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## The Fraser & Broadway COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Notes – November 12, 2014

\*\*\*\*This was an open informational meeting. The CAC will be selected by VNHS for those who expressed interest in being apart of CAC\*\*\*\*

### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the Fraser Broadway Building
3. Overview of the role of the CAC
4. Review of CAC Terms of Reference
5. CAC Community Member sign-up
6. Next steps

Attendance (Bolded names indicate attendance)

#### *Community Representatives:*

- **Don Gardner** Community resident
- **Claudia Liddle** Community resident
- **Megan Reiter** Community resident
- **J-M Toriel** Community resident
- **Darcy Riddell** Community resident
- **Kay MacIntosh** Community resident
- **Lynn Warwick** MP BIA
- **Leyda Molner** Kingsgate Mall Manager
- Demian Young VACFASS
- **Jocelyne Hamel** Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House Manager
- Simon Chicoing La Boussole
- **Tanniar Leba** La Boussole
- Lou Ripley Crisis Centre
- **Chris Taulu** Community Policing Centre Executive Director
- **Spencer Grimm** Boys & Girls Club Odyssey II
- Stan Parenteau NEC
- **Dan Guinan** Native Education College
- **Bill Briscall** Community resident
- **Teresa Campos** VCH Raven Song
- **Jann Schmidt** Mount Pleasant Elementary
- **Hope Sterling** Florence Nightingale Elementary

#### *City of Vancouver Representatives:*

- **Celine Mauboules**
- **Michelle Vernooy**
- **Vickie Morris**

#### *Vancouver City Police Representative:*

- **Jose Abundo**

- Ali Gailus

*Tenant Representatives:*

- **Grayson Wood** – Youth Tenant Rep BYRC

*BC Housing Representative:*

- **Justin Sekiguchi** – Supportive Housing Advisor

*Pacific Community Resource Centre/Broadway Youth Resource Centre Representatives:*

- **Jocelyn Helland** – Manager of BYRC & Manager Youth Services PCRS Vancouver
- **Paul Chartier** – Vancouver Housing Program Supervisor BYRC
- **Tyler Schaus** – Team lead Supervisor Youth Programming
- **Allison Parker** – Supervisor BYRC
- **Alex Brown** – Youth Housing Worker BYRC

*Vancouver Native Housing Society Representatives:*

- **David Eddy** – CEO
- **Shelly Hill** – COO
- **Jack Spitz** – Property Manager
- **Anjali Marshall** – Building Manager
- **Randy Dodginghorse** – Program Manager
- **Christine Wilson** – Tenant Support Worker
- **Justine Smoke** – Community Outreach Coordinator & CAC Co-Facilitator

*Co-Facilitator:*

- **Raymond Penner** – The Strategic Action Group

- *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.*

## 1. Introductions

Raymond Penner welcomed everyone to the meeting. He will be the co-facilitator of the first couple meetings, along with Justine Smoke. He asked everyone to go around the table and introduce themselves. The CAC was recorded but for the purpose of minute taking only. The recording will be erased after the minutes have been approved by the committee.

## 2. Overview of the Fraser and Broadway

Randy: **Tenant selection:**

- 965 applicants for 2465 Fraser but with the help of BC Housing the selection process was short-listed to 165 adult tenants for 73 adults tenancy/suites. Selected Vulnerably Assessment Tool (VAT) assisted in the definition of the support levels during the interviews. Three levels: Support Level-1, Support Level-2, and Support Level-3 (SL-1, SL-2, SL-3).
- SL-1 More stable **41%**
- SL-2 Moderate stable **47%**
- SL-3 More supportive-Higher needs **10%**
- Aboriginal tenants **80%**
- Mount Pleasant resident **42%**
- Gender Male-**47%** Female- **46%**
- Majority of the population in the building are age 50 years or older (SL-1) **46%**

- At risk- **20%**
- \*At risk considered to be at risk of homeless or under-housed (vicariously housed, couch surfing, can't pay rent and at risk of eviction.
- Staggered process of move-in's (3-5 month process)

**Staffing:**

- 4.5 Tenant Support Workers on site. Main role is to support the tenants through the process of intake. While living in building the TSW's will provide support with keeping the tenants housed, mental health and addictions supports, and assistance with employment.
- TSW's were hired with the Aboriginal perspective of the Medicine Wheel components. The basis of this is to be balanced on all four components of Spiritual, Mental, Emotional, and Physical.
- The building is staffed 24 hours a day, minimum staff of 2 per day. Up to 18 full time staff throughout the week based on the needs of the tenants.

**VNHS Jack Spitz-**

- Expecting occupancy permit on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and expected to move tenants in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Spoke with the VPD and with Christine from Community Policing Centre may be able to have a space for the Community Police.
- No guest policy for 6 months.

**Resident-**

- Question: Will VCH-Raven Song- be involved within the tenants support.

**VNHS Randy-**

- Answer- Raven Song is involved. About 20 service providers have been contacted. Raven Song will make one site visit per week. Along with other services will be involved.

**BYRC Jocelyn-**

- The services for the Youth will have a Youth Clinic in the Youth center room of BYRC. One day a week will be running but in talks with VCH there may be more services involved as well.

