



## COMMUNITY BUILDERS

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Reiderman Residence  
Temporary Modular Housing  
Community Advisory Committee  
Thursday October 10, 2019  
Marpole Community Centre  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Facilitator welcomed the committee.
2. Review action items from January 2019 meeting.
  - a. The only action item was to arrange current meeting date.
3. Updates and Discussions
  - a. **Community Builders Group**

Community Builders celebrated the one-year mark of Reiderman Residence being open. There has been a number of events since last CAC meeting: Easter Dinner; series of BBQs for residents, their families and friends; block party in June with volunteers from the community, organizations and churches. There are two Thanksgiving dinners planned organized by church volunteers and CBG staff.

Updates:

- 11 out of 39 residents from Reiderman North were able to find employment and 19 residents have obtained leisure passes from the Community Centre. A resident has moved on to permanent housing and 2 tenants moved to another site with double occupancy unit. Community Builders hired a recreational worker who has been engaging tenants in recreational activities.
- Community Builders continues to partner with organizations in support of the residents: Working Gear, an organization providing clothes for job interviews and work sites; hearing screening program; library and gardening program.

There are a lot of positive comments from the residents as they are settling in and feel part of the community.

There was an incident with a former resident and staff required police assistance. There was also a neighbour report which was brought by a CAC member on behalf of a community member to Community Builders' attention, however it will be discussed during VPD updates.



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### **b. VPD**

There was a total of 6 calls to both buildings (7430 and 7460 Heather Street) since May 2019. Last year in the same timeframe it was 15 calls.

There were no significant incidents. Two bicycles were stolen from Reideman residents. There were 3 reports about disputes between residents, including the one that CBG mentioned earlier. Officers assisted to the site as an abundance of caution as the person because of a reported knife. It turned out no knife was involved.

The incident raised by a CAC member on behalf of a community refers to drug activity. There has been an increase of reported drug activity in the neighborhood and there is an active investigation in process. A suspect was identified and is not a tenant from the Reideman Residence.

There was a fire on the grass at Laurier Elementary in July. A 49-year-old man was arrested and released and charges have been sought.

*Question: Will his name be revealed?*

*Answer: Yes, if he is convicted.*

*Question: Last weekend there was a situation where two young kids were witnessed dealing drugs by a community member at Sunrise Senior Living site. They appeared to be 13-14 years old and exchanged a bag for cash. They were approached and they apologized, 911 was not called. In these situations, do we call 911?*

*Answer: Yes.*

### **c. BC Housing**

BC Housing's research department recently published a study on their website about Modular Supportive Housing Resident Outcomes. The link is provided below.

<https://www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/transition-from-homelessness/modular-supportive-housing-resident-outcomes>

### **d. City of Vancouver**

The City of Vancouver is moving forward with a partnership with BC Housing and CMHC on another site on Vanness Avenue. There were 2 information sessions and decision from the Director of Planning is expected in October. Community Builders Group has been selected as the operator of that site.

City of Vancouver brought forward the rumours circulating around the Vanness community engagement that the residents of the Reideman Residence were not allowed to speak to other community members and that the CAC members were not allowed to talk to anyone outside CAC group. City of Vancouver and confirmed with the operator that these rumours are not true. As CAC members here know there have been many interactions with Reideman residents and the community.



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City of Vancouver issued an RFP to conduct qualitative research into the Reideman site and neighborhood and the successful candidate is Ideospace. The research team will be conducting one on one interviews with neighbours and CAC members are encouraged to participate. It was suggested that informational leaflets about the study can be placed at Community Centre counter.

*Question: Can we speak to media as CAC representatives?*

*Answer: You are allowed to speak as a citizen, but not as a spokesperson for the CAC.*

### **e. Vancouver Coastal Health**

No updates at this time.

### **f. Community Members**

#### Community Centre

*Question: Community members are asking if there is going to be another TMH in Marpole.*

*Answer: The City of Vancouver is currently looking across the city for potential sites. New TMH depends on funding as well. If a site is identified is to be in Marpole, the community will be informed.*

*Question: Will there be a consultation?*

*Answer: There will be information provided and community engagement.*

The Facilitator asked the CAC member to clarify the word consultation. The group replied that it means so that residents are aware ahead of time before the decisions are made and may voice their opinions which could be considered when making the final decision.

#### Laurier PAC

No updates at this time.

#### Churchill PAC

Incident report was made to VPD on July 28 about a potential tenant involved in drug activity. VPD confirmed that the description matches the suspect and that it is not a Reideman tenant, this was same incident that was discussed earlier.

*Question (Churchill PAC): Are all tenants 45 years old and older?*

*Answer (CBG): The target group is over 40, but at times there are exceptions to that, especially with accessibility units. Decisions are made on a case by case basis.*

*Question (Churchill PAC): Are overnight guests allowed?*



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*Answer (CBG): Our Program allows overnight guests, similar to the Residential Tenancy Board Agreement. There is a number of nights a year when guests are allowed to have overnight guests, in consultation with staff.*

*Question (COV): Can you describe a guest policy?*

*Answer (CBG): Overnight guests must be approved by staff. Guests sign in and out with front desk staff.*

*Question (Churchill PAC): A person living close to the TMH building sees someone standing in the staircase of Reideman which fronts her window and feels uncomfortable about it. Are there rules about looking out of windows or stairwells?*

*Answer (CBG): Staff does hourly rounds and there have been no reports about residents in stairwells. There are no specific rules about the use of staircase.*

### Sunrise Senior Living

No issues to report regarding the TMH.

Another TMH would help with the homeless population as there are areas in Marpole where homeless people still are.

### **g. Action items**

| Action Item  | Person Responsible | Status                               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The next meeting will tentatively be set for the end of February.            | COV                | Based upon availability of the room. |
| Provide link to BCH study about Modular Supportive Housing Resident Outcomes | BCH/CBG            | Link attached to minutes             |