



## Kwayatsut Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Location: 2465 Fraser Street, Vancouver, BC

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Invitees Attend: Bold Names indicate in attendance

### Community Representative

<b>Jocelyn Hamel</b>	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
<b>Megan Reiter</b>	Resident
Ed Henderson	Resident
Jaydene Cormier	Resident
Darcy Riddell	Resident
Don Doucette	Adult Tenant Rep

### Partner Representatives

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

### Pacific Community Resource Services Rep

Allison Parker	BYRC
<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
<b>Tamara Stremble</b>	Building Manager
<b>Christine Wilson</b>	Program Manager
Robert Wilmot	Consultant

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 5:45 pm by chair Tamara Stremble

1. **Approval of agenda.** Agenda moved by Justin Sekiguchi and Megan Reiter
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Corrections Justin moved to accept the minutes noting corrections, seconded by Megan Reiter

### 3. **Partner Updates:**

#### a. **VNHS**

- Low vacancy rate for VNHS units
- VNHS is holding weekly meetings with BYRC to discuss any questions and/or concerns in regards of youth residing in the building
- VNHS in co-operation with BYRC finalized shared documents (letters, forms, procedures, addendums etc.)
- The building deficiencies are completed for 95%
- The Christmas Dinner was held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 100 tenants and participants showed up and enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner
- Programming is on-going, additional programs are added to the regular programming – such as VanCity – financial literacy, VCH – dieticians, ACCESS employment services, VPD Women's personal safety workshop etc.
- VNHS entered into a new partnership with Vancouver Eco Village that donates fresh food for our residents
- We are looking into setting up a monthly "Meet and Greet" meetings with the building management and tenants to answer tenants questions about programming and outings, discuss the building policies and regulations, review case management action plan to outline short-term and long-term goals, focus on tenant's progress etc.
- VNHS has developed a close partnership with Raven Song – outreach will begin in June including health services, social worker, addiction and mental health services - once a week
- VNHS and MPNH has agreed to form a partnership for the purpose of delivering the Kwayatsut Community Engagement Program - the food, workshops and activities is to increase the community engagement

#### b. **BYRC**

- Resource Room – busy all winter until last week it slowed down
- There have been some move ins and move outs
- One person moved to the market housing
- Progress for housing roommates in 2 bed shared units
- Survey of Housing programs – 50% youth identified with mental health issues
- Youth Employment fair was held at BYRC
- Starbucks employment opportunity for youth
- BBQ will be held for Youth week

**c. MPNH**

- Community engagement project with Kwayatsut
- Food recovery project – pilot project with BYRC to create a meal from food donation from Buy Low
- Agencies involved in meeting in two weeks time – set strategy, look at our assets
- Neighborhood House Week– next week in Vancouver, Surrey, Delta
- Free BBQ and activities on Wednesday
- Seniors story telling on Tuesdays
- Youth are hosting potluck to cook for refugees from Syria
- Hosting two workshops – basic asset community development thru strength based approach

**d. VCH - Raven Song**

- Working with VNHS on details regarding weekly outreach at Kwayatsut
- Looking forward to partnership with VNHS
- Outreach will begin on June 7<sup>th</sup>

**e. CPC**

- Patrol has been going well
- Finding that there is still a lot of under-reporting, people are still not phoning in to report to the city or the police
- Reports received from the city on weekly basis
- City Application for smart phone to send to the city – text message complaints in
- City Services – residents and business can call 311

**f. BC Housing**

- VNHS is administered thru AHMA
- BCH was part of this site but the building will be transferred over to AHMA approx. in September 2016

**g. City of Vancouver**

- All CRU's are fully leased
- Basir's café and deli has a few CRU's units, fully operating
- La Boussole is still not fully open

**4. Successes**

- Community Engagement Project partnership with MPNH
- Kwayatsut more stable then a year ago
- BYRC turnovers lower then expected
- Capital expenditures – installation of BBQ on 5<sup>th</sup> floor; conversion of the game room to utilize another office and/or meeting room with tenants and partners on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Christmas donation by CAC was received and given to tenants – photos taken and emailed to CAC

**5. Action Items**

- Meetings will be held every 6 months – everyone is in agreement

**6. Next Meeting**

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to 7:10 pm. Next meeting is proposed to be held on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.