

November 2022 Monthly Update

The third official Resident Advisory Working Group meeting was held on November 15th, and Working Group members were shown updated exterior designs as well as the interior designs for buildings 8 and 24, the two buildings for which rehabilitation through the Homekey 2 funds was awarded. Working Group members again were given the opportunity to provide feedback, and updated designs are anticipated to go to City Council for review in January.

A breakout session was incorporated to collect input from as many Working Group members as possible, and various themes arose. Some of the input, including questions, concerns, and suggestions, are included below.

Questions

- **Can we prioritize Palm Springs Residents?** With funding, you can't set a priority, but most residents here are from the area.
- **Are guests allowed?** No.
- **Referral-based?** Yes, it is referral based, but potential residents are able to "self-refer," which makes the process easier.
- **Timeline for residents to stay?** Timeline for residents to stay is ideally 60-90 days; there will be some residents who may need 120 days or 6 months to get connected with permanent housing in which they will remain successfully housed.
- **Security: staff or contracted?** The Navigation Center will contract with professional security companies that are well versed in their roles and responsibilities.

Concerns

- Speed limit near the site
- Loitering (particularly in the nearby empty lot)

Suggestions

- Prioritize local expertise
- Balance between Trauma-Informed design vs. safety of the surround community
- Collect input/feedback from people with lived experience
- Make it as "institution-less" as possible
- Hold various activities for group participation and connection