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Reiderman Residence
Temporary Modular Housing
Community Advisory Committee
Tuesday September 18, 2018
Marpole Community Centre
5:30-6:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Facilitator welcomed the committee.
- b. George Pearson Centre and two PAC representatives sent regrets.

2. Review action items from June 2018 meeting.

- a. Music in the Park Flyers to be delivered to Reiderman Residences. – *completed.*
- b. Distribute time lapse video of Reiderman residences being built. - *completed.*
- c. Lilly would like to remain an alternate for PAC but is not on PAC. – *It has been proposed that Lily move into the opening for an alternate in the Community Member section and the group agreed. A PAC representative will bring forward a suggestion for their alternate.*
- d. Contact Village Vancouver regarding support needed. – *completed.*
- e. Development sign to be removed – *completed.*
- f. Today's meeting got moved from the original date of September 13, 2018. – *A discussion about the frequency of future CAC meetings will take place at the end of this meeting.*

3. Updated and Discussions

- a. **BC Housing** – Michelle Leitner has replaced Justin Sekiguchi at BCH. This is her first CAC meeting for Modular housing. She reports having a great working rapport with Community Builders Group.
- b. **City of Vancouver** – There are now 5 completed modular housing projects. Marpole, Franklin, Powell, Kaslo and Ash Street.

Little Mountain should be complete by the end of the month.

Cambie has a downtown location set to open the end of November.

A public tour of the Ash Street project took place with over 1,000 people coming through the site within a two day period. Lots of questions, interest and positive feedback for this project.

The Heather Lands project will begin construction shortly. The operator will be Luma Native Housing and will house indigenous tenants.

Question - How is the response there (Heather Lands)?

Answer – Good, positive! The COV met with the schools and teachers. They feel as though this will be a good positive experience for students and good for building community within the area.



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There are still two more sites pending decision. Olympic Village at West First and 898 Main Street. The last information session took place this week.

Question – Are these the same type of units?

Answer – Yes.

Question – Will there be another homeless count this year?

Answer – Yes, it takes place every March

- c. **Community Builders Group** – We have just passed the 6-month mark of operation and the tenants continue to settle in and are starting to form a community with each other. The amenity area and space of the yard has been helpful in building community between tenants. A tenant survey was done regarding how the tenants wanted to use the space. Many tenants adopted a planter and harvested vegetables. Even a blueberry bush was planted.

After the successful BBQ in May, many residents wanted to continue with BBQs so one was purchased for tenants to use. Many arranged the use of the BBQ for their own get togethers and during the world cup etc.

The design of the amenity space has been good for group functions. Over the summer we have had a chef come once a week to teach meal prep and make a meal for tenants to enjoy together. The chef is available to teach independent cooking lessons to interested tenants.

Kitchen with a mission continues with weekly food donations.

The weekly grocery program continues to be a success with tenants ordering food items from a list of their choosing.

Many of the accessible units have food delivered from program like Meals on Wheels.

Over the last six months we have many tenants who like to volunteer in a tenant-led meal prep for others. They often make pancakes for all the residents on a Saturday morning or make egg salad sandwiches etc. These tenant-led meals have been very successful.

Many tenants are regaining independence and are returning back to work. Two tenants have completed education programs.

Lots of positive progress for tenants being able to reunite with family and have them over to visit.

The Library program is going strong with a donation of 200 books and the tenants being given library cards.



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A minor change to the TCL position is that now all staff are partaking in community patrols once every hour.

There have been concerns about the donation bins in the area so staff have included hourly patrols of this area and pick up and dispose of any garbage or needles found around the bins. Residents are taking helping staff with the patrols and are helping to be good neighbors.

A report about the bins was made via email and pictures sent to see if these were Reiderman Residence tenants. They were not.

Four tenants have moved out. Some wanting to be closer to amenities, one who moved to the island and another deceased. All vacancies continue to be filled and we are at full occupancy.

Question – What Education programs were taken by tenants?

Answer – Two got certificates in Foodsafe and WHMIS. One person went back to high school with the goal of getting involved with counselling work. Others enrolled in courses to work in housing sites where they can obtain a certificate in tenant support.

Question – What Employment sectors are tenants finding work within?

Answer – Restaurant work, PT and FT. Day labour - construction sites and painting jobs etc.

Question – Has the instances of sharps found in the area gone down?

Answer – No sharps have been found other than around the donation bins.

Question – Does drug use occur within a tenant's room?

Answer – Yes. Tenants are allowed to use drugs inside their units and so it is highly unlikely that needles found outside are from tenants.

Question – How often is the library program?

Answer – Once a month.

Question – Do you need more computers?

Answer – Yes, we would accept computer donations.



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- d. **Vancouver Coastal Health** – Involved with many tenants but there are not many referrals coming in to VCH. There are more home health referrals.

Question - Is the health status of tenants improving over the last 6 months?

Answer – It depends on the individual but if they accept help then it usually does.

- e. **VPD** – James Hooper is a newer Community officer for the area. VPD used to drop by and do one to two visits a week to build relationships but now they stop in once every two weeks.

There have been no incidents reported.

A slight increase of crime in the Cambie corridor due to vacant homes.

No arrests made for any residents in the modular housing.

Good rapport with all Reiderman staff.

- f. **Community Members** – A quiet summer. Community members are looking to re engage with some community events with the Reiderman residents. Another meal, BBQ of some sort.

Community member – Javier from the Marpole Community Neighborhood House did a presentation for Reiderman residents and staff regarding volunteer opportunities for tenants. There is also a weekly meal for the community that takes place they can attend.

Community member - Marpole Community Neighborhood House submitted a proposal for a \$100,000 cash prize to be used for the community. The proposal will be online and community partners will be asked to vote online. An email will be sent out to all partners with details on the proposal. The goal is to engage a community of networking. Exploring ways to enable more volunteer opportunities and have realized some volunteer requirements may be too strict for the type of volunteer work.

Question – Can you lower your volunteer standards?

Answer – It depends on which program people want to volunteer with. If it is a cleaning position, then yes. If it is working with children, then no.

- g. **PACS** – During the summer it was reported by a community member that there looked to be evidence of a party on the Laurier school grounds. What appeared to look like some empty Corona beer bottles was reported to PAC but not to Community Builders or the TCL phone line.

All PACS are information sharing through a Facebook site.



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Action Item	Person Responsible	Status
Beth Anne has moved onto another organization. Who is the contact who will replace her?	CB	Shauna Semenowich is the contact who will replace Beth Anne at Community Builders. She can be reached at shauna.semenowich@communitybuilders.ca
Discuss the frequency of future CAC meetings. Monthly or Bi Monthly, Quarterly ? A poll will be taken next CAC meeting.	CIOV	
Next meeting will be October 18 th at 5:30 p.m.	COV	



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