

MPA Society
Sanford Apartments and Resource Centre
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes – February 18, 2013

AGENDA

1. MPA and KSHS & Partner update
2. Successes
3. Community Impact notifications
 - a) Complaints received
 - b) Status report and review of any unresolved complaints
4. Other business
5. Next CAC Meeting
 - a) Suggestions for items to include in the next CAC meeting
 - b) Date for next meeting

Attendance (bolded names indicate attendance)

Community Members

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| • Tony Podlecki Jennifer Podlecki (alternate) | Neighbour Neighbour |
| • Kathy MacDougall | Neighbour |
| • Rev Mark Swanson | Grace Church |
| • Matthew Smed (alternate) | Grace Church |
| • Lindsey Joy Fox Parker | Neighbour & Community Garden |
| • Tracy Joy Parker (alternate) | Neighbour & Community Garden |
| • Penny Rogers | Kits Shower Program |
| • Donna Barker | Burrard Granville Residents Association |
| • Jerilyn Lee | Terraces |

Sanford Apartments Representative

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| • Angela Hume Albert Duncan (alternate) | Sanford Apartments Sanford Apartments |
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Resource Centre Representative

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| • Ian Anderson Terry Ryan (alternate) | Resource Centre Resource Centre |
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| • David MacIntyre, Executive Director | MPA Society |
| • Kim Capri, Director of Resource Cent | MPA Society |
| • Slinder Balaggan, Resource Centre Manager (alternate) | MPA Society |
| • Joanna Gallivan-Smith, Sanford Apts Manager (alternate) | MPA Society |
| • Yvonne Demers, Executive Assitant | MPA Society |

Katherine Sanford Housing Society

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| • Bonnie Rice Gilles Brunet (alternate) | Katherine Sanford Housing Society Katherine Sanford Housing Society |
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City of Vancouver

- **Abi Bond**
Daniel Naundorf (alternate)
Jim De Hoop (alternate)
- City of Vancouver**
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Community Policing

- **Paul Hogan**
- Community Policing**

Vancouver Coastal Health

- Lorna Howes
Anna Richley (alternate)
- Vancouver Coastal Health
Vancouver Coastal Health

BC Housing

- Dominic Flanagan
Lindsey Milburn (alternate)
- BC Housing
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David welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The November 27, 2012 meeting notes were distributed by email and reviewed. Ian made a motion to accept the meeting notes from November 27, 2012. Tracy seconded the motion.

1. MPA Society, KSHS and Partner Updates

In the building, MPA Society provides the support services and KSHS provides property management and building maintenance.

Sanford Property Management

A second exterior ashtray will be installed soon. The ashtrays and garbage cans that were previously installed are working very well. KSHS has undergone a branding change and will now be known as 'Sanford Property Management'. A plaque has been ordered for the building to honor Mrs. Katherine Sanford, for whom the building is named after.

MPA Society

The responsibility for Sanford Apartments has been moved to Kim Capri in order to align responsibilities and have one Director over-seeing the whole building. Kim has been responsible for the Resource Centre and Advocates programs on the 1st and 2nd floors and is now over-seeing the entire building.

Residential units are at capacity. There was a resident who had moved in with challenges a few months ago who has now moved out voluntarily. This has been the only vacancy so far, and that suite will be re-occupied very soon.

2. Successes

Since the CAC last met, Christmas happened –there was a full turkey dinner served for approximately 120 people from the building residents and the Resource Centre on Christmas Day and everyone was provided a gift from a donation by Mountain Equipment Co-op. A very special thing that happened was that some neighbors came by over the holidays and brought baking and cookies for the members.

Street to Home Foundation had an event at which a resident of the Sanford Apartments was invited to be a guest speaker. He received strong applause from all in attendance.

The North Shore Culinary School, which provides meals for the Resource Centre as well as other MPA programs, has accepted an attendee of the Resource Centre, as a student in their culinary program.

The first official volunteer has come on board and is volunteering at the Resource Centre.

As part of the scheduled information/training sessions in the Resource Centre, Constable Paul Hogan, who is on this committee, provided a training session personal safety. Many attendees provided positive feedback about the session and are requesting that it be offered again in the near future. What was telling was the realization that people in the neighborhood might be apprehensive about MPA members but our Resource Centre members and apartment residents are also concerned about their vulnerability in the neighborhood, and want to find ways to make themselves feel safer and more comfortable in the community.

3. Community Impact Notifications

a) Complaints received (move in date was June 26, with tenanting beginning July 2, 2012)

| Date/Time | Comments | Follow Up |
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| Jan 5, 2013 | Concern received via info@mpa-soceity.org . Neighbor reported seeing litter consisting of empty beer cans and wrappers on Dec 25/12. | Managers of both programs followed up and determined it was a tenant tossing garbage from window. Tenant was spoken with. Manager of Resource Centre responded to neighbor via email and thanked them for the contact and advised of follow up actions and results. Also provided neighbor with 24 hour contact number and encourage future contact should there be future concerns. No response or further concerns expressed by neighbor. |
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Donna Barker of the Burrard Granville Residents Association, unable to attend, did report that she had not received any complaints or comments from her neighbors and members of the Association.

There was a rumor in the neighborhood that a cold weather shelter was being run out of the Resource Centre but that was not the case. There was no shelter in the Sanford building and the building is not designed to house a shelter program.

The Willow Pavilion, a facility for Tertiary care, has opened in the neighborhood and may provide a new dynamic which will be monitored by MPA.

It was reported that some people are still upset about the MPA building in the neighborhood, but report not calling in complaints as they claim they won't be listened to, or nothing will be done. MPA Society continually focuses on community engagement and openly encourages people to phone should they have concerns or wish to discuss issues – contact information is listed again below. One of MPA's mandates is to connect with people who need services, and by neighbours reporting concerns immediately, it can help MPA's Outreach Service to connect with that person and try to connect them with the services that they need including primary health services and housing options.

At the last meeting it was reported that the lot across the street from the building on 7th Avenue was very unkempt with uncut grass and lots of garbage. It is now reported that the site was cleaned up with the grass cut and garbage picked up. Thanks to the City of Vancouver for increasing their clean up services in the area.

b) Status Report and review of any unresolved complaints

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| There are no unresolved complaints to report | |
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Contact information:

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 Phone (604) 717-4023
 #78-1687 West Broadway, Vancouver BC
 Email kitsfaircpc@gmail.com

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and holidays.

Sanford Apartments Staff Office - **24 hour telephone line - 604-682-6776**
306-1601 West 7th Ave, Vancouver BC

4. Other business

Ian informed everyone of an MPA documentary on the history of the MPA which will be debuted on May 9th, 2013. More information on this film will be forwarded to the committee members once received. The film will also be available to view online, once released.

If any committee members are interested in a tour of the building, one can be arranged for the next meeting. Please let Yvonne at ydemers@mpa-society know, so that arrangements can be made in advance.

There was a report of a community meeting regarding a city park planned on the corner of 6th and Fir Street. This park is in the planning stages and the City of Vancouver is looking for input into ideas for the park design and usage. There was some discussion that perhaps the Sanford building residents could donate something to the park, for example a bench, or fountain, or tree. If someone hears of a future meeting, or has information on the site, please forward to ydemers@mpa-society.org and she will forward the information to committee members and MPA management.

It was suggested that an Open House for the neighborhood be held. MPA management will be discussing this further in the next few weeks.

5. Next CAC meeting

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **May 6, 2013 at 7:00pm**. 2275 Fir Street, Vancouver, BC