

Ballard Community Advisory Committee Meeting
September 11, 2017 at 2:30PM

Location:

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

In attendance:

From Nickelsville: Annie Adan, Todd, Michael Amoroso, Audelle H.

From Nickelsville Staff: Scott Morrow, Charmaine Min

From the Community Advisory Committee: Mike Stewart, Jean Darsie, Martha P.,

From the City of Seattle: Lisa Gustaveson, Tom Van Bronkhorst

From Low Income Housing Institute: Alireza Sharekian

Meeting Called to Order

Introductions

Review of the last meeting minutes – Motioned to accept/ Motion passes.

Operations Update from Nickelsville Residents

▪ **Current Census as of Sept. 11, 2017:**

22 Adults, 17 Men, 5 Women, 1 Child, 1 Couple, 1 Family, 2 Pets

LIHI Update: 1 permanent housing, 1 transitional housing, others are self-exited or barred.

June - 5 Perm bars, 2 Police calls (DV & Theft)

July - 3 Perm bars, 2 Police calls (Both were for refusal to leave)

Aug – 3 Perm bars, 1 Police call (DV)

Sept – No bars or Police calls as of Sept. 11, 2017.

Low Income Housing Institute Update

- Asked Ali if he could have Arthur email the HMIS numbers over to the CAC.
- 5 Residents have received employment
- 2 have moved into permanent housing, 3 has moved into transitional housing.

Update to Ballard Camp Move in November

As long as 2 of the sites was able to get electricity, Nickelsville advised that they would accept. Since the process started back in June, Nickelsville has advised that they need a site is as big as it is now or larger. The City of Seattle has showed Nickelsville a list of 100 possible sites which does not include Seattle Housing Authority sites or Sound Transit properties.

Lisa Updates Everyone on the City's Perspective:

Lisa said that the list of 100 sites are not that simple, they are not city controlled so they have to follow the city ordinance and see what's realistic and what's reasonable, like zoning issues, or specific greenery areas. The sites that were considered, there were reasons as to why they were taken off of the consideration pile. Reasons are:

- One site was a "Comcast" site, but it is in District 5, since Mary's Place is near it, the City promised the community that they would look at all the districts. The Roosevelt Reservoir is the other site that Nickelsville accepted. The site needs extensive site for parking and other extensive remodeling needed to make the property usable for the encampment.
- The City cannot make any decisions until the Port of Seattle votes on whether Tent City 5/Interbay encampment gets accepted to the Tsubota site.
- Another reason why they are hesitant is because they have to announce it to the community first since they have had problems in the past about not notifying the community in a timely manner.
- The site that the City is referring to, called the North Lake site, that is a possible site, is roughly about 8000 sq. ft. and Lisa will be providing the address/Platt number of the site so others can see what they are referencing to.
- The City can lease a property as long as it is privately owned land or City owned Land. There will zoning and other evaluations that will be done this Friday 9/15 into Monday 9/18. The City has checked with Seattle Housing Authority and other organizations to see if there are properties that could be used for the Ballard encampment's move.
- There is a Ballard site that is roughly 6000 sq. ft., which is a lot smaller than where the camp currently is.

- The Comcast site that everyone wanted, the City deemed that it was not usable as the Licton Springs site is relatively close to the Comcast site and the City wants to make sure that encampments are in other districts and not all in one district.
- If the Port of Seattle votes “No” to the Tsubota site for Tent City 5, then it places the City in a difficult position as there are not enough sites for encampments to be moved to or built on.
- The list of 100 sites that was provided to Nickelsville, once you go through the list meticulously based on the ordinance criteria, then the list of possible properties gets smaller more quickly.
- Nickelsville is asking the Community Advisory Committee for help in a definitive site, one that is larger than the current site, so that we could house a larger group of the homeless population.
- The North Lake site, which the address is still unknown, the square footage is still unknown. When it gets down to the very end of the agreement, somehow some square footage always seems to drop off substantially.
- ***Jean has motioned to have the Ballard site move to a site that is at least the same size it is now, but needing one that is larger than the current site. Motion passes.***
- The City is planning to move Ballard to the North Lake site but there is no information on that site.

New Business

If the Ballard camp moves to North Lake area, the bonds and friendships that were formed in the past two years may be broken. We hope that once Nickelsville does move, that we can maintain those bonds and friendships. Several members of the Ballard community have been wanting to know where Nickelsville Ballard will be moving to and when they will be moving so they would be able to help out in some way.

Lisa has provided the Community Advisory Committee with a copy of the Permitted Encampment Evaluation that was released July 7, 2017. The City has found that the encampments are working and that other encampments are indeed needed to help with the homeless crisis that the city is currently facing.
Monday, October 10th, 2017 @ 2:30PM is the next Community Advisory Committee for Ballard.