

## **Nickelsville Ballard Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

2:30 PM, April 19, 2017

### **Location:**

Cheryl Chow Court  
2014 NW 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
Seattle, WA 98107

### **In Attendance:**

#### **From Nickelsville:**

Scott Morrow, Andrew Constantino and Leo Kay

#### **From the Community Advisory Committee:**

Jean Darsie, Martha Dilts, and Mike Stewart

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### **Operations Update:**

A Nickelodeon was assaulted at the camp by her partner, he had threatened her and harmed her before and she reported him to the police on the 7th. Police came and they sent her to the hospital. With Ali from LIHI's help she filed a restraining order the next day. While she was away he returned to camp, very angry, police had to be called again.

Nickelsville addresses what happens in a domestic violence situation. We take this matter very seriously, and will do all that is required to keep our residents safe.

A resident was barred for drinking and blacking out at the security shack. Emergency services were called and the resident was taken to the hospital. Is there an appeal process? Yes, process is described in detail by Staff. Are other options for shelter offered when the village has to ask someone to leave? Yes, referrals are always provided when a resident is asked to leave.

Will, an older long time camper, went for a bike ride which is common for him. He uncommonly returned after only ten minutes complaining of severe chest pains. Nickelodeons sprang into action to help him and called emergency services. Will was transported to the hospital with what turned out to be a lung issue. His belongings and tent are saved for his return.

A group from Australia visited and is interested in doing Tiny Houses Villages. Lots of food donations arriving daily. Our friends who did the solar for Ballard Village have brought some units to Othello Village over the past few weeks.

### **Tax the Rich event with Mike O'Brien**

Nickelodeons attended and Matt, a camp leader, spoke (Nickelsville co-sponsored the event). Friendly talk about what this tax is. It's a progressive income tax on unearned income above

250,000. Nickelodeons hope some of the money raised would go to more Tiny House Encampments.

Have there been complaints from Neighbors regarding Ballard Village? None.

The PODS, new smaller Tiny House, who is working on these? LiHi's Brad Gerber is our contact about these POD units. They are relatively inexpensive compared to tiny houses, well-insulated, and can be taken down/put up in just 30 minutes with a screw gun. Nickelsville is also exploring this option for the remaining tents at Othello Village.

### **Update on the Georgetown Village.**

CAC members chosen and the meeting should start in May.

New residents, who have been swept, are referred from REACH.

Does Ballard get referrals from REACH? Its 1st come 1st serve, so possible but not in a structured way like Georgetown.

Lichton Springs, the new low barrier encampment, is fully staffed by SHARE. They do have dorms so locals may spend the night, Nickelsville has not yet adopted this. The compromise reached was the dorms are used for local homeless folks and REACH will fill the houses. This seems to be working smoothly.

Following up on interest expressed the previous CAC meeting, Nickelsville handed out the coordinated entry survey. It incentivizes vulnerability. Numerous shocking questions posed about how this affects residents trying to hold their own accountability and take a hand up instead of a hand out.

Nickelsville greatly opposes the Whack a' Mole policy the city is utilizing while conducting these Sweeps.

Seattle Camp Stewards are trying to Stop the Sweeps by cleaning up unsanctioned encampments!

No new information from the city about a new site for the Ballard Nickelsville.,

### **Nickelsville Pet Policy**

Do we accept all breeds of dogs? Yes, Nickelsville try's very hard to keep families together, including pets. We closely monitor all pets on site.

Jean wants to know about us staying on for another year. The new PODS may increase support.

Resources:

- [www.homelessremembrance.org](http://www.homelessremembrance.org)
- [www.washington.edu/community/homelessness/](http://www.washington.edu/community/homelessness/)
- [www.nickelsvilleworks.org](http://www.nickelsvilleworks.org)