

# **Nickelsville Ballard Community Advisory Committee Minutes**

**February 13th, 2017**

**Location:** Cheryl Chow Court 2014 NW 57th St, Seattle, WA 98107

## **In attendance:**

- From Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) - Arthur Warmoth & Gary Norton
- From Nickelsville - Annie Adan, Jeremy Herr, Andrew Constantino & Scott Morrow
- From Ballard Community Advisory Committee - Mike Stewart, Martha Dilts, Rev. Kathleen Weber, Eric Nelson, Jean Darsie, Jen Muzia
- From City of Seattle - Thomas Whitemore (Department of Neighborhoods)

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- Website: [www.nickelsvilleworks.org](http://www.nickelsvilleworks.org)

## **Call to Order & Introductions**

### **Operations Report**

#### **A) Resident Updates**

- 1) 39 Unique Individuals stayed at the encampment this period.
- 2) Current Census: 24 Adults, 2 Children, 5 Women, 2 Families, 1 Dog.
- 3) 1 Emergency call this period: barred camper refused to leave.

- 4) 4 Temporary Bars (failure to meet camp obligations.)
- 5) 2 Permanent Bars (1 harassment of fellow camper, 1 failure to leave camp when asked by Head of Security.)
- 6) *How long are Temporary Bars?* Depends on the situation and if the behaviour is habitual or not. Bars are usually for 3-7 days; additional chores are tried first.
- 7) The Bar for harassment: making unwanted advances towards a female camper at the site. Warnings were given beforehand.
- 8) The Bar for refusal to leave: began as a 3 day Bar for missing a Security but the camper refused to respect the decision.
- 9) *Are people being turned away?* Yes, openings at Nickelsville Ballard rarely last 24 hours. Nickelodeons try to refer (offering phone numbers, directions, sometimes even bus fare) people they cannot take to other options such as Tent City 3.
- 10) Solar is now on all units that want it (Tents & Tiny Houses.) The first units installed are being upgraded as well.
- 11) *How strong are the solar panels & what do they power?* Fully charged they provide about 4 hours of power, each is connected to a strip of LED lights (very bright!) on the ceiling and a small charging station (phones.) *Who paid for / installed this?* The Ballard Rotary Club; a pilot program they would like to see countrywide.
- 12) A neighbor donated a new generator which very quiet.
- 13) A new Nickelsville camp will open in Georgetown soon!
- 14) Nickelsville has been accepted to the reduced rate bus ticket program. We will be providing Nickelodeons with 2 bus tickets per day within a week.
- 15) Pastor Gar Mickelson visits again from Idaho; working towards setting up a Tiny House Village modelled after the self-managed Nickelsville community. *How do groups / people arrange tours?* Some simply show up at the camp, others contact Nickelsville staff and staff brings the interest to the weekly camp meeting.
- 16) Mobile Medical Van continues to visit monthly.

## **B) Community Complaint Review & Response**

- 1) *Any new complaints?* Yes, “Does the camp have the permit renewed yet?”
- 2) Scott forwarded the complaint to the City; the renewed permit was sent shortly thereafter! Current permit will come to an end in November.

### **C) Data Collection Metrics**

- 1) End of 2016: Ballard Nickelsville Encampment Statistics Report submitted by Arthur & reviewed.
- 2) 20% exit to stable housing.
- 3) Discussion on “length of stay.” Monthly ongoing makes sense; such as length of stay for exits the current month. A yearly report would be helpful too.
- 4) Formatting on “race” slightly askew on printed report.
- 5) *Should this report be posted on the website? How do the other CAC members feel about it?* Yes, it should. Paired with the Nickelsville report would be ideal.
- 6) *Can the minutes be prepared within a week?* Yes.

### **D) Case Management Updates**

- 1) Case Manager not present today.
- 2) Nickelodeons report 2 campers got into a transitional housing program through Orion Center; 2 other campers moved to Nickelsville Tiny House Village on 22nd & Union and 1 camper moved to LA to join friends.
- 3) Section 8 housing vouchers now available, many have signed up.
- 4) Last meeting we spoke about categories of services and the percent of Nickelodeons accessing these. Arthur e-mailed a list of the services a case manager can provide.
- 5) The encampments were set up with the notion that case management was an important part of the sites goal of helping people; reporting 100% of campers participate on some level with

case management is not enough. More detail could show whether sanctioned encampments have a higher rate of housing & employment.

- 6) Could LIHI give a report on this; what is working? What is not working? There are roughly 15 categories; this should be enough detail.
- 7) We cannot be expected to *dig deep* in these meetings but it is important to understand whether the encampment is helping people. Mike will e-mail Ali & ask for him to add detail.
- 8) *Is drug/alcohol treatment a service?* Yes, under 'health'.

### **Website Management/Updates**

- A) Website updates, any volunteers to help with this? Jen will.
- B) Meeting minutes need faster approval. *Is there an urgency to get the minutes posted?* Yes, the community wants less delay.
- C) *Shall we post the minutes as a draft (pre-approved)?* No, the minutes need to be submitted for approval & approved before posting. *Who will volunteer to help with getting the minutes approved faster?* Martha offers to help with this.
- D) *Shall we post the Nickelsville report & LIHI data first?* Yes, report & data first with minutes to follow a few days later is fine, though it may be easier to post all at once.
- E) The Nickelsville report & LIHI data are for different periods of time; Nickelsville's report is from meeting to meeting for the most up-to-date information available; LIHI data is based on calendar months. *Should the Nickelsville report work on calendar months?* This would cause a delay in information; as long as the period of time is clear it should be fine as is. *Is everyone comfortable with this?* Yes.

### **New Business**

- A. *Could this group help with the CAC groups needed for the new encampment?* The City felt this could be beneficial.

- B.** Perhaps the Ballard CAC could create a one page report on what it has learned for the benefit of future groups.
- C.** *Would any Ballard CAC members be willing to attend the first CAC meeting for the new encampments?* Considered.
- D.** *What is meant by “ongoing media interest” in the Nickelsville report?* Stories written about the Ballard camp are included in the packet submitted at CAC meetings.
- E.** Minutes from the last meeting accepted by vote.
- F.** **Next meeting Monday March 13th at 2:30pm.**

## **Public Comment Period**

***A. Time offered for public comments.***

## **Adjourn**

## **Resources**

<http://ourundercurrents.com/homeless-find-temporary-homes-seattles-nickelsvilles/>

[www.facebook.com/nickelsvilleworks/](http://www.facebook.com/nickelsvilleworks/)

[www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/mayor-murray-to-announce-locations-of-3-new-homeless-camps-in-seattle/](http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/mayor-murray-to-announce-locations-of-3-new-homeless-camps-in-seattle/)

<http://rotaryclubofballard.org/projects.php>

<https://ballardnickelsville.wordpress.com>

[www.ballardfoodbank.org/](http://www.ballardfoodbank.org/)

[www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/homeless-health/mobile-medical-care.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/homeless-health/mobile-medical-care.aspx)