



COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Reiderman Residence
Temporary Modular Housing
Community Advisory Committee
Thursday January 24, 2019
Marpole Community Centre
6:00-7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Facilitator welcomed the committee.

2. Review action items from October 2018 meeting.

- a. The only action item was to arrange current meeting date.

3. Updated and Discussions

- a. **BC Housing** – No updates at this time.
- b. **City of Vancouver** – Vancouver’s eighth modular housing site has just opened, Heatherlands at 37th and Heather St. There are two buildings for Indigenous tenants. One for women only and the other is co-ed. The buildings are operated by LUMA.

Cambie Downtown has 98 units and is operated by MPA. The buildings were completed at the end of November 2018.

West 1st at Olympic Village is about to open.

The site at Union and Gore will open the end of February and these buildings tenancies will be prioritized for Black and Indigenous peoples who are experiencing homelessness.

500 of the 600 modular housing units have now been completed.

Marpole’s Caring Citizens Supreme Court case against COV was dismissed re: Reiderman supportive housing.

New city council was voted in this past November. In December council made a motion asking staff to explore the possibility of another 600 modular units.

Question – Do all of the Modular Housing sites have a CAC Committee?

Answer - Yes

- c. **Community Builders Group** – Reiderman Residences are approaching their one-year anniversary. There continues to be a great sense of community within the buildings.



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Residents and staff set up a table on the corner of Heather St. and 59th Ave on Halloween to hand out candy to the community.

We had a very successful first Christmas and dinner event, with most of the cooking being done by residents.

Various community church groups provided gift bags and boxes of chocolates for residents, this was well received and the residents were very grateful.

A New Years brunch was enjoyed by residents.

Vancouver Public Library continues to do monthly visits to loan books, set residents up with cards, and forgive fines.

A communal dinner with residents takes place every other Friday. Two members of the Tapestry Church attend to support and serve, as well as socialize with residents.

Staff have begun to start planning for a 'Spring fling' block party for residents and community members. Likely to take place in May 2019.

Question – It is possible to have Mark's temporary TCL position extended?

Answer – Yes, we have created a full-time position for Mark.

Question – Are the donated computers being used?

Answer – Yes, the computers are all being used by residents.

- d. **Vancouver Coastal Health** – No updates at this time.
- e. **George Pearson Centre** – No issues reported with any of the Reideman residents. Very quiet and peaceful.

Recent issues with people experiencing homelessness sleeping in the activity wing but they are not connected with Reideman Residences. GPC security is aware of who the people are and are keeping an eye out for them to help connect them to services.

GPC redevelopment continues to move forward. Construction on site is happening. Parking lots have been closed and roads are being constructed through the site. The showroom at the corner of 57th and Heather is now open.



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- f. **VPD** – Over the last three months there have been no calls for service needed at Reiderman Residences until last week. One call was placed over a neighbor dispute but when police attended they were no longer needed.

Question – How many calls to the building have there been in the last year?

Answer – I don't have that information right now. There were about 6 calls made to one building and 3-4 for the other building.

Question – Is there a website called GeoDASH?

Answer – Yes you can find it at www.geodash.vpd.ca You can check VPD stats there.

Question - What are calls to service?

Answer - The term “call for service” includes any type of call for help – they could be health-related or crim-related. UPDATE: these include calls to 911 for emergencies i.e. falls, heart attacks, etc.

- g. **Community Members** – First Baptist Church is putting on a Chinese New Years Dinner at the Reiderman Residence buildings on February 15. There will be church volunteers as well as tenant volunteers partaking in both decorating for the dinner and the serving.

Marpole Community Centre would like to remind Reiderman Staff to bring any new tenants to the community centre so they can make use of the facility. They can also contact Tony, the supervisor about this directly.

- h. **PACS** – One concern about shopping buggies in the area was brought forth but there was no need for follow up, as the buggies were removed.
- i. **Discussion** – It was discussed that the Terms of Reference meeting requirements of a year for Reiderman Residence CAC had now been met. The options to continue with CAC meetings and then be voted on are as follows:
1. Only meet if necessary.
 2. Meet twice a year in January and June.
 3. Meet quarterly

Majority vote was for option 2 however PAC reps would like to see the CAC continue with three meetings per year (in line with the school year) consisting of Fall, Winter and Spring.

Members were in agreement that seasonal meetings would take place three times a year, with no summer meeting. The next meeting will take place in April 2019.



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Action Item	Person Responsible	Status
The next meeting will tentatively be set for the month of April.	COV	Based upon availability of the room.