



## Kwayatsut Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes May 4, 2017

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Location: 2465 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC

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Invitees Attend: Bold Names indicate in attendance

### Community Representative

Jocelyn Hamel	MPNH
Bill Briscall	MPNH
Leyda Molner	Kingsgate Mall
Lynn Warwick	MPBIA
Tina Tews	Boys and Girls Club
Tanniar Leba	La Boussole
<b>Don Gardener</b>	Strata/Resident
J-M Toriel	Resident
Megan Reiter	Resident
Ed Henderson	Resident
Jaydene Cormier	Resident
Darcy Riddell	Resident
Don Doucette	Adult Tenant Rep

### Partner Representatives

<b>Michelle Vernooy</b>	City of Vancouver
Ali Gailus	VPD
Jose Abundo	VPD
Chris Taulu	Community Policing Center
Partap Sahota	Community Policing Center
<b>Jim Easte</b>	Community Policing Center
Darryl Newton	Community Policing Center
Teresa Campos	VCH-Raven Song
Justin Loveless	VCH-Raven Song
Justin Sekiguchi	BC Housing

### Pacific Community Resource Services Rep

<b>Deb Anderson</b>	BYRC Director, Vancouver Youth Services
<b>Paul Chartier</b>	BYRC Youth Housing Program
Zack Batalden	BYRC Youth Housing Program

### Vancouver Native Housing Society

Dave Eddy	CEO
Jody Puff	COO
<b>Alena Pacuchova</b>	Property Manager
Tamara Stremble	Building Manager
<b>Iga Osiecki</b>	Program Manager

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
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 a verbatim record. Community member advice/questions are noted in bold italics.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by chair Alena Pacuchova

1. **Approval of agenda.** Agenda moved by Don Gardner and Paul Chartier
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Alena moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Paul Chartier

**3. Partner Updates:**

**a. VNHS**

- VNHS has zero vacancies for adult units, there are only 2 youths units vacant
- VNHS continues to have weekly meetings with BYRC and monthly consult meetings with BC Housing and BYRC
- There are no additional building deficiencies
- Programming: There are regular monthly programs in addition to new events. Regular programs are art program; beading program, coffee club, literacy program, dinner program etc. We have new events and workshops every month such as trip to Aquarium, Science World, Stanley Park, Powwow Dancing etc. We held BBQ on Earth Day with a garden opening ceremony.
- The Christmas Dinner was greatly appreciated by residents and we would like to take this opportunity to thanks to all community partners for their support and donations
- MPNH Brunch Program is very successful with increased number of volunteers and participants
- VNHS has started a gardening program for residents. The residents may also participate in gardening within the community at the Queen Alexandria School
- Programming at VNHS including regular monthly programs and new events, as well as case management is designed to assist tenants in succeeding their goals
- The community partners are working positively and cooperatively
- The building's guest policies that are in place to ensure a quiet enjoyment, safety and security of the building and residents
- At the building, separate water meters were installed and more surveillance cameras were added to ensure the building security
- The building has achieved Leed Gold Certification, an article has been written in SABMag Spring 2017 issue

**b. BYRC**

- The housing program two year anniversary is approaching for most of youth
- There is more concern about the youth aging out and having to move out rather than the 2year agreement ending
- The youth may stay longer then 2 years due to housing crisis
- Most of the youth who move out go back to their family as there is not enough affordable housing in the Lower Mainland
- There is either a 2 year youth agreement that the youth move out after the 2 years has ended or they age out at 25. If the youths hit 25 years of age they have to end the program

- Majority of youth that are asked to leave the program before completion are due to not following the rules and policies
  - i. When they leave they usually go to shelters as there is no other housing
- There is the possibility of youth leaving the program to transition into the adult side of the building in order to keep them in the same community so they can access the same services and supports.
- One youth has been already transitioned to the adult unit, more youths are being selected based on their needs and housing criteria

**c. City of Vancouver**

- Some of the rental units are still vacant
- There are two interested parties for vacant CRU's

**d. CPC**

- Patrols are Sunday through Thursday, and there is a good community partnership
- There are 2 movie nights in the park coming up on July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>. CPC will distribute posters in the community
- There is a new MPO Mike Griffen
- The building youth are not loitering outside of the Kingsgate Mall

**4. Action Items**

- Partners recommend to hold CAC meeting once a year, Don Gardner seconds motion
  - Motion accepted
  - Next meeting is proposed for May 3, 2018 at 5:30pm

**5. Other Business**

- None

**6. Next Meeting**

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to 6:25 pm. Next meeting is proposed to be held on Thursday May 3, 2018.