Meet Relationship

- Ascenda is the current tenant on one of the parcels we own.
- They provide a needed service to individuals living in the community.
- We are sensitive to the needs of the Ascenda community.



#### How will this project be funded?

- The Tiny Home buildings were purchased with Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) via Washington State Commerce Department's Encampment Resolution Project
- Daily Operations
  - The City of Spokane will fund daily operations
- Site Improvements
  - Waters Meet Foundation
  - City of Spokane



## Will there be a good neighbor agreement?

As required by City law, a **Good Neighbor Agreement** will be established, including **regular points of contact** for community members.



#### How will this project be permitted?

The City of Spokane has determined that:

- The Tiny Home Village Pilot Project is considered a community service facility which is a
  permitted use in the multi-family zoning on this property.
- The structures will be permitted as temporary structures under the building code.
- There is not an appeal process through the City of Spokane for the permitting process.

## What is the timeline to build the Tiny Home Village

#### July

- Door to Door to adjoining neighbors and meet with Ascenda
- Press Release, and media interviews
- Meetings with Architect and Landscape
   Architect to establish contracts
- Community Meeting

#### August

- Coffman to complete survey on site
- Stakeholder design input meeting TBD
- Finalize design
- Take delivery of Tiny Homes
- Develop general contractor RFQ

#### September

- Develop good neighbor agreement
- Hire general contractor
- Submit for permitting
- Hire service provider
- Start construction

#### October

- Complete construction
- Move in residents

\*This is a tentative timeline and subject to changes.

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## Questions for us

Follow along for more information at:



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Fill-out our West Hills neighbor survey:

