

Temporary Modular Housing Presentation to VSB Committee II

Laurier PAC

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Summary

- Change is coming to Laurier neighbourhood
- What is the VSB doing to prepare?
- Can we – Laurier parents – be part of the discussion?

Why are we here?

Our overriding concerns with this project are

- Lack of communications/consultation
- Very tight timeline – moving too fast

We are here today in hopes of improving the communication/consultation process and mitigate some of the downsides of moving too fast.

Setting

TEMPORARY MODULAR HOUSING



Tenants

- City Timeline: January 2018 Tenants begin moving in
 - 78 units
 - Minimum 20% (=15.6) Service level 3
3. **Service Level 3 - MEDIUM/HIGH Needs** - (these tenants will move between level 2 and 3) At times, properly designed supports can have an impact on maintaining tenancy when concerns around behavior, hoarding, addiction and untreated mental health develop.
- a) Non-engagement with treatment and support services
 - b) Poor housekeeping, hoarding, and hygiene
 - c) Extensive criminal history indicating high risk to re-offend
 - d) Can create security problems through aggressive and intimidating behavior
 - e) Episodic dramatic presentation, manipulative, demanding or intrusive behavior, inability to sustain personal relationships
 - f) Frequent conflict with others, poor communication skills
History of property damage

Source: Administrative Report RTS:12232 VanRIMS No. 08-2000-20 September 25,2017
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“Kelley acknowledged Wednesday at a news conference that a minimum of 20 per cent of units in the Marpole complex and others should be made available to tenants identified as “service level three.””

<http://www.vancourier.com/news/city-identifies-another-site-for-homeless-housing-in-vancouver-1.23110397>

Questions

- What plans does the VSB have to prepare the school(s) for changes?
- What scenarios are staff prepared for?
- Is there extra funding and where is it coming from?

- Safety (students & staff):
 - What procedures will be followed if someone who is aggressive/intimidating/demanding/intrusive is on school grounds during school hours?
- Community Advisory Committee:
 - If there are any incidents on school grounds, who will be responsible for reporting to the CAC?
- Property
 - Protection of garden boxes – PAC spends \$10,000 annually on Earthbites program. How do we ensure garden boxes are protected?

- We are requesting a report of preparation steps or plan the VSB is taking... and an opportunity to present it to our school community
- As PAC, we have received many concerns and would like to provide feedback as the school board has not communicated any plans as of yet.

Other questions

- The development permit states
 - The City of Vancouver will work with the Vancouver School Board, BC Housing and Community Builders to convene a community conversation prior to the occupancy permit in order to update the community on the progress of the project, enable strong lines of communication, hear continuing concerns and suggestions, and foster a positive reception for new residents.

What is the status of / plan for this this?

- We understand a VSB trustee is working to increase the buffer zones between schools and some businesses (ie liquor stores) from 300 to 500 m. Would VSB considered including facilities for service level 3 individuals in this buffer?

Locked Doors & Perimeter Fence

- Locked Doors
 - What interactions have been observed at other schools?
 - Should we be concerned about kids moving between portables and main school?
- Extending Perimeter Fence
 - Have there been unwanted visitors at other schools?
 - Have fences helped?
 - Should all openings along Heather Street be closed?
(There is one access gap in gravel field fence and one in tennis court)