



Kwayatsut Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes August 6, 2015

Location: 2465 Fraser St. Vancouver. BC

Invitees Attend: Bold names indicate in attendance

Community Representatives

- Jocelyne Hamel MPNH
- Bill Briscall MPNH
- Leyda Molner Kingsgate Mall
- Lynn Warwick MPBIA
- Tina Tews Boys & Girls Club
- Tanniar Leba La Boussole
- **Don Gardener** Strata/Resident
- J-M Toriel Resident
- Megan Reiter Resident
- Ed Henderson Resident
- Jaydene Cormier Resident
- Darcy Riddell Resident
- Sam Wood Youth Tenant Rep
- Don Doucette Adult Tenant Rep

Partner Representatives

- **Michelle Vernooy** *City of Vancouver*
- Ali Gailus *VPD*
- Jose Abundo *VPD*
- Chris Taulu *Community Policing Centre*
- **Partap Sahota**(Alternate)*Community Policing Centre*
- **Jim Easte** *Community Policing Centre*
- Darryl Newton *Community Policing Centre*
- **Teresa Campos** *VCH-Raven Song*
- Justin Loveless *VCH-Raven Song*
- **Justin Sekiguchi** *BC Housing*

Pacific Community Resource Services Rep

- Allison Parker BYRC
- **Paul Chartier** *BYRC Youth Housing Program*
- **Zach Batalden** *BYRC Youth Housing Program*

Vancouver Native Housing Society Representatives

- **Dave Eddy** *CEO*
- **Jody Puff** *COO*
- **Tamara Stremble** *Building Manager*
- **Robert Wilmot** *Consultant/Minute Taker*

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1. Approval of Agenda
 2. Approval of Minutes



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3. Partner Updates
4. Successes
5. Action Items
6. Other Business
7. Next Meeting

Note: These notes have been prepared to capture the essence of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim record. **Community member advice/questions are noted in bold italics.**

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm. Meeting chaired by Jody Puff.

- 1. Approval of Agenda.** Agenda moved by Don Gardiner and seconded by Justin Sekiguchi.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Justin Sekiguchi moved approved minutes of the June 4 meeting and seconded by Don Gardiner.

In answer to a CAC member's question about Jack Spitz, the Chair advised Jack was no longer with VNHS and was pursuing personal priorities.

3. Partner Updates

VNHS-

- The Guest Ban has been lifted. After first testing the Visitor policy for 2 weeks with allowing day time visits, full visiting privileges have been made available and from all reports received, tenants, staff and visitors are pleased. Any issues have been quickly resolved.
- The June 26 Grand Opening was very successful with many community members and others attending the festivities and touring the building. Many visitors commented on the building and suites and enjoyed meeting some tenants. It appears much of any "stigma" around having people at risk of homelessness in the community was significantly reduced.
- One suite is currently empty and it expected it will be filled by mid-August.
- A breakfast program is operating 4 days per week (3 days at MPNH and 1 at Kwayatsut). An hour of programming is attached to the breakfast. Other programming currently in place include: Journaling, Computer Literacy, Tea with Elders, Beading, Gardening, Cedar Weaving. Future plans include drum making.
- Due to savings from vacant staff positions, BC Housing has approved using surplus funds for programming. Tenants are currently being surveyed around the range of programs they'd like to see (Health, Nutrition, Arts/Crafts/Indigenous Culture).

BC Housing-

- As noted above, there is one vacancy in the building and BCH is working with VNHS to fill the vacancy.

City of Vancouver-

- There hasn't been a lot of interest from businesses or others to fill the vacant CRUs in the building. In response to a question about the Aboriginal Policing Centre filling the space, it appears the APC is unable to pay full market price and the City wants full market rent for the CRU.

BYRC-



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- Tyler is no longer working at BYRC and Zach Batalden is the new Youth Housing Supervisor.
- Summer programming is underway at the Centre with weekly outings to Playland, Beaches etc.
- A new youth employment training program SHIFT, funded by Virgin Mobile, will begin August 17. SHIFT is a program that will provide youth age 16 to 24, who have barriers to employment, the skills training to be able to work in warehouses and distribution centres. Youth in the program will receive 6 weeks of workshops, obtaining First Aid, WHMIS, Forklift operator, and Safe Harbour certificates and will also include financial literacy and personal job searches. Participants will then have work experience at one of PCRS's partner companies. The program is free to participants and provides participants with Job coaching and mentorship for 3 months after program completion. Participants receive paid training allowance and high quality on the job work experience.
- Working with MPNH on the upcoming Metamorfest (September 26)

COMMUNITY-

- A Ladies' Media Golf Classic is looking for donations for a Silent Auction. VNHS CEO will donate a night's accommodation at Skwachays Lodge.

VPD-

- As there wasn't a VPD rep in attendance, no report was provided.

CPC-

- The team is currently conducting a series of "Meet and Greets" with the most recent taking place at Sahalli Park. This community outreach is very popular with residents as it focuses on issues of interest to them (safety, theft from auto etc.)
- People are continually reminded to call the VPD or CPC around any issues they have (ie theft from auto, needles in parks/laneways.
- Meet and Greets will be held in several other Mt Pleasant areas over the summer.
- In response to a question, the CPC advised that VPD Officer Randy is now working with Skytrain Police and the VPD has yet to name a replacement.
- In response to another question, there have only been 3 reported incidents of shop lifting at Kingsgate Mall over the last week.

VCH-

- VCH had a booth at the Kwayatsut Grand Opening that was well visited.
- Kwayatsut staff have been referring tenants to VCH's Mental Health and Addictions programs.
- VCH staff will be meeting at Kwayatsut with staff on August 17 to talk with tenants and also meeting with staff to discuss some staff training opportunities.

4. Successes

VNHS:

- Lifting of the Guest ban;
- Increased programming;
- Working with the Builder to deal with building deficiencies;



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- Starting to work with the Resident Advisory Committee to re-establish it and will provide it with staff and other support (including incentives) and help it to define its purpose and focus.
- Coffee program continues to have high attendance (up to 30 people per day).
- Alena Pacuchova is the new Kwayatsut Property Manager.

BYRC:

- Several youth attended a recent Pow Wow in Kamloops. There are hopes a contingent may be able to travel to a Pow Wow next year in New Mexico.

BC Housing:

- Very low turnover in the building which is a very good sign for a good building.

CPC:

- Movies at Kingsgate Mall and Guelph Park on August 8 and 15.

5. Action Items-

- No reports provided.
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6. Other Business

Discussion held and agreement reached on moving the meetings from a bi monthly to a quarterly schedule.

Schedule for the rest of 2015 and 2016 will be:

Thursday November 5, 2015

Thursday February 4, 2016

Thursday May 4, 2016

Thursday August 4, 2016

Thursday November 3, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

7. NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2015

5th FLOOR, KWAYATSUT, AT 2465 FRASER STREET, AT 5:30 PM.