

Alderbridge Supportive Housing Community Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
City Centre Community Centre
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Diana Bulley (Facilitator), Adina Edwards (RainCity Housing), Emma McGarry (RainCity Housing), Monica Bennington (City of Richmond), Jennifer Molto (Community Member), Carmen Hall (BC Housing), Jamil Karim (City Centre Community Association), and Ivan Pak (Community Member)

1. Welcome and Introduction

- The Facilitator welcomed committee members to the meeting.

2. Action Items from Previous Meeting

- There were no action items resulting from the previous meeting.

3. Updated and Discussion

Project Partner committee members (RainCity Housing, BC Housing, City of Richmond and City Centre Community Association) provided updates and discussed the Alderbridge Supportive Housing.

A. RainCity Housing

- Adina Edwards (RainCity Housing) provided the following updates:
 - RainCity Housing received one noise complaint from a nearby neighbour since the last Community Advisory Committee meeting (August 13, 2019). This is the second noise complaint received since the opening of the Alderbridge Supportive Housing in April 2019. Staff have asked that tenants to use the back of the Alderbridge Supportive Housing if outside past 10:00 p.m. In addition, RainCity Housing staff are now completing noise checks every 30 minutes past 10:00 p.m. RainCity Housing staff will follow up with the neighbour who made the complaint to see if these changes have lessened noise disruptions.
 - RainCity Housing encourages neighbourhood residents to call the Alderbridge Supportive Housing (6999 Alderbridge Way) when a noise disturbance is occurring so that staff can respond immediately.
 - RainCity Housing staff participated in the community Harvest Moon Festival and provided produce that was grown at the Alderbridge Supportive Housing's community garden in partnership with Tapestry Church. The event provided an opportunity to connect with local neighbours.
 - RainCity Housing offers a peer support program. Tenants are able to gain work experience through jobs including cleaning up public spaces near the Alderbridge Supportive Housing.
- A community member asked if tenants are accessing support services and volunteered to provide RainCity Housing staff with information regarding the Canadian Mental Health Association.
 - Adina Edwards (RainCity Housing) stated that tenants are connected to a variety of support services, including the Vancouver Coastal Health Anne Vogel Clinic. She

suggested that the community member drop off Canadian Mental Health Association brochures at the Alderbridge Supportive Housing for tenants to review.

- A community member expressed support for the peer support program and that neighbours in the area have commented on a positive change in cleanliness of the neighbourhood in the last month.

B. BC Housing

- Carmen Hall (BC Housing) indicated that there are no new updates.

C. City of Richmond

- Monica Bennington (City of Richmond) indicated that there are no new City updates and that the City Bylaws Department has not received or responded to any bylaw complaints associated with the Alderbridge Supportive Housing.
- A community member suggested that City signage be added to parks in central Richmond, informing the public regarding the City's process for the safe disposal of needles and other garbage.
 - Monica Bennington (City of Richmond) indicated that this type of request can be made to the City by email for review (mbennington@richmond.ca)

D. City Centre Community Centre Association

- Jamil Karmin (City Centre Community Centre Association) indicated that there are no new updates.
 - Adina Edwards (RainCity Housing) requested that City Centre Community Centre Association provide a list of programming and upcoming events to the Alderbridge Supportive Housing so it can be included on the tenant information board.

4. Action Items and Next Steps

- **Action Item:** City Centre Community Association will provide a list of programming and events to RainCity Housing.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting: It was decided that the next meeting will be scheduled for October.