

Nickelsville Ballard Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

2:30pm, June 12th, 2017

Location:

Cheryl Chow Court
2014 NW 57th St
Seattle, WA 98107

In Attendance:

From Nickelsville:

Annie Adan, Jay, Andrew Constantino, Scott Morrow

From the Community Advisory Committee:

Mike Stewart, Erik Nelson, Jayson Morris, Kathleen Weber, Jean Darsie, Jen Muzia

From the Low Income Housing Institute:

Alireza Sharekian, Arthur Warmoth

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Karen Ko

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Call to Order

Introductions

Review of last meetings minutes; Jen Muzia should be added to the list of those who had attended. MSP to accept the minutes with this correction.

Operations Update

Residents Update

- Current Camp Census: 19 Adults (3 Women), 0 Children, 0 Families, 1 Couple & 2 Pets (1 Cat and 1 Dog).
- There has been 1 911 call this month; A medical emergency (an older camper had trouble breathing).
- There have been 5 permanent bars; 1 for theft, 1 for domestic violence, 3 for drinking/aggressive behavior.
- We have rules and the camp leaders enforce them.
- There are openings, if any CAC member is aware of a homeless person in need, the camp will happily accommodate them (openings do not last long). *Perhaps we should let St. Luke's know about the openings. We will.*
- The camp will be relocating in November; LIHI, Nickelsville, SHARE & The City met to discuss what plans are being made but no specific sites have been offered yet.
- There are many good possible sites; we hope to continue in the Ballard area. Building community support takes time & we have made many friends in Ballard.
- A group from the faith based community and CAC for the Interbay encampment formally asked The City for another extension, but it was declined.
- Gardens have expanded, Edin, a neighbor, has donated soil, seed and starts. Campers have built new garden beds.
- Neighbors have been bringing donations of clothing, toiletries & food consistently. Meals are provided on a daily, weekly & monthly basis.
- Mark Buick has been by to repair some of the solar units. *What were the issues needing repair? Wear and tear on the USB cords, some lights out on the LED strip.*
- VFW has been employing some residents part time doing things such as landscaping, these opportunities are very much appreciated.
- The camp is tidy and looks good.
- Bus ticket distribution has gone great, all are accounted for.
- The Homeless Remembrance Project laid new leaves in the Ballard Commons, one of whom was a Nickelodeon from Ballard.
- Documentary film maker has been talking to residents about a possible project.
- *Any questions for Nickelsville?*

Case Manager Update

- 2 residents in the past month got jobs; 1 full time, 1 part time.
- A barred camper (w/ minor) was provided a hotel voucher while appealing. They are now residents at Nickelsville Othello Village.
- Another family who stayed briefly at Ballard were helped in finding a more suitable camp for their needs.
- *Did anyone get housing in the past month?* No, late April was the last permanent housing placement. Clients are not always interested in moving far away where the housing is; for example, a client visited a property in south Seattle but did not like the area.
- The paperwork takes time, making sure the client is interested. *Is this LIHI housing or do you look at other providers as well?* LIHI housing but their names are put onto other housing provider lists as well, there isn't much housing to be had.
- There was a dip at this time last year in placement, hopefully we will see an increase this fall, there are patterns.
 - LIHI maintains a list across all encampments for placement.
 - LIHI has housed more people using LIHI properties, going through other agencies bureaucracy is even more time consuming. Brief explanation of Coordinated Entry for All given by Arthur.
- Nickelsville observes residents at self managed communities do not tend to rank very high by CEfA standards.
- Nickelsville feels it is lucky to have LIHI's help. Coordinated Entry for All has had 6000 people signed up but on average has placed 10 people per month.
- In the recently released PIT count 93% of the homeless individuals asked said they would take affordable housing if it was available.
 - *Any questions for LIHI? Metrics examined by the CAC members.*

Future of the Encampment

- Jean wanted to discuss where the encampment might move to next.
- With there being so much community support for the Interbay encampment TC5 getting another extension, and it being turned down by the City, is there any hope for the Ballard site?
 - Nickelsville plans to honor its agreement to move.
- *We need to keep this topic appearing in the minutes so that the City is aware it is a BIG ISSUE.*

- Nickelsville observes that the City realizes we need a site
- There is no reason that only LIHI should be sharing land; The Port, Burlington, The County, Sound Transit & others have land. The City should be talking to these entities NOW, not waiting until the last minute. We should expect them to push as they would with governmental partners on any important project.
- *Nickelsville & LIHI have already had a conversation with the City about this? Do they have any ideas at all yet?* Yes we did but George Scarola was not present. Yes, they clearly have a list of their own properties.
- *Can we request that the City come to this meeting with us or set up a new meeting? We would like more information from Lisa, who do we talk to?*
- Lisa is a consultant. *Who are the people making the decision on where the next site will be?* FAS & HSD, Chris Potter is focusing on this for FAS, it is unclear who is from HSD.
- *Who should we be addressing our concerns to?* George Scarola from the Mayor's office. *At a minimum we should be briefed on where they are in this process.*
- *If the City wants any community process, it needs to start; we are in June, the move is in November.*
- Nickelsville feels the City was being sincere is hoping the move could take place sooner rather than later to avoid the bitter cold. *Who is responsible for the move and its costs?* NV & LIHI, there is money in the budget for moving costs, worth noting is LIHI has raised over \$200,000 to help set up the Villages.
- Operation Sack Lunch should be starting soon, providing 1 meal a day to each of the City sanctioned encampments. Transportation is the main expense.
- *What does the CAC want to do about the move?* Interbay has spoken with Sally Bagshaw; CAC member Jayson is meeting with Mike O'Brien on the 17th, one of the topics is the Ballard camp.
 - *Does the CAC continue after the move?*
- *What is the purpose of the CAC?* Oversight of the encampment operations.
 - *Are we concerned about the future of the encampment?* Yes!
- Resolution to Email Catherine Lester, Lisa Gustavesen & Mike O'Brien regarding who the decision makers are and where are they on the process of siting the camp. Mike volunteers to handle this task.

Community Complaint & Review

- There have been no new complaints.
- Time given for community questions.

Additional Resources:

www.facebook.com/Homeless-Remembrance-Project

www.facebook.com/nickelsvilleworks

www.king5.com/news/local/bellevue-teens-build-solar-panels-to-power-homeless-encampments/

www.realchangenews.org/2017/05/31/king-county-houses-just-10-single-adults-each-month

