



Live Fresh Shower Truck Pilot Program

City of Delray Beach | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Commission/Delray Beach Interfaith Committee

December 4, 2018

ITEM #18-804





OVERVIEW



- Make a recommendation to allow the Live Fresh Shower Truck (“Truck”) to be located on the St. Matthews Episcopal Church site for a six-month pilot program.
- The pilot program will allow City Staff to assess the impact of the Truck.
- Findings from the pilot program will be presented to the City Commission in June 2019 at which time a final action will be taken to approve or deny the Truck to be located at St. Matthews Episcopal Church permanently.

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BACKGROUND

- The program is being requested by the Delray Beach Interfaith Committee for Social Services and endorsed by the Homeless Task Force.
- The Live Fresh Charity will provide all associated costs during the pilot program.
- The Truck has operated in the City at several homeless events over the past year and was well received by the homeless population.
- The Truck will be open on Friday's for 1-2 hours during lunch time

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BACKGROUND - Continued

- St. Matthews Episcopal Church has been serving lunch to the homeless population as part of the C.R.O.S. Ministries feeding program for 16 months and no issues have been reported to-date.
- Approximately 100 people eat lunch on Friday's at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.
- Of the 100 people, approximately 30 have been identified as being homeless and would need shower services.



BACKGROUND - Continued



City Staff conducted a site visit with the Delray Beach Interfaith Committee on November 16, 2018 and determined the following:

- No site improvements would need to be made for the pilot program.
- The Truck to be placed near the improved alley.
- Water service to be connected to the Church facility.
- Waste water to be disposed in adjacent sanitary sewer cleanout located in the adjacent alley.

LOCATION MAP



LIVE FRESH TRUCK INFORMATION



- The Truck is mobile and contains 4 stalls.
- Each stall has a portable shower, toilet and changing room.
- Toiletries are provided to each client that includes a wash cloth and towel.
- Volunteers from the Church will provide oversight while the truck is in operation.
- The Live Fresh Charity will provide training for the volunteers operating the truck and provide all costs and materials needed during the trial period.

ISSUES – PRO's

- Restores dignity to the homeless population.
- Provides a direct service benefitting the homeless in our community.
- Shower and fresh clothes could help the homeless population find employment and a shot at getting off the streets.
- There is no cost to the City to operate the Truck.
- The Truck could be used in emergency situations during a hurricane for all citizens.
- The impact of the Truck will be minimal due to the 1-2 hour time constraint and low volume of people using it.

ISSUES – CON'S

- The Truck could result in an increased number of homeless folks using the services and impact the surrounding neighborhoods.
- An increase in crime could occur in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- There will be a small impact on the single-family residents close to the property.
- The property located to the south of the Truck is vacant and may impact the development or sale of that site.



NEXT STEPS



Neighborhood and Community Services will monitor the program during the six-month trial period and will:

- Study crime rates to determine if there is an impact.
- Assess the impact with foot traffic and trash on the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Survey the surrounding residents to get their feedback.
- Monitor the site at least once a month to obtain first hand knowledge of its impact.

Report findings to the City Commission in June 2019.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff recommends the City Commission approve the Live Fresh Shower Truck to be placed at St. Matthews Episcopal Church (404 SW 3rd Avenue) for a six-month pilot program.



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