Othello Village Tiny House

Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, April 12th, 2018

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

**Attendance:**

**Committee members:** Dick Burkhart (Chair), Mary Hackney, Steve Marquardt, Jesiah Wurtz

**City**: George Scarola, Karen Ko

**LIHI staff**: Josh Castle

**Nicklesville staff**:  Scott Morrow

**Othello Village residents**: Bruce Gogle, Sean Smith, Keith Johnson, Brad Robishaw

**Meeting Opened** at:  4:05 pm with a quorum.  The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Discussion on the letters sent to the City of Seattle**

1. Letter sent by CAC requesting extension of the 2 year time limit for Othello Village, first by temporary permit, then a more permanent ordinance by the City Council. Kathy Nyland at Seattle DON acknowledged receipt.
2. Letter from for the CAC asking for a more direct voice by the Nickelodeans in matters affecting them. No response yet.

**Community Engagement**

General discussion of opportunities to solicit local support for Othello Village staying in place: OSCAT signed a letter in support of Othello Village. Jasmine Su (manager of Esperanza Apts and Girl Scout regional leader) is in support and wants to help with residents’ needs. Upcoming opportunities to solicit support include “Beautify Othello” neighborhood cleanup on May 12, Housing for All Coalition meeting April 16th 6:30 -8:30 PM at Emerald City Bible Fellowship

**Case Manager Report**: Case manager was ill, report will be forthcoming by e-mail

**Othello Village Reports:**

Occupancy:  34 Men, 17 Women, 12 Children,  several Pets.

Othello Village is proud to have won the “Spring Cleanup Day” competition for most trash removed among the four Nickelsville encampments.

King County had 32 homeless deaths by violence and exposure to date in 2018. One Nickelodean told the heartbreaking story of homeless friend who recently died from exposure.

**Next CAC Meeting:**  May 10th, 2018 at 4pm at Le’s Deli and Bakery, or at Mary’s church (at 43rd & Othello) if this can be arranged.