

# MINUTES

## Dunbar Community Advisory Committee

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Dunbar Site Office (3595 West 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

### 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 pm: - CAC Meeting

**In attendance:** Darrell Burnham, Renay Bajkay, Don Lamb, Sid Jongbloed, Allyson Muir, Susana Cogan, Doug Purdy, Bill Hooker, Ed Goldstrom, Letty Goldstrom, Abi Bond, Daniel Naundorf, Terry Mullen, Robert Westendorp, Michael Kierszenblat, Marge Johnson, Jeff Minuk (note taker)

**Regrets:** Anil Singh, Katherine Taylor

Agenda Items	Follow-Up
1. Introductions Darrell welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes  -Approved with the following changes: Under <b>Presentation by Anglicans of West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry:</b> "Members of the CAC were positive" changed to " <i>Some</i> members of the CAC were positive" and, "A variety of opinions were heard..." added to Pg 2, 3 <sup>rd</sup> bullet point, to take in account that these statements were individual comments from attendees, rather than summary statements.	
3. Follow up from presentation by Anglicans of West Point Grey Neighborhood Ministry/Tenant Eligibility Discussion  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was reported that BC Housing, the Ministry and Coast Mental Health have met to discuss approximately 24 potential clients. Allison (Vancouver Coastal Health): 1 person identified. Discussion took place on the nature of these meetings, interviews with potential clients. Allison discussed reasons why some may prefer Kitsilano versus downtown eastside (safer, avoiding drugs, prefer to stay in their own neighborhood.)</li><li>• Abi (City of Vancouver): pointed out important work the Anglican Ministry does and how the neighborhood is lucky to have them.</li><li>• A variety of views were heard, comments/discussion included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sid (Block Watch) provided a letter from Block Watch Captain Sophie King with concerns regarding tenant placement criteria and adherence to the Operational Management Plan (OMP.)</li><li>○ Robert (Dunbar Residents Assoc) described concerns and</li></ul></li></ul>	Renay to provide more information on selection process.

<p>fears regarding addictions, being straight off the street, proper assessment of residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michael (BC Housing): BC Housing will respect OMP, final say is Coast's, recognizing the need to balance community needs. Renay (Coast Mental Health): no decisions have been many on potential clients and we will absolutely look at risks.</li> <li>○ Abi (COV): Explained how Neighborhood Ministry came to them to discuss concerns about people living on the street.</li> <li>○ Darrell (Coast Mental Health): The goal is to find people that will be a good fit and meet community needs. Dunbar area resident: many people in the neighborhood are supportive and do not have fears or concerns. Solely concerned with impact on them.</li> <li>○ Allyson (VCH) explained that this is not independent living; support staff is on site 24/7.</li> <li>○ Darrell: just because people may live outside, it does not mean they couldn't live anywhere else...some may be better off than those living in SRO's. It is not 52 units of people off the street, only 12 units are available and we do not know how any beds will be filled.</li> <li>○ Robert: suggested moving people from other homes; people that have proven they can live successfully.</li> <li>○ Allyson (VCH): the idea is to keep people in their own neighborhood.</li> <li>○ Michael (BC Housing): regarding risk, feel we have taken risk into concern, OMP is a major mitigation of risk identifying the type of community we want for the building. While it is no guarantee, we generally do not see increase in crime in similar sites.</li> <li>○ Darrell—Coast will stick with OMP, we want a successful building, processes in place to [work] with community. Neighbor: not concerned with who goes in/what goes on in there, but what comes out.</li> <li>○ Darrell: typically 2-3 people would move out in first year [in regards to concerns of high turnover].</li> <li>○ Abi: [emergency/low barrier] shelters aren't good for everyone, hard to provide health services. [Clients] need to have life regularized in a building like this for some people. Confident this is the right model. Look forward to positive impact in the community.</li> <li>○ Darrell: already see positive differences in people that moved into [Coast's] new Pender building on May 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
<p>4. North Dunbar Gateway Project No Discussion</p>	
<p>5. Construction Update (Doug Purdy) Dealing with various difficulties, but opening targeted for November 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.</p>	

<p>6. Program update (Renay Bajkay) No discussion.</p>	
<p>7. Leasing Update (City of Vancouver Real Estate) No Discussion</p>	
<p>8. Program Name Discussion Darrell: We will wait until we have a community of tenants to decide.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Early September.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.</p>	