

DRAFT MEETING NOTES – CAC APPROVAL PENDING

Othello Village Tiny House Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2018

Location: Le's Deli and Baker (at MLK & Othello)

Attendance:

Committee members: Dick Burkhart (Chair), Cortez Charles, Mary Hackney, Steve Marquardt, Eliana Scott-Thoennes

LIHI staff: Josh Castle, George Scarola, Shelby Henkel

Nicklesville staff: Scott Morrow

Othello Village residents: Bruce Gogle, Sean Smith, Anson Thomas, Aaron Williams,

Old Business

Meeting Opened at: 4:15 pm with a quorum. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Discussion on the Letter to the City of Seattle requesting extension of the 2 year time limit Othello Village by temporary permit, then a more permanent ordinance by the City Council. Dick distributed copies of the letter he had drafted.

The discussion focused on collaborative efforts, including strategy and ways the Committee could engage the involvement of other community organizations and individuals to support Othello Village. Points to be made: (1) Othello Village has been a received as part of the Othello community with little or no complaint. (2) Village residents do regular cleanup patrols and have assisted several community projects, adding security to the area by perceptive “eyes on the street”.

A very short term permit will be followed by a 6 month permit, to give the City Council time to prepare an ordinance that could just extend the 2 year time limit or provide some kind of periodic review or other mechanism.

This is time sensitive, so Dick will draft a petition, with introduction, to which the CAC letter could be attached, to be endorsement by individuals or organizations, or used to inform their own letters. The letter was passed unanimously by the committee.

New Business

Second Letter to the City of Seattle: Scott had drafted a letter to address the desire by Nickelsville staff and residents for more direct involvement in city decision making in regard to Othello Village and other tiny house communities. After a brief discussion this second letter was also adopted unanimously by the Committee. Dick will send both letters to the city.

Othello Village Reports:

Occupancy: 42 Men, 14 Women, 4 Children, 6 Pets.

Heartfelt report from a Village resident whose brother was hit by a car and died while riding his bike for a visit.

The Village had a positive write up in the Washington Post.

Announcements:

OSCAT meeting will be tonight at the Mercy Housing community room at 7pm.

Cynda Rochester at New Holly Gathering Hall, March 15, 2018 at 6pm: Program on community design to decrease crime.

Charles Cortez was introduced as the newest member to the CAC

Next CAC Meeting: April 12, 2018 at 4pm at Le's Deli and Bakery