

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

**DATE:** April 16, 2009  
**TIME:** 6.30 pm- 8.00 pm

**Attendees:** Darrell Burnham (Chair), Bill Hooker, Doug Purdy, Marge Johnson, Geertje Boschma, David Tupper, Terry Mullen, Sid Jongbloed, Rob Whitock, Ed Goldstrom, Robert Westendorp, Susana Cogan, Renay Bajkay, Julia Zado, Emma Charman, Shehzan Nathoo (note taker)

**Regrets:** Allyson Muir, Katherine Taylor, Gregg James

ITEM #	DISCUSSION TOPIC	ACTION ASSIGNED TO:
1.	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:-</b> The development process is underway, after having received an approval from the Premier that the development cost will be fully funded. This will be by way of a grant from the Federal Provincial Agreement, which gives both the society and the community a strong foundation (Property Endowment Fund)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Doug Purdy outlined the City's development plans ranging from site reviews, applications for development and building permits, interior and exterior designs, building drawings and the tender process (Time frame: - April 27- July 15, 2009)</li><li>▪ Demolition (Time frame: - End of May- Mid June 2009)</li><li>▪ Construction (Time frame: - September 2009- November 2010)</li><li>▪</li></ul> <p>The land is owned by the City of Vancouver. BC Housing will be the Lease, and Coast will be the sub lease (and make the final decision on the selection of tenants and Manager of the building.</p> <p>The building will contain 51 units, (350 square feet each), housing tenants recommended by Yaffa Housing Society, St. Georges Place Society, BC Housing, VCH and Coast. Tenants will not have to pay suite or warranty rates (HPO exempt)</p> <p>Three- four (one could be a restaurant) spaces at ground level will be leased for commercial use. Real Estate Services will identify the highest and best retail tenants available that represents a good mix of services, as well as enriches the market place and community at large.</p> <p>Plans for parking arrangements, alternative traffic routes during demolition, and improvements to the street scape were outlined. Having considered several options, the City had determined that due to space constraints, 16- 17 parking stalls would serve the commercial/ residential tenants and staff. Entrance and exit to the parkade would be from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Arrangements will be</p>	DP to share development plans at the next meeting.

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made for a service elevator, for deliveries in the parkade, on the side of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Current residents voiced concerns at the limited parking stalls available, and felt this may pose a problem.

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**2. CAC MEMBERSHIP:-**

TORS, which had been approved by the Planning Department, were circulated. Membership will comprise of representatives from Coast Mental Health, St. Georges Place Society, Yaffa Housing Society, City of Vancouver, BC Housing, VCH, Dunbar Community, Neighborhood Associations and Neighbors.

Discussion was primarily held around how Committee representatives could be selected, and encouraged to participate regularly. Suggestions included:

- Providing information on the DRA/ BIA website/ approaching DRA/ BIA members
- Approaching Schools
- Approaching Community (Block) Watch
- Posting Minutes in the Library/ or on websites/ local Starbucks/ liquor store etc, inviting people to audit a meeting

Robert W. for DRA and Geertje B for schools

Residents who were interested on serving on this committee would have to be formally appointed by the CAC. Ed Goldstrom and Anil Singh had both expressed an interest.

Page 2- TORs- Screening Process of applications by residents- this was discussed and it was noted that whilst this was not necessary now, it may in future when more residents opted to serve on the Committee. Whilst there are some interested parties who don't want to serve on the Committee, they would still like information on what is going on in their neighborhood. There will be clearly marked signs posted on site providing the following information- description on the work going on, tentative timeframe for work assigned, graphics of the building in its completed phase, and Julia's contact details, and any other relevant contact details.

Julia to provide regular email updates and set up distribution lists

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**3. OPEN QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS**

A resident noted that statistics showed that 3% of people suffering from mental illness visa vie the general population, committed a violent crime- so the Dunbar Community had nothing to worry about. In fact, perhaps the commercial tenants could look into employing some of the residential tenants. DB highlighted some projects tenants had been involved in such as shoveling snow, street sweeping, and graffiti removing.

Anyone who was interested in touring Coast sites, in order to learn more about what Coast does, and who the people are, and how they live in their communities, is encouraged to contact Julia Zado at [JuliaZ@coastmentalhealth.com](mailto:JuliaZ@coastmentalhealth.com)

As one of the Goal is to help the homeless people in Dunbar, the CAC could assist in identifying these homeless people and, with

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Coast's assistance, put them in touch with outreach support workers, especially as not everyone who wants to can get to reside in this building (due to a number of factors and criteria).

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- 4. Next Meeting date:- September 17, 2009 (6.30 pm-8.30pm)**
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