

Nickelsville Ballard Community Advisory Committee Minutes

March 13th, 2017

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

In attendance:

- From Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) - Arthur Warmoth & Ali Sharekian
- From Nickelsville - Annie Adan, Jeremy Herr, Andrew Constantino & Scott Morrow

- From Ballard Community Advisory Committee - Mike Stewart, Eric Nelson, Jean Darsie, Jayson Morris
- From City of Seattle - Thomas Whittemore (Department of Neighborhoods)
- Not in Attendance - Jen Muzia, Martha Dilts, Rev. Kathleen Weber

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Call to Order & Introductions

Operations Report

A) Resident Updates

- 1) 34 Unique Individuals stayed at the camp this period.
- 2) Currently: 25 adults, 6 women, 2 children, 2 pets.
- 3) 3 permanent bars (2 for drugs, one for refusal to leave after camp issued a temporary bar, resulting in a police call). *Any questions about the reasons for these bars?* No.
- 4) 6 temporary bars (failure to meet camp obligations). *Any questions about these bars?* Yes, what is a “temporary bar”, how long, where do they go? *A temporary bar can last 1-7 days (rarely longer), afterwards the camper is welcome to return, the camp will offer information about other shelter options while bar is being served.*
- 5) Nickelsville Georgetown groundbreaking last week! 3 Tulalip Houses placed (like those given to Ballard). Chairperson of the Tulalip Tribe, Mel Sheldon gave a moving speech.
- 6) Mike O’Brien spoke at the ceremony. Georgetown Community Council Vice Chairperson Kelly Welker, Sharon Lee, Melinda Nichols, George Scarola & Kshama Sawant’s aide also spoke. A positive reception from the local community.
- 7) Sean Smith & Tatiyana Kensington represented Nickelsville & spoke about their experiences living at encampments.
- 8) *How many Tiny Houses are planned for the Georgetown site?* There will be 37 Tiny Houses & the only tents will be dorm-style.
- 9) *Are we seeing any influx from the sweep of “The Field” camp to Nickelsville, Nickelsville Ballard specifically?* No, there hasn’t been anyone yet who has mentioned staying there.
- 10) Mark Buick, from the Ballard Rotary Club, who organized solar power at the Ballard camp is now interested in bringing it to Georgetown & Othello Village. *Could he be contacted about what the costs involved are?* Yes, we will provided contact information.
- 11) Neighbors who have been bringing hot meals to the camp (The Women from Ballard), plan on doing 2 meals a month going forward.
- 12) The Road to Nickelsville documentary by filmmaker Derek McNeill, had a free screening for Nickelodeons yesterday. Jean from

the Ballard CAC attended as well. Beautifully shot & from the perspective of individuals. The start of the Ballard camp is seen at the end of the film. *How can we get this shown to the greater Ballard community?* Discussion, Library showing possible?

13) *Where did the filmmaker get the inspiration to create this?*

Derek, at the screening, said the local news sparked his interest, seeing a cluster of pink tents (Nickelsville's color) he thought, this is not a handful of people but an organized community.

14) Nickelsville has been providing bus tickets, camp Leadership distributes them, 2 per camper, per day when needed.

15) Ballard site permit expires in November, no preparations have been made yet, we love Ballard but Nickelsville will honor its agreement to only seek one extension. Hopefully we can get a list of possible sites to move to.

16) *Thomas is on point with this.* He will have to consult with Sola. *A large part of the dust up about the encampment first being sited in Ballard was the short notice, we should be thinking about this NOW in order to give community notification. Thomas would you be willing to look into this?* Yes.

17) Visitors from San Jose, interested in starting their own camp tour Ballard, ask questions, take photos, donate food to the camp.

B) Community Complaint Review & Response

1) *Any new complaints?* No.

C) Data Collection & Metrics

1. February isn't complete yet, still being worked on.

D) Case Management Updates

- 1) 1 Ballard camper got housing in South Seattle. LIHI also provided a furniture voucher. LIHI can help with many move in costs, even outstanding landlord debt which may be a barrier to housing.
- 2) Until Nickelsville got accepted to discounted bus ticket program, LIHI had been paying full price and because of this was only able to provide residents with 4 tickets a week.
- 3) *How many residents meeting with the Case Manager at least once a week?* Between 15-18 meet with Ali every week.
- 4) *This point has been made by the CAC before, demonstrating that Case Managed encampments help move people into housing & increase access to services would be invaluable.* The services accessed and reported by the Case Manager will be reflected by HMIS.
- 5) *Knowing the City's expectations for Case Management would be helpful.* The Othello Village Case Manager reported, at their CAC, that the City anticipated 20-25 people being connected to housing, which was far exceeded (100+). *How much larger is Othello Village?* Othello usually has 70 residents, including children.
- 6) Arthur will report the information that Ali provides seen through HMIS.

Website Management/Updates

1. New website planned for the City seattle.gov/homeless-response/ there will be a tab for each of the encampments. *Will this replace existing websites?* Sounds like it will but we will maintain the Ballard site for as long as the camp exists. Feel free to ask Mike for any help or advice.
2. Ballard CAC would be a good model for the new CAC's being formed for Georgetown & North 88th.

New Business

1. Does anyone know where Operation Nightwatch will move? The new Navigation Center will be sited there.

Public Comment Period

1. **Time offered for comment or questions.**
2. **Sally asks: When the Case Manager finds residents housing is that through Coordinated Entry?** *No, not yet, they are back logged at the moment. LIHI has not been told they must go through Coordinated Entry at the moment. Catholic Community Services will help with CE in Ballard. No encampment is required to use Coordinated Entry yet.*
3. **We would like to see the Nickelsville residents well served.** *Nickelsville has gone on record as having many concerns over Coordinated Entry. The questions asked are intensely personal & the system incentivises vulnerability, this information is then linked to the persons identity. **CAC members would like to see the questions.** Nickelsville will forward them over.*

Minutes of today's meeting to be submitted by 03/21/17

Next Meeting Will Be April 10th at 2:30pm

Adjourn

Resources

www.lihi.org

www.facebook.com/nickelsvilleworks/

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/