

Othello Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:

Oct. 20, 2016, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Othello Village Homeless Encampment

7544 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S, Seattle – 425-615-0800

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History/Background of Othello Village

Originally, the City sited seven potential sites for the three City-sanctioned homeless encampments. The first three sites to be utilized were in Ballard, Interbay, and SoDo. The SoDo site, because of its proximity to electrical lines, proved to be unfit/unsafe for an encampment site. Meanwhile, the Low Income Housing Initiative (LIHI) had acquired two properties in the Othello neighborhood with intention to develop as affordable housing. LIHI proposed that this site be used as the third encampment while they are waiting for funding to be secured and design approval (at least two years). City approved this plan. LIHI is the property manager and provides case management services. Nickelsville is the site operator.

Othello Village Community Advisory Committee

For each of the three City of Seattle sanctioned encampments, there is a requirement that the encampment operator establishes a 7-person Community Advisory Committee. Each CAC member should represent a different stakeholder group/perspective. This group is responsible for advising on encampment operations, identifying strategies for handling community complaints/concerns.

Minutes of Meeting

- 1) In attendance:
 - a) From Low Income Housing Institute LIHI – Josh Castle staff, Case manager Stephine Enderes
 - b) From Othello Village & Nickelsville – Adonas, Viola Scott Morrow Nickelsville Staff
 - c) From Othello Village Community Advisory Committee: Dick Burkhart Pastor Ed Choi Brian Mack Mary Downs, Frank Nam (not in attendance: David Chen, Geneva Ross-Lyons, Linh Thai)

- 2) **Progress of Village Development**
 - i) 71 residents – This is full capacity.
 - ii) 18 children
 - iii) 11 families
 - iv) 5 pets

- v) 7 move ins- 7 move outs
 - vi) 2 people barred from camp
 - vii) 2 911 calls –
 - viii) 10 people a day call to access housing
- 3) Updates from Nickelodeons (aka Othello Village Residents)
- a) 4 Village showers are great! But showers are broken.
 - b) A medical van visited
 - c) Library Wi fi hot spots issued to residents and books distributed
 - d) Halloween party plan.
 - e) Wind and rain storms causes some damage to areas of campus, children’s area, and communal area. Tarps blue away, TV tent flooded.
 - f) Donations of Bibles, food, clothing continue to be donated
 - g) Needs for tarps and blankets.
 - h) Rainer Valley Community Church- Hot breakfast program, meets at Seattle Urban Academy, Union Gospel Mission – 10 -15 people come from the Village for a hot meal on Sundays. Community groups from church are encouraged to sponsor a family at the village.
 - i) Othello Village does not have electricity for its tiny homes. The Ballard encampment is experimenting with solar energy to do this.

4) LIHI Case Manager Reports

- a) Month of Sept. report
- b) 2 residents got employment, 4 permeant bars, 13 people transitioned into housing.
- c) Kids Plus organization regularly visits the site

5) Questions/Discussion

- a) What is the criteria for entrance to Othello Village?
 - i) Families need to go through LIHI- Call them or apply on the LIHI website.
 - ii) Screening through Sex offender list
 - iii) Call the Othello Village phone number (425) 615-0800 to inquire about availability
- b) How do I donate to Othello Village? Web phone etc. wish list on nickelsville web <https://sites.google.com/a/nickelsville.org/home/how-you-can-help>

Next meeting Nov 17, 2016

6) Resources

- a) Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) website – www.lihi.org
- b) Article on Othello Village opening - <https://lihi.org/2016/03/08/othello-village-tent-city-opens/>
- c) Nickelsville – www.nikelsvilleworks.org
- d) Othello Village wish list <https://sites.google.com/a/nickelsville.org/home/how-you-can-help>

- e) City of Seattle - Homeless information- <http://murray.seattle.gov/category/homelessness/#sthash.YZISNPIC.dpbs>
- f) FAQ on Seattle's response to Homelessness - <http://murray.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/11.2.15-Homelessness-FAQ.pdf>