



Kwayatsut Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes March 4th, 2015

[CAC Meeting Notes]

Date: 5/12/2015

Location: 2465 Fraser St. Van. 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*
- Teresa Campos *VCH-Raven Song*
- Justin Sekiguchi *BC Housing*

Pacific Community Resource Services Rep

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

Vancouver Native Housing Society Representatives

- **Dave Eddy** *CEO*
 - **Shelly Hill** *COO*
 - **Jack Spitz** *Property Manager*
 - Lily Lok *Program Manager*
 - **Justine Smoke** *Community Outreach Coordinator/Facilitator*
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1. Partner Updates *Note: These notes have been prepared by the facilitator 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.*

VNHS-

- Tenant update: 84 out of 103 are occupied units. No 911 calls made. Property Manager met with the owner from the property next door 635 east Broadway. Obtained his phone number and e-mail. When asked about the property owner stated “there are no plans for re-development for 4-5 years”.

VPD-

- The city is actively involved with the property next door 635 East Broadway and with the inspections department. They issued owner a board up on tidy and graffiti order. We need the residents to be apart of the solution.
- If you see any homeless people in and around the area please call the CPC. A record is made of it and outreach will be done to follow up.

VNHS-

- Dave Eddy: CEO VNHS- Addressed some of the concerns that were raised by the CAC members regarding the rentals of CRU's and that we do advise of our recommendations of who goes in the units.

Resident-

- We have a letter going around to the mayor and city council.

VNHS-

- We differ on a few things in that letter but we agree on the idea of community police office, also agree on a community based CRU that would benefit the residents of the neighborhood and our tenants as well.

City of Vancouver-

- City of Vancouver has one CRU rented to a local business owner who already has a space in the neighborhood. It will be a coffee shop breakfast shop located on corner.
- City offered Aboriginal Community Policing the lowest rate they could but the discussion with politicians could be very helpful.
- The reason these units are sitting at market rent is to help the housing dept. to pay for the cost of purchasing the property for affordable housing.

CPC-

- Chris Taulu called into Victoria about neighboring pharmacy. It is a provincial matter in the Dept. of Health. Talked to a manager in the special investigation unit. An investigator is looking into the pharmacy.
- CPC started their patrols. They reported a lot of concerns into the city but they are finding that other people aren't phoning issues or concerns in. Residents need to phone in.

BYRC-

- 30 Youth fully tenanted. Open House Block party coming up April 17th. Youth are organizing that and will be an all day event. If anyone wants to be apart of the event contact BYRC.

Youth Tenant Rep-

- Youth had their Youth Homelessness panel and that went great.

Resident-

- Question about minutes: Who writes the minutes and when do they get approved?

VNHS-

- Yes they are approved as an agenda item but will be added next meeting



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Facilitator-

- Facilitator writes the minutes.

VNHS-

- Please email any adjustments or questions to facilitator about the minutes. And will be redistributed.
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2. Successes

MPNH-

- Shown a film at the HUB. Hosting Anne Frank Traveling Museum trained youth and seniors to do the tours.

La Boussole-

- Renovations will be done soon for the new units CRU. First two on the right side. By end of April and beginning of May will be moving into the new location.
- The outreach workers are still working in the neighborhood twice a week and if you run into anyone who is French speaking please contact us.

Resident-

- Had some successes with the letter that was sent out to the city and will be meeting with the council.
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3. Action Items-

CPC-

- The pharmacy is being looked into by investigator. (As stated above in the updates)

Resident-

- The letter has been sent out from the neighboring residents to the city of Vancouver and council pertaining to what is going to be rented downstairs. The residents wanted clarification on how the CAC or VNHS will further the support this process.

VNHS-

- As previously talked about, Dave Eddy spoke to this in the beginning of the meeting and it will be in the minutes.
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4. Other Business

Facilitator-

- Wanted to put forwarded some questions we can think about when discussing the building just so we stay on track with what our end goal(s) is/are. These questions can be addressed when we are fully tenanted and when there are guests in the building. What we want as a CAC is to be focused on the pertinent issues pertaining to this facility. Keep it focused to these questions and if there are other discussions that need the CAC's attention pertaining to other issues around the building then we can discuss that following this format.
- The following questions are:
 1. Are there any issues with the tenants or the building that you know of as people in this community? ie: Services Providers and Neighboring Residents.
 2. Are there any impacts that are going on in our building that needs to be reported?
 3. Is there anything going on in the neighborhood that may impact our tenants that the neighborhood may know of.



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Resident-

- I know most people in the neighborhood by either name or face. I haven't honestly seen anything. I am quite impressed with how things have been run so far. Nothing disruptive as we can see.

MPNH-

- Kids from BYRC and MPNH have tried to sporadically organize street sweeps.
- Last year we did an event with Keep Vancouver Spectacular in April of last year and we did that with the community for a street sweep. We want to keep this going as a community. How do we engage the whole community to do regular street sweeps?

BYRC-

- We can use the CAC as a catalyst to promote positivity within the community and for the folks within this building as well. And invite neighbors into the conversation as well.

VPD-

- Perhaps organize a movie night in the park in the can be organized in the summer.

MPNH-

- Neighborhood Small Grants from the Vancouver Foundation. There grants that are given out to residents from MPNH to hold neighborhood building activities. Can apply from anywhere from \$50-\$500. So you can Host a block party or build a garden. What MPNH encourages is that agencies to spread out the word about these grants. Or can help residents apply for grants. Due March 31st 2015.
- What do the other tenants (adults) need in terms of the community engagement?
- What can they contribute to the community and what are their talents as well?

Adult Tenant-

- The Tenants are still so new and they don't know each other as of yet. Needs to be a committee with the tenants of the building but we are still new and will get one together.

VNHS-

- When we are fully tenanted we can look at that. Next CAC we will make sure to have the Program Manager here so she can present the programs they will be offering to tenants.
- Just put out a survey to the tenants to see what they want from programming. Also the level of satisfaction. By the time we are fully tenanted we will have completed surveys and have a better idea how to answer that question.

Action Items:

VNHS- Survey Follow-Up with Outcomes. Approval of meeting minutes.

CPC- Report back to CAC with any updates on investigation with Pharmacy

CAC- Can the CAC come up with a Mission Statement as a collective group so we know what we are striving for.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Thursday April 2nd 2015 5PM-7PM* First Thursday Of every month