

Nickelsville Ballard Community Advisory Committee Minutes

January 9th, 2017

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

In attendance:

- From Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)- Alireza Sharekiam, Arthur Warmoth & Gary Norton
- From Nickelsville- Paul Costello, Keith Cordova, Scott Morrow & Andrew Constantino
- From City of Seattle- Thomas Whitemore (Department of Neighborhoods)
- From Ballard Community Advisory Committee- Mike Stewart, Jayson Morris, Martha Dills, Kathleen Weber, Eric Nelson

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Call to Order & Introductions

Operations Report

A) Resident Updates

- 1) 30 Unique Individuals, 23 Adults, 5 Women, 1 Child, 1 Family, 2 Dogs.
- 2) 0 Emergency calls this month.
- 3) 3 Permanent bars; 1 for drug use & 2 for theft from fellow campers.
- 4) 2 Temporary bars (failure to meet camp obligations).

- 5) Only 5 Units (Tiny Houses or Tents) without solar power now; all units will be done within a week or two.
- 6) Donations have been overwhelming over the holidays & the campers are very thankful for the support.
- 7) Local business Habitude brings Christmas care packages for campers.
- 8) There has been continued media interest in the Ballard site.
- 9) Hot meals being brought to camp 3 times a week.
- 10) LIHI brought a large propane heater for the common area.
- 11) Nickelsville has been accepted into discounted bus ticket program & soon will provide 2 bus tickets per day to campers.
- 12) Hand warmers are a survival tool on cold nights.
- 13) MLK day will have Nickelodeons participating in the march from Garfield high school as well as a group of volunteers preparing a meal at the Ballard site.
- 14) January 31st Church of the Good Shepherd will hold a party for the one year anniversary for Tiny House Village.
- 15) The Road to Nickelsville documentary opens January 15th.

B) Community complaint review & response.

1. No complaints!
2. Any questions about bars? No.

C) Case Management Updates.

1. End of the year so not much availability for housing.
2. We can expect more placement early this year.
3. Helping campers with jobs & steps towards housing.
4. Provided a small heater for the security shed.
5. MLK day meal provided.

Data Collection & Metrics

1. Report generated by LIHI looks good.
2. Template submitted by HSD.
3. Definitions provided for types of housing provided.
 - a. Stable/Permanent: Family
 - b. "Other Housing" : Treatment, Jail, Medical.

c. "Other Situations" : Indoor Shelter, Streets, Other Camp.

4. Why do so many "refuse"? This can often mean no information was available, such as the camper not meeting with the Case Manager upon leaving (this is not required of the camper). Perhaps more outreach or incentive is needed to capture this data.

5. A casual reader may see this response as "refused housing" which is not the case.

6. Destination after leaving the camp may be reported to Camp Leadership then shared with the Case Manager.

7. Are there any campers still at this location after a year? Yes, 2-3 have been unwilling to leave the area they consider their home (Ballard) & so wait for local offers of housing.

8. What has been the average length of stay at Nickelsville Ballard? HMIS can answer this question; would we like this included in future reports & in what format? Yes, as "days". Report generated: <30 days 18.2%, 31-60 days 16.9%, 61-180 days 45.5%, 181-365 days 13.0%, 366-730 days 6.5%.

9. Does everyone engage in case management? 100% of residents engage at some level; through HMIS, some services such as bus tickets or clothing vouchers or by trying to find housing. Campers who have left the site still can make appointments with the Case Manager and continue this relationship.

10. Intensive services is new for encampments? Yes, very much so. A list of available services would be helpful; perhaps metrics on what has been accessed.

11. LIHI has done well getting people into services. Plans to have HMIS specialist visits the camps ongoing. Perhaps incentives such as a gift card may help capture exit interviews going forward.

12. CAC members hope that the City & HSD would pay close attention to positive outcomes relationship to services offered at the encampments.

13. Definition of services is anything that helps the client become more self sufficient. Many in the public do not know what the role of a Case Manager is; could we explain this better?

14. Coordinated Entry is not fully implemented yet; additional training will be required.

15. Many campers don't need or ask for much from a Case Manager; just in need of a place to sleep & store belongings.

16. A report of services accessed by categories would be helpful.

New Business

1. What about data from camps without a Case Manager? HMIS data is collected by other means.
2. Democracy Vouchers, how can homeless folks collect these? Mail is not allowed at the camps but there are mail collection services for homeless people such as the Food Bank or Compass Center.
3. Have any Ballard CAC members been asked about the new encampments planned? No. Nesbit will be a low-barrier camp. Georgetown will be another Nickelsville neighborhood.
4. Thank you to Arthur for providing data.
5. **Next meeting will be February 13th 2:30pm (2nd Monday).**

Public Comment

1. **Time offered to those who wish to comment.**

Adjourn