**Resident-**

- What will be done with the Commercial Leasing?

**City of Vancouver- Celine Mauboules**

- The Retail component is being leased out by the City of Vancouver by the Real Estate Department. Will get back to the community when we find out more information.

**Resident-**

- Who is responsible for the outside activity of the building?

**VNHS- Jack Spitz-**

- The police are responsible for the public areas. We are also stationing the Community Police within our building.

**VPD-Constable Abundo-**

- Designated Sergeant for the area. Will be patrolled within the area. The Community Policing are not officers or security but the "eyes and ears" of the community. There is a Mount Pleasant Branch for the Community Policing Centre.

**BC Housing-Justin S-**

- A part of the tenancy agreement there is a “Good Neighbour” Policy. If there is any kind of criminal behavior or nuisance or major problems that are stemming from tenants In the building these issues should be directed at the building manager and should know about it right away.

***Resident-***

- Raincity Biltmore made a resource card for neighbors and the community to utilize.

**Principal Nightingale Elementary- Hope Sterling-**

- Wanted more information on the percentage and the definition of the Support Level.

**VNHS-Randy Dodginghorse-**

- Explained the percentages as discussed in the beginning of the overview of Broadway and Fraser.

**BC Housing Justin S-**

- The ratio explanation: looking at strictly where people are coming from.
- Internally with BC Housing and partnered with Non-Profits to look at the support level of the individual and how much they need and make sure its tailored towards the building.

**MPNH-Jocelyne H-**

- MPNH is partaking in giving welcoming kits to the new tenants as a welcome to the neighbourhood gesture.

**Principal of Nightingale Elementary-Hope Sterling-**

- Need more information on the needle sweeps.

**VNHS-Randy-**

- Will be doing daily needle sweeps with all the staff and will go about a 3 block radius.

***Resident-***

- The needle pick-up from VCH can redirect the area needed as his experience working with the RainCity Biltmore building. Mount Pleasant Elementary can contact VCH Needle pick up if they are finding rigs within their school grounds.

***Resident-***

- Concerned about people/tenants with criminal backgrounds in regards to crimes against children, how will VNHS deal with that?

**VNHS- Randy-**

- The tenant selection process was to minimize the potential of predators or with those charges. These individuals were not accepted into the building.

**PCRS-Jocelyn-**

- For BYRC there are youths accessing the services and PCRS are making sure they are protected and safe in the building.

**Co-Facilitator- Raymond-**

- Can VNHS elaborate more on the guest policy?

**VNHS-Anjali-**

- The Guest Policy is to have a ban on the guests for the first 6 months because the staff will need to get to know the tenants prior to allowing guests into the building. It will assist in alleviating some mix-ups on who actually lives in the building and who are guests.
- The building is new and it will take time for the staff and tenants to learn the building.

**BC Housing-Justin-**

- Guest Policy-As one of the latter buildings of the MOU sites, we have learned from previous sites and have taking the necessary precautions. Consultations with the Kettle Society, RainCity, Portland Hotel, Lookout, Sanford, MPA and have talked about what can be done to better the move-in process. This is why the policies of Guest Moratorium, and mandatory ID for any guests entering the building. There are also going to be needle sweeps for the building, in house community policing, and health services.

**VNHS-Dave E-**

- Has a personal philosophy of no tolerance of bad behavior and shouldn't be happening in the buildings. VNHS will give tenants chances but need to keep the peace of the residential tenancy act of the quiet enjoyment of their neighbours.
- They want tenants that will enhance the neighbourhood and make it more livable.

**3. Overview of the role of the CAC**

*Resident-*

- Would like clarification on the role of the CAC. What is expected from the CAC?

**Co-Facilitator Raymond-**

- The role of the CAC is that it is a forum of open discussion and shared interests. Particularly because it is around a particular project and this is to see what can be done to be successful. A place where people can commit to discussions of taking a positive approach to whatever the issues are.

*Resident-*

- He was apart of the Biltmore CAC and stated that there was a lot of concern and because there was no prior consultation. He stated that because there is an early start for this CAC will make for positive impacts.

*Resident-*

- Asked how many people are from residents, schools, businesses. (about a dozen people raised hands).

*Resident-*

- Where will the minutes be distributed?

**Co-Facilitator-Justine-**

- Minutes will be distributed on the VNHS website as soon as possible.

**Co-facilitator- Raymond-**

- Has a sign up list for people interested in becoming a member of the CAC and will be distributed after the meeting for people to sign up.

**4. Review of CAC Terms of Reference**

- A draft Terms of Reference for the CAC that was previously circulated was reviewed with those present

**Resident-**

- Can there be Roles and Responsibilities added to the TOR?

**Co-Facilitator-Raymond-**

- The suggestion can be added and will be adjusted to for another revision.

**5. CAC Community Member sign-up**

- those in attendance were provided the opportunity to sign up as potential CAC representatives, alternates or to indicate that they would like to stay informed regarding this project and the CAC meetings
- **NEXT MEETING**
- The next FBWCAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 5-7:00pm at 2465 Fraser St.

**For Follow up:**

- Adding in “Roles for the CAC” within the third revision of the TOR.
- Email the Minutes to all members.