

Larwill Place Community Advisory Committee

March 21, 2019

5:30pm-6:30pm

Peter McKay Room, Vancouver Public Library

Attendees:

Position
Community Members (2)
British Columbia Regiment
Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association
Vancouver Police
City of Vancouver
BC Housing
Vancouver Coastal Health
MPA Society

Regrets: VPL

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. No new faces, introductions
 - b. Action items reviewed, all completed
2. Updates and Discussions
 - a. MPA Society: Report of stolen property. MPA working actively with VPD to support the ongoing investigation.
 - b. BC Housing: Working on upgrades to the building including upgrades to the lighting and the gate
 - c. CoV: Signage is removed. News article published on daily hive re: art gallery funding-reminder that we have a lease on the lot for 5 years. All sites are open and the last site is tenanting
 - d. VCH: Continuing to work closely with MPA around care and support services
 - e. VPD: Communication ongoing with MPA regarding above mentioned incidents. Communication is frequent. Homelessness Officer Aly Smith is moving on, a replacement has been hired and is cross training with Cst. Smith (Cst Sheila Van Stone)
 - f. VCC: News article about another modular housing where someone wanted to go back to VCC for education. Happy to be part of the process. VCC is working on a campus masterplan - this is a chance for the neighbourhood to weigh in on what VCC can be from an infrastructure POV. Open house on Apr 3 VCC Dunsmuir and Hamilton 11am-1pm.
 - g. VPL: Regrets
 - h. DVBA: Crosstown is sometimes neglected via sanitation by the city. More attention needed to the S side of the parking lot. Larwill Place does provide garbage removal on

Cambie and Dunsmuir and has requested garbage cans to be placed on the block.
Recommended people report issues with sanitation via 311.

- i. BC Regiment: No updates. Larwill staff did help out with an individual on the tank who wasn't responding. Larwill staff coached him down, offered assistance.
 - j. Community Members:
 - i. Saw Directions Outreach in the community, good to see
 - ii. Alleys in the community have seen increase in garbage between Cambie and Beatty. MPA will contact Mission Possible for garbage removal, however residents and businesses should be reporting garbage to 311 or VanConnect
 - iii. Community member has been explaining the housing first model to other community members who don't understand the project
 - iv. Creating community change meeting to organize graffiti removal, garbage pick up etc. as a community. Art walk: asking businesses to donate 10,000 to donate to an artist that would be placed in former areas that people used in
3. Action items and next steps
- a. Karen to send out information re VCC Community planning,
 - b. MPA to follow up with Mission Possible regarding street clean up
 - c. MPA to set up next CAC meeting, discussed idea of scheduling next CAC after summer; meeting can be called if needed in the interim

Questions

DVBIA

Q: reports that guests/people visiting the building were involved in criminal activity. Is there any recourse for people involved who don't live there?

Yes, visitors involved in activity that is detrimental to the program are either temporarily or permanently barred. Often a reason that individuals come to the site is because they are homeless and have nowhere to go. MPA actively works with BC Housing to ensure homeless individuals are put on the supportive housing registry and assisted with shelter or housing, however they are asked to leave the property if they are not complying with rules. Police may be called if the individuals refuse to leave.