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Subject: Clarification on 2601 West Chestnut (Gratitude House)
Attachments: Manganaro 1.jpg; Gratitude house citation pg 2.jpg; 2601 --notice 1 copy.jpg; 2601 notices.jpg; 2601 notice pets.jpg

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Mr. Wilcher-

Just want to follow up on what we learned about this operation in your department on Aug 21st; because, after attending a "neighborhood information meeting" at Gratitude House on August 24, many of us left confused.

At that meeting on August 24th, Mr. Manganaro indicated Gratitude House was currently in operation--- offering services to "the neighborhood". Given what we saw there, the recipients of services were NOT from the neighborhood, but I will address that under separate cover with Planning & Zoning.

He also indicated, when asked, that women were not being served there. However, when asked about his comments to WAVE-TV regarding allowing prostitutes to shower and take meals onsite, he prevaricated. Supposedly, a female "ODed" there on the 22nd, or so we have been told. Had I known about that, I would have also mentioned that the OD incident at the meeting on the 24th. Only two days after the supposed incident, Mr. Manganaro did not mention it.

On Facebook just a couple days before the meeting, Mr. Manganaro implied he was indeed operating (see attachment Manganaro 1 below).
operations were still going full steam.

All, including Mr. Manganaro and his wife claimed no knowledge of the citation below. The citation suggests they should not have been open at all. Is this not the case? Did they have a grace period of some sort?

They appeared to be have been operating as before until sometime after the regular Monday food distribution last week. Since then, Gratitude House has posted signs indicating that has been discontinued (See notice photos below); but, they appear to continue operating at some level since then as when numerous folks appeared to be going in and out of the building and pets could be seen sunbathing in the windows. (See photos below)
We heard last night that signs canceling the AA meetings have been posted more recently.

Just what is their status? **Should Gratitude House be operating as a boarding home, transitional home or service site at this point?**

The Aug 24th meeting was overwhelmingly attended by individuals professing to receive services there or volunteers/supporters--all from outside the Russell neighborhood, I might add. They all appeared to think and suggest

I am copying Beth Jones who is transitioning out of her role as a case manager for 18CUP1216 permit application associated with 2601 Chestnut and copying her supervisor Christopher French. I request that this email be included in the case file.

Thanks!

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It is up to all of us,

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From: Jackie Floyd <msjackie6040@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:02 AM
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Subject: 2601 W Chestnut St

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As a resident of Russell along with my neighbors, we had concerns regarding this facility before the meeting and more concerns after the meeting on Sat.

First, several neighbors stated that were not notified of the meeting and learned about the meeting though FB posts from Concern Russell residents.

Second, he has received a letter stating he needs to cease and desist operating his facility dated 8/16 by code enforcement officer. I have a copy of the letter but he is still operating that facility.

Third, no emergency plans, no long term housing services for clients.

Fourth, no one in the neighborhood has contact information for him, in case there is an emergency or to voice concerns.

Five, Russell is over saturated with this type of housing with no oversight by anyone.

Sixth, this facility is not a good neighbor in the community, people are hanging out in front at various time during the day.

Seventh, a white man serving all white clients in a black community but he said he is helping our neighbors recovery but doesn't have not one person of color.

He invited all of his white supporters to the meeting to tell the black residents of Russell how he is helping the community and they couldn't name one thing he or his clients have done good for the community.

We don't not want this facility in our community because he is not a good neighbor nor does he serve people of color and he does not have over sight by any agency plus he has not complied with the written process of obtaining a conditional use permit.

Please call me regarding this facility 502-409-2883.
Jackie Floyd