**Northlake Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 25, 2019 5:30pm**

**John Stanford International School**

**CAC members present:** Mike Dunn, Jami Fecher (chair of this meeting), Sarah Jones, Ed Mast

**Others present:** Jay F., Shawn N., Kris Ingersoll, Marvin Futrell, Joe, Kelley Meade, Naomi S., Bradford C., Jose Ruiz

**VILLAGE REPORT**

**Census:**

23 adults: 15 M, 8 W, 1 child

4 couples, 1 family, 3 pets

**3 move outs.** One was because of a family emergency thousands of miles away, followed by a personal medical emergency requiring surgery and convalescence, so uncertain return date. Nickelsville staff have been in touch, and that resident voluntarily gave up their place.

**Bars**: 3 bars over this period: 1 harassment, 1 domesticc violence, 1 drug paraphernalia. 2 permanent, 1 2-week, later changed to permanent. No police calls were needed.

(Note from resident’s written report notes as given to notetaker:

Residents are concerned to maintain the privacy of people involved in bars and are concerned that LIHI has used this need for privacy against them and that case managers — not necessarily Will — have shared information that is detailed enough to embarrass people.

If CAC wanted to have some sort of subcommittee that would confidentially hear confidential information about how these bars are handled, residents would be open to that.)

**Camp meetings** continue to be on Mondays at 6pm.

**Visitor policy**: Visitors are welcome. Not LIHI staff other than case manager, for fear of forced takeover as at Othello. HSD staff are asked to make appointments by contacting Nickelsville staff.

HSD staff Jackie St. Louis and Lisa Gustaveson did drop by, asked how things are going. Residents note that neither acknowledged the complaints that residents made in March, and HSD still has not provided a grievance policy for Northlake.

Residents don’t like bolting the gate but feel it’s needed in the current crisis and threat from LIHI.

Fire marshall has visited 3 times. Camp has taken care of all concerns.

**Transit tickets:** There was a brief problem with misprinted transit tickets from Sound Transit, but the company has apologized and it has been taken care of.

**Case Manager Will Uhlig** has only been on duty Mondays and Fridays. Will has been away for a week, did leave notice about that.

**New pre-owned refrigerator** arrived 2 weeks ago.

**Food donations:**

Residents appreciate the regular food donation from Amazon and the dedicated volunteers that make it happen. If volunteers need help, residents and Nickelsville staff will find help. Residents still don’t want LIHI picking up donations, for fear that LIHI will send the preferred food donations to other camps.

The camp asked LIHI over a year ago for a daily meal; this has not been happening, with no regular meal from Operation Sack Lunch.

Regular meals and food donations continue to arrive: burritos on Mondays from Greenwood Community Center, breakfast once a week from University Sunrise Rotary, Thai food on Thursdays from Peggy Hotes and a local restaurant, plus other donations from Ballard Ladies, Fremont Baptist Church, Greenwood Senior Center, Northlake CAC.

Residents wrote a Hello Neighbor letter to Ivar’s Salmon House; haven’t gotten a response yet.

**Supply list:**

At LIHI’s request, Northlake has voted and agreed to email the regular supply request list on the 1st and 15th of each month. So far, partial supplies have arrived, but residents had to sift through to figure out which had arrived and which had not.

***REQUEST:*** Residents ask for a response from LIHI to their emailed supply list, detailing which supplies will arrive and which will not.

Sarah has been trying to follow up with Josh about this. Brad from LIHI stated that LIHI is prepared to respond to this request, with an emailed list from Mary, which should be by the end of the following business day.

***REQUEST:*** Northlake residents continue to request formal grievance process for LIHI and for HSD. A stated example was for issues with case manager, for which residents currently have no official complaint process.

Brad from LIHI stated that LIHI has such a grievance process. CAC would like to receive a copy in writing.

**Community activities:**

University Sunrise Rotary Club has offered to help make improvements to the camp. At the 22nd/Union camp, Sunrise helped with changes in the kitchen. Residents are discussing what improvements to ask for, and will let the Rotary Club and LIHI know what they decide.

Drum circles continue every Wednesday. During August, there will be three special days to make drums, with about 8 residents participating.

Residents thank CAC members who signed the June 24 letter to the Mayor and City Council renewing the call for mediation between HSD, LIHI and Nickelsville. Residents attended the Seattle Committee on Homelessness on Monday morning where the letter was presented. Two residents spoke in front of the committee. Residents were pleased and encouraged to hear Bruce Harrell and other council members speak publicly in favor of the mediation. Residents renew their willingness to negotiate with mediation and their hopes to get back to working together and doing well.

Graduate students from the School of Public Health at University of Washington are completing a survey/report on structure and accountability of Nickelsville’s intake rules and other discipline processes. The study took 13 weeks and involved interviews, questionnaires, focus groups and other methods.

Women in Black will stood publicly for 11 more people who died outside or by violence in King County this yer.. 120 have died this year already. The rate of outdoor deaths has been faster than last year.

On Sunday July 10, unclaimed remains will be interred by the King County Medical Examiner at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Renton. The community has friends who will be buried that day.

Northlake Village is planning another Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Nickelsville on Saturday July 13. Instead of the usual at Keystone Church, this one is planned to be in front of Northlake Village. They need tables and chairs. Jami Fecher can supply those from Gift of Grace church.

**CASE MANAGER REPORT:**

Case Manager Will Uhlig was not present for the Case Manager report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

CAC member Brooke Brod, not present at this meeting, is planning to arrange for a Food Handler training at Northlake, and at least 8 residents are interested.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jose Ruiz: LIHI’s Supportive Services Dept. does not feel involved in the LIHI-Nickelsville split. Supportive Services focuses on providing rent subsidies, rent vouchers and other housing options, as well as providing one-way transportation in some cases to other cities if individuals request it.

Peggy Hotes: Special thanks for Sarah Jones for driving down and delivering weekly Amazon food donations. If Sarah would like help, Peggy reminds that Nickelsville will find volunteers.

Special thanks also to Mike Dunn, who has been a wonderful neighbor to Nickelsville, starting from back when he heard Nickelsville was moving from Ballard to Wallingford and called Scott Morrow to ask for a tour.

Kris Ingersoll: Also thanks to Mike Dunn for being a good neighbor and providing help in a variety of ways. Also noting that some concerns were mentioned about case managers, but asserting that for the most part people like and respect Will Uhlig at Northlake.

**NEXT CAC MEETING:**

**Tuesday July 23**

**Ivar’s Salmon House, 401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, WA 98105**