

Othello Village Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 27nd, 2017

Le's Deli & Bakery, 4219 S. Othello

Call to Order: 6:30PM

CAC Members Attending: Dick Burkhart

Permitted Encampment Members in Attendance: Elka, Eddie, DJ, Mitze, Scott Morrow (Nickelsville)

Operator Representative in Attendance: Kenneth (LIHI)

City of Seattle Staff in Attendance: Tom Van Bronkhorst (DON)

Recorder/Note Taker: Tom Van Bronkhorst (DON)

Previous Meeting Notes Approved: Yes

Previous Meeting Notes Posted: Yes

CAC Member Reports: No Report

Progress/Case Management Report:

- The camp is currently full.
- In July camp had 16 move-ins and 15 move-outs.
- A family of seven transferred to the Georgetown Village encampment.
- A mother and her son moved into permanent housing.
- A single camper secured permanent housing on the 25th of July.
- Two campers gained full-time employment; three campers gained part-time employment.

Operations Report:

- Current residents include: 56 adults; 2 women; 9 children; 11 families; 5 couples; and 5 veterans.
- Camp Kindness Counts visited the encampment and hosted a 2 hour play time with kids from the encampment as well as other children. Over 50 kids in attendance. Event was held at nearby Othello Park.
- Shower mobile visited the encampment. Issues with the shower water flow and draining was resolved by continuing to use the portable toilets separate from the shower units.
- Seattle Public Library Book Mobile visited the encampment offering WI-FI hotspots for extended check-outs. This allows camp residents to get internet access. The book mobile visits about every two months.
- A nearby Buddhist temple has been delivering either a hot meal or sandwiches on Fridays. They are also supporting the Georgetown Village sanctioned encampment.
- Saw Horse Revolution delivered a new security shack to the camp this past week.
- Camp life has been very stable in recent weeks. More of the campers are participating in chores, security duty and Litter Busting activities.
- Three weeks ago (with daytime temperatures in the mid-80s) there were 12 fans delivered to the encampment.

SPD Report:

- No reported 9-1-1 calls made from or about the encampment.
- One issue reported: A previously banned camper engaged a current camper in a verbal argument at Othello Park. The current camper was banned as a result of this interaction. Camp rules state that current campers are not to interact with or contact banned campers within 6 blocks of the encampment.

New Business:

- Discussion and update on potential new sites for the encampment. Mr. Burkhart encouraged the City to look at Sound Transit property along MLK Way. It was also noted that the Seattle Housing Authority has a lot just North of the King Plaza where they park trucks.
- Campers will be attending the Tax The Rich – Victory Party on Sunday 7/30 in Columbia City.
- Andrew Constantino has joined the Licton Springs Village staff.
- Nicklesville and LIHI are working to recruit new members to the CAC.
- Discussion of meal calendar. Nicklesville staff without sufficient capacity to organize meal calendar or solicit meals from local businesses or neighbors. Notes that this community has been very generous in the past and that the will is there to contribute.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, September 21st, 2017 (no meeting in August)
- Location to be determined. Mr. Burkhart to check on possible use of community room at Mercy Othello Plaza.

Adjournment: 7:30 PM