



Community Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2015

Present: Membership- Nicki McGregor (Directions), Jean Budden (St. Andrew's- Wesley United Church), Damian Murphy (Kettle), Charles Gauthier (DVBIA), Dylan Goertzen (DVBIA), Eliza Li(BC Housing), Veronica Page (WESN), Stephen Regan (WE BIA)

Regrets: Janet Smith (Kettle), Callum Scott (Directions), Blake Chersinoff (VPD), Sheryl Williamson (WECAN)

1. Review and Approve previous minutes
  - a. Approved as recorded
2. Old Business from previous minutes
  - a. 1160 Burrard Concerns- letter from the City still pending- no recent communications from the medical building
  - b. They have been painting out graffiti from the loading area more regularly
3. The Kettle, Directions and Partner Update
  - a. WE BIA
    - i. Recent meetings with ESSO and West Valley staff and management. They report recent (past 8 months) increase in graffiti and etching on the pump display panels(ESSO) and shoplifting. Some suggestion from them that it may be related to 1134 Burrard but nothing concrete.
    - ii. WE BIA partnering with the WE/Coal Harbour CPC to distribute crime reduction awareness information
    - iii. Partnering with Gordon Neighbourhood House to have their Clean Team work on areas in Davie Village
    - iv. Considering getting a contract for Loss Prevention Officer to patrol local businesses
  - b. Directions
    - i. Thursday October 15 was the annual "Night in the Life" fundraiser to raise awareness around youth homelessness. Participants toured the centre and role played being homeless and attempting to navigate the system through a "Homelessness Simulator" activity in the drop-in. Then participants slept outside in front of the building.
    - ii. Participants had individual goal of raising \$2,500. The event went very well and a total of \$25,000 was raised.
    - iii. Directions celebrating their 10 year anniversary as an integrated resource centre.



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- iv. Directions, drop-in clients and Access to Music Foundation are working together to stage the musical "Death in a Dumpster". The play will be held Nov. 7, 11 and 14 at the Waterfront Theatre.
- v. Centre remains busy with 45-60 dinners served daily. Stats reveal a recent 25% increase in drop-in clients under age 18.

c. BC Housing

- i. Winter shelter planning finalized and will be open November through April. Two Vancouver locations and operators to be announced shortly.
- ii. Extreme weather mat program also getting ready for the winter season
- iii. Bloom Group is buying Nicholson Towers from BC Housing- tenants will remain and the building will still be affordable housing even when current tenants leave.

d. St. Andrew's-Wesley Church

- i. Sunday evenings are a contemplative candlelight/music service
- ii. Noticed an increase in people in need attending the church- issues at the forefront include housing and access to medical care.
- iii. Congregation collecting donations of useful items- offer to pass along donations to Kettle on Burrard tenants. Items include cutlery, pots and pans and other kitchen related items. Lots of clothes also being donated.
- iv. Some services are being held jointly with Christ Church
- v. There is a weekly senior's lunch
- vi. The church has joined the Metro Vancouver Alliance, a collaborative group of 53 different institutions working towards a common good. Working towards getting a covenant with the City of Vancouver on the issue of housing.
- vii. Conducting a research project on seniors whose landlords are not observing by-laws regarding repairs etc.

e. DV BIA

- i. Dylan attending the meeting as coordinator of the Downtown ambassadors program. Conducting ongoing observational studies of instances of panhandling and rough sleeping in the downtown core. Data collected is being shared with the City and VPD. From July through September there was an uptick in panhandling and rough sleeping but numbers for aggressive panhandling have not increased.
- ii. Reaching out to youth serving organizations on the issue of marijuana dispensaries. Likely that a number of applications in the downtown area will be denied based on new licensing regulations. There are currently 15 such



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businesses in the 90 block area of downtown. Current exclusionary areas include community centres and schools but not youth serving organizations.

- iii. Recent reports of more people using in the lanes in the area and possible dial-a-dope operations working in the same.

f. WE Senior's Network

- i. Produce a monthly newsletter for seniors and will drop some of at Kettle on Burrard for senior residents.
- ii. Working on a grant through BC Non Profit Housing Association to provide education and awareness around the issue of elder abuse.
- iii. Attempting to work with local landlords and building managers to get access to the places where seniors live to inform them about the issues.

g. Kettle

- i. Developing a plan to provide more intensive case management to residents over the winter. Help tenants make and reach personal life goals.
- ii. A few recent bus trips and outings have been very popular and successful.
- iii. Over the winter staff will be working with tenants on lifeskills in tenants' suites and increasing in –house programs as people settle in for the winter.
- iv. Vancouver School of Massage providing services on a weekly basis at the building. Therapeutic health care for tenants and experience for their students.

4. Community Impact Notifications received by The Kettle or Directions

- a. None

5. Status Report and review of any unresolved complaints

- a. 1160 Burrard- ongoing as noted

6. Other Business

- a. Reminder- Minutes of the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes are now posted on The Kettle's website and available for viewing by the public at [www.thekettle.ca](http://www.thekettle.ca) under Our Programs- Housing Services- Kettle on Burrard building.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting to be held Kettle on Burrard 3<sup>rd</sup> floor boardroom on Tuesday, Tuesday January 19, 2016.