

**Dunbar Community Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Dunbar Community Centre**

DATE: April 20, 2010
TIME: 6.30 pm- 8.00 pm

Attendees: Darrell Burnham (Chair), Doug Purdy, Geertje Boschma, David Tupper, Sid Jongbloed, Robert Westendorp, Avie Estrin, Katherine Taylor, Marge Johnson, Daniel Naundorf, Shehzan Nathoo (note taker)

Regrets: Renay Bajkay, Emma Charman, Aaron Estrin, Ed Goldstrom, Bill Hooker, Terry Mullen, Rob Whitlock, Susana Cogan,

ITEM #	DISCUSSION TOPIC	ACTION ASSIGNED TO:
	Introductions	
	Addition to the Agenda- Open questions:- request for information on Volunteer opportunities with Coast	
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on November 19, 2009 were approved.	
	A member inquired about the announcement of the Legacy gift, which was supposed to be made at the sod turning ceremony. This is a donation, an estate gift that will be in the form of enhancing services to the tenants of the building. As the donor was not present at the ceremony, an announcement will be made when he is available.	

1. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:-

- DP met with Aquila, the City's Environmental Consultant, Targa Excavation and Trow Engineering to initiate the excavation protocol for the removal of contaminated soils from the site. Once this is done, in a few days time, the project will be underway.
- Aquila has a Site Superintendent on site- Mike Lahey. DP will be out of town and in his absence, if Mike is not around, Casey Clarkson or DB can be contacted for any issues. CC will be informing residents around the construction site that Construction is due to start shortly. The construction is expected to last for approximately 14 months.
- Aquila will advise trades to park to the east and south side of the site so as not to take up scarce commercial and immediate residential parking.

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- Once construction is complete, the community will notice greatly improved landscape and street paving around the area. Commercial tenants are excited about the potential for additional business. Commercial tenancy in the building will be advertised when the building is close to occupancy. Whilst no plans or provisions have been made for tenants of the building to work in these shops/ casual work, maybe this is something the community can look into.
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COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

The sign on the construction site flew over so it's lying flat on the ground- this will be put back into place. The Minutes of all CAC meetings are available for public viewing on the DRA website. Also RW prepared and published a newsletter article which was circulated door to door during the sod turning ceremony. RW will update the news letter with updates from the meeting today.

DP will prepare condensed floor plans and a simplified version of the project schedule, which RW can also circulate.

2. PROGRAM UPDATE

- The preparation of future Dunbar clients is going well at one of the homes (Cherry Doors) which is closing. Lots of programs have been developed and the clients are all very excited about their move. Between 15- 20 clients will move from Coast facilities.
- The clients at one of the existing Coast homes at Dunbar and 5th have been given information on the Dunbar development. These are very long time residents of the Dunbar area and are excited at the possibility of having the opportunity to move to this new development.
- The program planning from Coast's side is currently at the beginning stages of development and more concrete developments will be reported back at the next CAC meeting.
- Representatives from St. Georges and Yaffa will be invited to meet with Coast to discuss the unique needs of their clients.

In response to questions by members of the CAC:-

- Laundry will be a free service provided to tenants in the building
 - 30 enhanced clients will be provided with a meal a day (subsidized by VCH) 21 clients will have to buy into the program (as there is no meal allowance provided by BC Housing). Depending on the budget, there may be a
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possibility to provide a social meal once or twice a week.

- Coast has not started the staff hiring process as yet. Positions will be posted internally and externally for nine staff, and there will be a transition period where the staff team will work at Cherry Doors before they move to Dunbar so they can familiarize themselves with the tenants.
- The operational budget from BC housing had to be approved before construction started. Capital funding is only released once the operational funding is confirmed. went to construction.
- This building can be considered more of Long term housing versus transitional housing, with a rehab component if the client wishes. Preference will be given to people currently living in the West End.
- There is an internal waitlist for 11 BC housing units (expressions of interest and not a formal process). VCH will probably set up their waiting list early next year. Four wheel chair units will be allocated to people in liaison with VCH and other disability organizations. This is ideal for someone who has multiple disabilities. If CAC members know of anyone within the area who need this service, please let KT know.

3. PROGRAM NAME DISCUSSIONS:-

Names previously suggested by the CAC included: - Courage Houses, People of the River Grass or River Grass Apartments (Musqueam related), Aisling (Irish Gaelic word for dream or vision), Ethemba (Zulu word for believe, hope or have faith in).

Suggestions during the meeting were made as follows:-

- To ask clients who were going to move in what they would like their home to be called.
- Pacific Spirit Place
- To use the word apartments as "house" doesn't indicate a self contained apartment
- GB offered to look through the History of Dunbar book and see if she could come up with any names
- Aboriginal names should not be used as this is not an Aboriginal house, and also it should not be named after just one community.

The Committee will consider this further and email more names to SN

4. OPEN QUESTIONS:-

DB outlined the volunteer opportunities and the role of volunteers at Coast. Any one interested in applying for this

position can either apply through the website www.coastmentalhealth.com or contact the HR Volunteer Coordinator, Val Mayne, at ValM@coastmentalhealth.com

- 5. Date of the next meeting:-** The next meeting will be held in September 2010 and will incorporate a Site tour
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