



Community Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2016

Present: Membership-Janet Smith (Kettle), Damian Murphy (Kettle), Calum Scott (Directions), Nicki McGregor (Directions), Jean Budden (St. Andrew's- Wesley United Church), , Charles Gauthier (DVBIA), Laurie McGrath (WEBIA), Eliza Li(BC Housing), Veronica Page (WESN), Sheryl Williamson (WECAN), Aleya Trott (WECH CPC)

Regrets: Blake Chersinoff (VPD)

1. Review and Approve previous minutes
  - a. Approved as recorded with one correction- St. Andrew's Seniors lunch is monthly not weekly
2. Old Business from previous minutes
  - a. 1160 Burrard Concerns- no recent concerns from the Medical Centre
    - i. They have been painting out graffiti and now have a security person roaming front and back of the building
3. The Kettle, Directions and Partner Update
  - a. DVBIA
    - i. Increase in homeless encampments in certain areas of the downtown core. Individuals have been approached repeatedly by outreach workers from Carnegie etc. but don't seem interested in getting help with housing
    - ii. Most marijuana dispensary license applications have been rejected since the process began a few months ago
  - b. WE Senior's Network
    - i. More and more seniors who are being evicted are approaching the WESN for assistance.
    - ii. New housing stock in the neighbourhood is getting more expensive
    - iii. At the suggestion of BC Housing WESN plans to create more awareness about the SAFER program
  - c. BC Housing
    - i. Winter shelters opened in December and are all full- will be operating until April
    - ii. Extreme weather mat program (EWR) are activated and operating when the weather is extreme



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- iii. Directions has been approached to make their EWR mat program more of an overnight program through April
  
- d. WE BIA
  - i. Jim Deva Plaza plans have been approved and will be moving forward with construction expected to begin in February and be completed this summer.
  - ii. Contract with Goodbye Graffiti to help solve the graffiti problem in the area.
  
- e. WECH CPC
  - i. Increase in recent reports from the community about the CRA scam
  - ii. Commercial liaisons report increase in reports from businesses about fears of people loitering inside business and washrooms.
  
- f. Directions
  - i. It was a busy holiday period though there was slightly less access in Dec. Numbers have been increasing again in January 2016.
  - ii. No community concerns recorded during the last period but getting a lot of calls with offers of help and donations.
  - iii. 10 year anniversary celebrations were successful and resulted in an increase in media coverage.
  - iv. Change of use for the EWR/shelter program was approved by the City and now in hiring phase for staff.
  - v. Brighter Tomorrow's fundraising luncheon will be Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Four Seasons
  - vi. The December campaign for food donations was well supplied especially from WE BIA members.
  
- g. St. Andrew's-Wesley Church
  - i. Great Christmas season with 2000+ in attendance at the services.
  - ii. Weds. afternoons are a meditative opportunity with their new "quiet hearts" hour at 4:30 p.m. each week.
  - iii. Congregation is involved in sponsoring refugees including a Syrian family newly arrived.
  - iv. On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> the Metro Vancouver Alliance will be having an assembly on affordable housing.
  
- h. The Kettle
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas in the building was very festive. Big thanks to St. Andrew's Wesley United Church for donating the live Christmas tree which was replanted when the season ended.



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- ii. Attended a booth at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual We Are Community event hosted by the WECH CPC and Community Response Network on New Year's Eve.
  - iii. The Vancouver Opera is partnering with The Kettle to stage an opera performance in 2018. The theme of the opera will be homelessness .Ongoing rehearsals at Kettle on Burrard twice a week for Kettle members, residents, staff and friends of The Kettle.
  - iv. The Kettle renewal project is gearing up and The Kettle is looking for support for the project from the local community. More info at [www.kettleboffo.com](http://www.kettleboffo.com)
  
4. Community Impact Notifications received by The Kettle or Directions
  - a. One concern reported by Burrard Hotel on Nov. 6, 2015 regarding someone threatening staff at the hotel. Damian met with the new Manager to discuss the issue and provide information about Kettle on Burrard. Matter was resolved.
  
5. 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.
  
6. Next Meeting
  - a. Next meeting to be held Kettle on Burrard 3<sup>rd</sup> floor boardroom on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.