



Seattle

You are invited to a public meeting about a new permitted tiny structure village in your neighborhood.

As a part of the City of Seattle's response to the homelessness crisis, a permitted, managed encampment will be established at 3814 4th Ave NE. The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) in partnership with Nickelsville will operate and manage the encampment. City officials will join LIHI in sharing information about encampment operations and answering your questions.

Community Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th

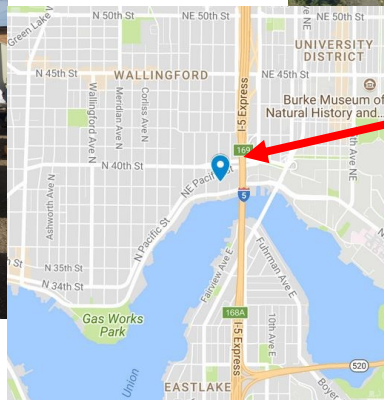
6:30 – 8:00 PM

UW Fisheries Building — Auditorium 102

1122 NE Boat Street



Volunteers prepare tiny houses for the Othello permitted encampment.



3814 4th Ave NE property.

For more information visit: seattle.gov/homelessness

Or contact: George Scarola, Director of Homelessness

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Frequently Asked Questions

How was this property selected? The City completed an assessment of available properties to identify those that were suitable and geographically distributed across the city. The sites had to meet the requirements of the existing encampment ordinance, including location in non-residential zones, proximity to transit, and minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet, among other criteria. Northlake property is owned by Seattle City Light, has the physical capacity to support an encampment community, is close to public transit, and located in a non-residential zone.

How long does the permitted encampment stay in one place? Permitted encampments can operate for 12-months with an option for an additional 12-month extension. Each site must be vacant for one year between use. The City is currently hosting six permitted encampments in Othello, Ballard, West Seattle, Interbay, Georgetown and North Seattle for 300 people on any given night. The Northlake site will host the Nickelsville encampment community that has been located in the Ballard neighborhood for two years.

What is the timeline for this project? We expect to have the residents move onto the property during the month of December 2017.

Who do I call if I have a question or concern? While the Northlake site is being planned, please contact George Scarola, Director of Homelessness (george.scarola@seattle.gov). Once the encampment is opened, the community should contact the operator directly. The contact information will be shared at the community meetings.

Who makes up the rules for each encampment? The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) is contracted to operate the permitted encampments, and they selected Nickelsville to oversee the day-to-day management of the program. The encampment is governed by a set of rules and a Code of Conduct, developed by Nickelsville, which each resident must read, sign and agree to abide by. This will be an alcohol and drug free encampment. The Code of Conduct for each site is posted on the www.seattle.gov/homelessness web site.

What oversight will be provided at the encampment? LIHI and Nickelsville are responsible for safety and security within the camp. Residents are screened for acceptance and must follow camp rules to stay. Banned residents will not be allowed to return to camp or to illegally camp in proximity to the City-owned sites. Residents have access to necessary services like case management and medical treatment to help them transition out of homelessness into permanent housing.

What happens if there is a problem at the camp? Two security workers (members of the camp) are on duty at the front desk 24/7, for three-hour shifts. Security workers monitor activities in the camp and respond to inquiries from both residents and interested community members. They also perform scheduled perimeter checks, neighborhood patrols and trash cleanups.

How can I help? Neighbors and businesses have generously supported other managed encampments in the City through donations of food and clothing. The camp operator will share information at the community meeting about how best to get involved.

The Camp will also establish an on-going Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will provide input on encampment operations. Members of the CAC will include the operator, business and community members and encampment residents. The Committee meets monthly and meeting notes are posted on the City of Seattle's Homeless Response website (www.seattle.gov/homelessness).

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