

# Nickelsville Market Street Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

*Adopted by CAC on March 8, 2016*

## **CAC Member Attendance:**

Jean Darsie, Ballard Community Task Force on Homelessness and Hunger  
Martha Dilts, Central Ballard Residents Association  
Jayson Morris, 36<sup>th</sup> District Precinct Committee Officer  
Jennifer Muzia, Ballard Food Bank  
Eric Nelson, Nordic Heritage Museum (absent)  
Mike Stewart, Ballard Chamber of Commerce  
Pastor Kathleen Weber, Trinity United Methodist Church

## **Nickelsville and City Staff Attendance:**

Cheri Ballard  
Paul Beltran, Nickelsville Community Member  
Peggy Holts  
Sharon Lee, Low Income Housing Institute  
Scott Morrow, Nickelsville Staff  
Sola Plumacher, Human Services Dept., City of Seattle  
Benjamin Walker, Bookkeeper, Nickelsville  
Arthur Warmoth, Low Income Housing Institute  
Jerold Weaver, Security, Nickelsville  
Thomas Whittemore, Dept. of Neighborhoods, City of Seattle

## **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

### **1. Community Advisory Committee Procedures**

- Review of Director's Rule
- Established Committee Chair and Secretary

**ACTION:** Mike Stewart elected as committee chair and Arthur Warmoth volunteered as Secretary and will keep minutes.

### **2. Operations Report**

Overview provided by Nickelsville staff:

- Camp is open to the public
- 23 current residents (there were as many as 37 in January)
- SDOT has been active in bringing potential residents to the camp
- Referrals from other agencies anecdotal and not positively established, but no process set yet

- No maximum capacity is set
- There are 5 tiny houses and approximately 15 tents
- Each resident is required to work 3 security shifts per week (3 hours)
- Weekly camp meetings are held for all camp residents on Monday evenings
- Currently, the camp has a food tent and propane grills for cooking
- Sani cans are provided on-site
- LiHi caseworker visits camp residents 3 times per week
- Most residents eat breakfast at St. Luke's
- There is currently NO running water or electricity at the camp
  - A volunteer brings fresh water to the camp on a regular basis
  - The City has secured a bid from Pride Electric to provide electricity (city to pay the cost)
  - 95% of residents at Ballard and Interbay combined have signed up for case management
  - 10 residents from Ballard and Interbay combined have transitioned into permanent housing

**ACTION:** The CAC voted (6-0) in favor of recommending that the City immediately secure a fresh water source at the camp, utilizing the existing fire hydrant. HSD to contact Fire Department to convert fire hydrant to water source.

### **3. Community Complaints**

Complaints reported as of 2.10.16

- 2-3 complaints have been logged about noise emanating from the camp
- 2 complaints about "unsavory" characters (1 resident; 1 non-resident)

The CAC discussed complaint procedures. Current procedure from Nicklesville staff explained. Need for more transparency in procedure discussed, including formalized documentation.

Further discussion is needed, potential reporting forms/procedures to be submitted

**ACTION:** Jayson Morris agreed to pursue the creation of reporting procedures.

**ACTION:** Mike Stewart agreed to pursue the potential for a community web page for the camp.

### **4. Next Steps**

A site visit and tour will be conducted for CAC members on February 23rd at 11:00 AM.

The next CAC meeting will be held on March 8th at 6:00 PM. Barbara Poppe, the city's new consultant regarding homeless policy will be invited to attend.

**Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**