



Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Present: Membership- Damian Murphy (Kettle), Jean Budden (St. Andrew's- Wesley United Church), Laurie McGrath (WEBIA), Kal Patel (VPD), Nicki McGregor (Directions), Eliza Li (BC Housing), Aleya Trott (WECH CPC)

Regrets: Janet Smith (Kettle), Calum Scott (Directions), Charles Gauthier (DVBIA), Veronica Page (WESN), Blake Chersinoff (VPD), Sheryl Williamson (WECAN)

1. Review and Approve previous minutes
 - a. Approved.
2. Old Business from previous minutes
 - a. None.
3. The Kettle, Directions and Partner Update
 - a. WEBIA
 - i. Receiving reports from area businesses about increase in people sleeping on the streets and in doorways
 - ii. The new Home Hardware that opened a couple of months ago has been experiencing a lot of shoplifting and some intimidation of staff
 - b. St. Andrew's- Wesley United Church
 - i. All is well. Campers on the property have moved on.
 - c. Directions
 - i. Fairly quiet of late- no complaints from community in the last six months.
 - ii. Minor incident with staff on outside roam Friday before Thanksgiving
 - iii. The Centre has been busy since April with 19,899 visits and 10,000 hot meals served. Currently serving a caseload of 505 individual clients.
 - iv. Will be running 10 bed winter shelter for youth November 2016 through April 2017.
 - d. WECH CPC
 - i. Similar complaints from local residents and merchants re: increase in people sleeping rough, tenting in Nelson Park.
 - ii. Increase in harm reduction paraphernalia being found in alleys and local community gardens, again especially in Nelson Park.
 - e. WECAN
 - i. Still ongoing concerns about people sleeping in the bandstand at Alexandra Park



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- f. BC Housing
 - i. Winter shelters are being funded again and will begin opening mid-November. Downtown sites to include Directions and a shelter at the old Art Knapp's on Hornby to be operated by Raincity.
 - ii. Sunset Towers will be transferred and operated by More Than a Roof Society.
 - iii. Carnegie Outreach has received some funding (City) to expand their outreach into the downtown core, specifically Granville St.

- g. VPD
 - i. Aware of issues with tenting in Nelson Park. Bike patrol will be monitoring over the winter.

- h. The Kettle
 - i. 40th Anniversary celebrations ongoing. Nov. 2 is the official anniversary date and sites will be celebrating with a special breakfast for residents and members followed by a drop-in at the main site at Venables and Commercial.
 - ii. Kettle Boffo renewal project received support of council to allow for increased height at the site of the proposed development. Thanks to all supporters.
 - iii. Kettle on Burrard community very stable with some natural turnover so far this year. Waitlists remain lengthy.
 - iv. Gardening program was a big success again. St. Andrew's has committed to funding the gardening program again for 2017 season and will also be providing a live Christmas tree again for the Christmas season.

4. Community Impact Notifications received by The Kettle or Directions
 - i. None.

5. Other Business
 - a. None.

6. Next Meeting
 - a. Next meeting to be held Kettle on Burrard 3rd floor boardroom on Tuesday April 18, 2017.