

## **Temporary Modular Housing- Sarah Ross House**

### **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Slocan Park House**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2. Review Action Items**

- a) Lighting issue has not been resolved- community members are encouraged to contact 311 and quote the ticket number#**10495821**

#### **3. Atira Updates**

- a) Building manager Kim has moved onto another Atira project.
- b) Niamh Breen will now be the building manager for Sarah Ross. The building phone number is the same. Niamh's email address is: [niamh\\_breen@atira.ca](mailto:niamh_breen@atira.ca)
- c) No changes will be made regarding programming for the building.
- d) A community member did not receive the CAC meeting invitation. Atira will verify that the community member is on the list of invitees for the next meeting.

#### **4. BC Housing**

- a) No updates

#### **5. City of Vancouver (COV)**

- a) The community garden, which was previously on the TMH site, is being transferred to Slocan Park and is behind schedule. The site has been difficult to work on during wet weather. The garden is estimated to be finished by the end of May.
- b) The new garden's irrigation system will not be installed until late June.
- c) The street light has not been installed yet it is currently under discussion.

#### **6. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)**

- a) Not present at CAC

#### **7. Vancouver Police Department (VPD)**

- a) Calls for service have gone up this month. Majority of the calls are officer-generated, these are calls in which officers proactively look into activities they feel may require attention, such as follow-up. The calls for service at this building have not been serious.
- b) **Question from community member:** Do you typically see a rise of activity in the spring?

**Answer from VPD:** Not necessarily at the building, as the weather gets warmer, generally speaking, there is a general tendency for increased calls throughout the community.

**Community member:** Anecdotally we have seen more cop cars in the area.

**VPD:** Most of the calls for service I reported on were generated by us, and were part of our routine patrol.

**Another community member:** I see more activity in the area when it's warm because more people are out, and we are outside too.

## 8. Collingwood Neighbourhood House

- a) Collingwood has noticed a growth from 40-50 people to 65 people coming to the Morning Star homeless outreach program. There is an increased demand for food, socks, underwear.
- b) Collingwood has opened a community health centre, connected with Evergreen that has been provided by the Ministry.
- c) One of the rooms in the health centre has been created to accommodate a nurse who will provide supports for mental health and addiction services.
- d) **Question from BC Housing:** Do you have tenants from Sarah Ross accessing Collingwood Neighbourhood Houses' various services, as a part of community effort to support tenants?
- e) **Collingwood:** Yes, we do.

## 9. Community Members

- a) **Community member:** I reached out to people who live on my street in preparation for this meeting to get an update from them about whether there are any items they would like me to bring forward to this committee. One neighbour says they have noticed more drug deals in the area but didn't get back to me with any details. There has been graffiti done on the garage of a neighbour. The neighbourhood has remained calm, quiet and the neighbours are not concerned.
- b) **Community member 2:** No updates.
- c) **Community member 3:** Nothing else to add. We are seeing the usual activity when the weather is good. We have always had stuff going on in our street.
- d) **Community member:** At the last meeting, there had been discussion about Atira and the community hosting a mural party to decorate the building.
- e) **Atira:** We spoke about the murals today and will maybe be having a block party.
- f) **CoV:** There may be funding available from the city for that. I will send you information about the grants. COV representative suggested looking into small neighbourhood grants for sources of funding.

## 10. Next Meeting

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- a) All parties agreed to June being the next meeting, breaking for the summer and reconvening in September.