Ballard Community Advisory Committee Meeting
October 10th, 2017
Location: Cheryl Chow Court @ 2:30PM – 3:30PM

In Attendance:

From Nickelsville: Annie A., Todd, Michael A., Audelle H.

From Nickelsville Staff: Scott Morrow, Charmaine Min

From the Community Advisory Committee: Mike Stewart, Jean Darsie, Martha P.,

From the City of Seattle: Lisa Gustaveson, Tom Van Bronkhorst, and George Scarola

From Low Income Housing Institute: Alireza Sharekian

Operations Report

Current Census: 22 Residents, 13 Men, 8 Women, 1 Child, 3 Pets

5 Move-ins and 5 Move-outs. 3 Permanent Bars – 2 drunk twins, 1 woman for drug use.

Neighbors have complained about a gentleman yesterday who has uncontrolled outbursts. He has ben permanently barred and he has received housing. No official complaints on the incident.

A neighbor had emailed Scott Morrow, complained about loud music (Black Sabbath). The situation has been remedied.

Low Income Housing Institute Case Manager Update:

1 resident has changed from full time to part time employment. Unfortunately, no one has received permanent housing as of this month.

Updates from the City & Questions and Concerns regarding Ballard's Upcoming Move:

On Friday, Councilmember O'Brien had spoken to Scott Morrow, saying that he had heard that there was a potential site that would make everyone happy.

There is a preliminary site plan and can show that all of the square footage can be utilized for the new site on 4th. Unfortunately it will not be ready by November 17th as it will take approx. 90 days to demolish, speak to the community, etc.

Lynn from Seattle City Light, advised that it would cost approximately $0.5 million to install drainage plumbing on the site that is two lots away from the proposed future site.

There is an active rectifier on the property that is 3 feet. This is an active yard and for Seattle City Light, it would cost the city a lot of money for the industrial lot. No drainage is necessary for the 8000 sq. ft. site, unless Seattle City Light decides to flip the Northlake site into an active yard which would cost about $500,000.00.

The City is well aware that there is no perfect site, however George Scarola advised that we need a working relationship as there will be other encampments that will need relocating in the spring.
Updates from the City & Questions and Concerns regarding Ballard’s Upcoming Move Cont’d:

What's the status for this particular site? What is the city going to do to commit to water, sewage, and garbage on the new site?

The new site will have plumbed water so having no water will not be an issue.

An old potential site that was previously rejected by Nickelsville due to various reasons, is currently ready to go. The City was told in the past that it was not doable at all. The layout of this site is very similar to the N.L. site. The City (Lisa Gustaveson & George Scarola) will work with Nickelsville Ballard when they decide to move from Ballard.

George Scarola advised that, “Should stop arguing about this site, just take it, and make it the best site as we possibly can.”

What assurances can the city make to ensure that the site will indeed be 8000 sq ft?

Looked at the topography etc. and it looks like it would most likely be able to use majority of the 8000 sq. ft.

Just assigned the project manager. They feel that the construction/demolition will take about 3 weeks.