

Alderbridge Supportive Housing Community Advisory Committee

August 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room 1, City Centre Community Centre

In attendance:

Diana Bulley (Facilitator), Adina Edwards (RainCity Housing), Cody Spencer (City of Richmond), Sean Spear (RainCity Housing), Carli Williams (City of Richmond), Heather Hall (Richmond RCMP), Jennifer Molto (Community Member), Carmen Hall (BC Housing), Jamil Karim (City Centre Community Association), Karen Barclay (Vancouver Coastal Health), and Emma Lamperson (City of Richmond – Recorder)

1. Welcome and Introduction

- The Facilitator welcomed committee members to the meeting. Roundtable introductions followed.

2. Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Cody Spencer (City of Richmond) stated that he had followed up with committee members after the last meeting about established processes for needle disposal in Richmond.

3. Updates and Discussion

A. RainCity Housing

- Adina Edwards and Sean Spear (RainCity Housing) provided the following update:
 - There were two instances where a neighbour called RainCity to report that a needle was found on a neighbouring property. RainCity staff responded promptly and disposed of the needles. However, there was no evidence to suggest the needles were associated with Alderbridge tenants.
 - A dumpster fire was reported near the modular housing. After investigating the incident, it was determined that the responsible individual was unknown to the building and was not a tenant or guest.
 - A noise complaint was lodged regarding an argument between a tenant and guest outside of the modular housing. RainCity staff responded immediately and brought the argument to an end.
 - A neighbour alleged that they thought a tenant was involved in a drug deal on an adjacent property. The tenant stated that it was not a drug deal and that they were returning an individual's phone.

- Richmond Food Security Society is tending to a successful garden plot on the Alderbridge property.

B. BC Housing

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

C. City of Richmond

- Cody Spencer (City of Richmond) indicated that there were no new updates.
 - Cody Spencer mentioned that Adina Edwards, a Richmond RCMP representative and himself had met with a neighbourhood stakeholder.
 - Carli Williams (City of Richmond) stated that there were no bylaw complaints.

D. City Centre Community Centre

- Jamil Karim (City Centre Community Centre) provided the following update:
 - An outdoor movie is being hosted at Garden City Park and tenants from the modular housing are welcome.

E. Vancouver Coastal Health

- Karen Barclay (Vancouver Coastal Health) provided the following update:
 - The Overdose Outreach Team connects with individuals across Richmond to stop overdoses from happening and is visiting the temporary modular housing similar to any other location.

F. Richmond RCMP

- Heather Hall (Richmond RCMP) indicated that there were no new updates.

G. Community Members

- A community member noted that they have noticed an increase in individuals experiencing homelessness in central Richmond. These individuals are not tenants in the Alderbridge housing.

4. Action Items and Next Steps

- No action items.

5. Adjournment

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