

Nickelsville Othello Village
Community Advisory Committee

Notes:

February 16th, 2017

Location: Le's Deli & Bakery, SE corner of MLK and Othello

(Next Meeting March 16th, Same Time, Same Place)

In attendance:

- From Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI): Stephanie Endres, Kenneth Fowler
- From Nickelsville: Sean Smith, D'Arion Daniel, Qualia Roach, Scott Morrow & Andrew Constantino
- From The City of Seattle: Frank Nam (Department of Neighborhoods)
- From The Community Advisory Committee: Dick Burkhart, David Chen, Mary Downs

- Not in attendance: Brian Mack, Pastor Ed Choi, Genevieve Ross- Lyons, Josh Castle, Linh Thai

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Progress of Village Development (Kennith)

1. New LIHI on-site coordinator, Kenneth, is catching up.
2. His focus will be on keeping the village running smoothly and fixing things.
3. Should "development" focus more on future plans for Othello?
4. The camp is done as far as construction.
5. Electric installed in the Tiny Houses.
6. Nickelodeons will report further.
7. Does LIHI do maintenance of the houses and grounds? Yes, in combination with the Nickelodeons themselves.
8. Does LIHI buy/supply the Village? Yes, needs are determined by campers and submitted to LIHI.

Case Manager Updates (Stephanie)

1. Slow month this month. 3 people housed.
2. LIHI averaging 16 housing placements a month.
3. From the opening of Othello Village, last March, until now, 130 people have gotten housing or been reunited with family.
4. The City's goal was 20-25 people.
5. 80% of people go into LIHI housing as the Case Managers are quickly aware of openings.
6. 30+ people have signed up for Section 8 vouchers.
7. Mercy, Othello building applications have been put in for those who qualify. Are families preferred? Not to our knowledge, there are income requirements, over a certain amount, under another.
8. Many people have gotten into Martin Court.
9. Do you help people with things other than housing? Yes, all forms of identification, one time Orca cards filled, United Way flexible funds used, anything that will help people get into housing. Past eviction fees can be paid, transportation to doctor appointments, it depends on the needs of the individual.
10. Do you only work with Othello Village? No, also with 22nd & Union in the central district.
11. What number of campers have cars? Usually about 5 at any given time. Parking is allowed at the LIHI apartments next door.
12. LIHI sometimes has funds that are flexible enough to help with gas or a minor fix to a vehicle.

Updates from the Nickelodeons (Sean, D'Arion, Qualia)

1. 67 residents, 53 adults, 14 children, 9 families.
2. There was 1 emergency call this month (mental health crisis).
3. KOMO came out to film the electric being turned on.
4. The Guardian interviewed 2 campers.
5. Heaters now in all of the houses. Safe models.
6. Nickelsville will be providing bus tickets next week! This includes an all day Light Rail Pass.
7. There have been over 200 adults & 90 children who have stayed at Othello Village during the past 11 months. *Is this high for Seattle encampments?* Yes, this is very high.
8. Next month will be one year Othello Village has been open!
9. Nickelsville Georgetown will be open soon. Nickelodeons from Othello, Ballard & Union are helping to start the new village.
10. *Are the Tiny Houses already built?* Many of them are (20+), others will be built on site.

11. *Why would any current campers choose to move to Georgetown?* Location may be better for them, seeing the value of the villages, wanting to help start a new one for the benefit of more people & the self managed nature of the Nickelsville organization, the campers are involved in all levels of decision making.
12. Vancouver B.C. visiting at the end of this month with a large group, they are interested in doing a Tiny House Village.
13. Blankets are the biggest ongoing need at Othello Village.
14. *How can we be more involved?* Contact Nickelsville staff, come to a camp meeting to present ideas you may have or volunteer with LIHI!

Resources

www.seattletimes.com/opinion/tiny-houses-have-a-big-impact/

www.kiro7.com/news/local/seattles-newest-tiny-house-village-will-shelter-40-homeless-families/499111085

www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/portland-responds-after-4-homeless-people-die-in-cold-snap/

www.homelessremembrance.org

www.washington.edu/community/homelessness/

www.nickelsvilleworks.org