

Nickelsville Georgetown Village

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2nd 2017 (46th day of Nickelsville Georgetown residency)

South Seattle College Georgetown Campus, Room C207 (6737 Corson Ave S. Seattle, WA 98108)

1:00pm – 2:30pm

CAC Members Present: Nancy Eklund, Barbara Grace Hill, Erik Maus, John Phillips, Kelly Welker

CAC Members Absent: Bill Oliver, Emilie Shepherd

Additional Representations: Nickelsville Georgetown Operations Team, LiHi Staff, City of Seattle – Office of Neighborhoods,

Opening

Introductions were made by all present at the first meeting of GVCAC.

Kelly Welker agreed to serve as CAC Chair for the first meeting.

Discussion of roles of CAC and how other Nickelsville CACs function and notify community of Nickelsville activities and operations.

Clarification requested on what the minutes of CAC meetings will communicate to the community. The response to question included neighbor complaints, police calls, case management, employment updates of residents.

CAC members expressed interest in learning how larger Georgetown Community can be involved and engage with the CAC and Nickelsville Georgetown residents.

City of Seattle – Office of Neighborhoods is new to working with CACs. Will be a partner moving forward.

Report on Nickelsville Georgetown (NG) Village Operations

Residents: 38 adults (17 women, 21 men/11 couples), 1 child, 5 pets,

NG will reach capacity with 38 tiny houses. 31 presently occupied. 7 remain under construction.

A pea-patch has been started

Electricity is operational

The LiHi Office is set up and accessible to residents

St Vincent De Paul in Georgetown has been and will continue to be a resource for NG residents for food and personal items.

Mayor Murray visited NG

Short-term, overflow shelter is available in two 20'x20' tents. "Kingdome" for men. "Queendome" for women.

All Nickelsvilles meet every Wednesday to discuss operations and issues

The Kitchen tent will be moved and is to include two refrigerators. There are to be two storage tents.

Shower and laundry facilities will be completed when permits are finalized

After 46 days of residency, NG is nearly completely set up.

Security Report

The security shifts schedule is filled out

In 46 days there have been four incidents involving Seattle Police Department presence at NG.

1 physical altercation between two residents, 1 warrant served, 1 mental health crisis suffered by a resident resulting in a trip to Harborview, and 1 domestic disagreement

There have been issues reported relating to NG's proximity to problematic motels in the neighborhood

Case Management Report

Services provided include resource referral to healthcare, clothing, household items, Apple Health, agencies from around South Seattle, a local orthodontist,

Concern expressed about the case-management termination that occurs when a resident is barred from the Nickelsville community

Nickelsville maintains a "no fighting/no violence" policy and adheres to a zero tolerance rule for enforcement.

St Vincent De Paul can provide alternative case management

Other

CAC service is a two year commitment, synchronized with the two year presence of NG

Meetings are tentatively planned for the first Tuesday of each month

CAC will communicate by email

NGCAC will have a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary

CAC roles will be identified and developed at future meetings

There remains a need to identify the function of the CAC and the needs of the NG and the Georgetown community. The CAC should draft a mission statement.

Nickelsville and LiHi are partners

CAC may be able to assist LiHi by having more presence at NG than LiHi has capacity for

First 15 minutes of future CAC meetings will be reports. 3 – 5 minutes each.

NG staff would like the CAC to communicate clearly to the Georgetown Community/Neighborhood about NG operations and listen to the Georgetown Community/Neighborhood about the perceptions of NG.

Georgetown Gazette will be delivered to NG residents (40 copies)

NG has a community meeting every Sunday night at 7:30pm. Open to the public. CAC members encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday June 6th at St. Vincent De Paul in Georgetown

Adjourned at 2:30pm