



**Temporary Modular Housing | Nora Hendrix Place  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Notes**

**May 28, 2019, 5:30-6:30pm | Strathcona Community Centre Activity Room**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a) The facilitator welcomed the Committee to the meeting. The group introduced themselves and the role they have on the committee.

**2. Updates and Discussion**

**a) BC Housing**

- No updates.

**b) PHS Community Services Society**

- Nora Hendrix has been open for 3 months. All spaces are filled and people are adjusting to the new lifestyle.
  - The residence has its own unique challenges and rewards and is slowly growing into itself
  - The amenity and outdoor space is completed and very well received
  - Concern with crime: a business owner assumed their iPad was stolen by a resident but that was not the case. There was some miscommunication. PHS followed up with business owner and watched security footage with the business owner. PHS staff determined it was not a resident from Nora Hendrix.
  - **Community Member Question:** Was the owner looking for a resident from Nora Hendrix?
  - **PHS Response:** There are misconceptions regarding the type of resident that is housed in Nora Hendrix and the staff is supporting dispelling the myth by engaging with community members.
  - Nora Hendrix will have the cook from Hogan's Alley Society starting mid-June offering culturally appropriate food. During the week, Nora Hendrix has their own cook supporting the residents.
  - Clean teams, which are part of PHS employment training opportunities, have been assigned to regular cleaning around the building.
  - The residents have been gardening and the food has begun to grow. We brought spinach and strawberry salad to our sister building.
  - **Community Member Question:** Can you explain the incident with cops and guns in front of the residence?
  - **PHS Response:** Yes, there was an incident. Somebody reported to staff that there was a resident with a weapon and so PHS staff reported this to VPD. VPD attended as per

- their protocol. And by attending, VPD was able to confirm that there was no weapon on site, instead that a resident had a toy gun.
- **Action:** PHS staff and VPD spoke to the resident about the enormity of keeping a toy gun on their person. Some vulnerable people use a replica for safety. Black community members feel an issue/danger they experience is from the police "over policing" Black folk.
  - **Community Member Question:** Can you provide talking points to the community members if they are asked about this incident?
  - **PHS Response:** Answering honestly and explaining SWAT was called because of the VPD protocol. PHS staff are promoting to community members that safety is a priority, so if you are or a neighbour are concerned, talk to PHS. We are happy to follow up.
  - PHS takes a humane approach- people-centered approached

### c) City of Vancouver

- No updates.
  - Homeless count report back coming out talks about housing in a holistic way.
  - **Question:** Will it be available?
  - **CoV Response:** Yes, it should be on CoV website. We will send a link to the report to the facilitator to share, when ready.

### d) Vancouver Coastal Health

- Not in attendance

### e) Community Members

- No questions but happy to share and give messages to support the TMH and its residents
- **PHS Response:** Truly a good example of residents and community and what it should be. There is a lot of misinformation through media regarding TMH and their residents. Feel free to pop by PHS office.
- **CoV Response:** let us know early and staff can mitigate any issues you might be experiencing
- **Community Member Question:** is there anything residents are in need of?
- **PHS Response:** Always in need of menstrual hygiene supplies. Socks are always welcome.

### f) Hogan's Alley Society

- We will be holding a building celebration on June 22 and would love for folks to attend.
- The event is supported by funding from CoV Homelessness Action Week (HAW) Grant for Temporary Modular Housing
- There will be food, music and games
- If residents are interested in contributing to the welcome baskets, ideal items are soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, soft foods, socks, potted plants, etc.
- We need volunteers and donations
- If community members are interested in participating, they can contact Hogan's Alley Society – info@hogansalleysociety.org
- We launched the Viva Vancouver program. It is a series of outdoor community engagement events to encourage people to use the building's outdoor space. Dates to

be confirmed 6-8 events (dominoes and checkers). UPDATE: info on Viva Vancouver here: [vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/viva-vancouver.aspx](http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/viva-vancouver.aspx)

- **CoV Question:** have local businesses been asked for donations for the baskets? Perhaps places like Costco/ Home Depot? How many guests/
- **HAS Response:** 52 plus VIP guests. Brings total to 56.  
**HAS member:** I am now working with BC Housing. I took a role on the Executive Committee with a focus on strategy and presenting. However, I am not here in that role, but as a member of HAS.

**g) Vancouver School Board**

- No updates
  - What might be of interest to the group is the VSB Report on Middle Years Development.
  - VSB representative shared some stats/passed around to group: Strathcona scores the highest in Vancouver (emotional well-being)

**Community Member Question:** Can VSB send link? UPDATE: VSB report on middle years development starts on page 51 of the link here: [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting\\_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19\\_05May27\\_op\\_board\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_05May27_op_board_agenda.pdf)

**3. Action Items and next steps**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
Send notification of June 24 meeting @ 5:30 as early as possible	PHS, Facilitator
Send link to Homeless Count Report	CoV
Send link to Middle Years Development report	VSB <a href="https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_05May27_op_board_agenda.pdf">https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/19_05May27_op_board_agenda.pdf</a>