



Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes

McCurdy Place | 130 McCurdy Road

April 12, 2021, 5:30 – 6:00 | Zoom

1) Welcome, land acknowledgement and introductions

- The Facilitator welcomed attendees and roundtable introductions were made

2) Update on McCurdy Place

- CMHA Kelowna
 - i) 33 rooms are now filled and residents are settling in to their new home
 - ii) The recreation worker is conducting a month of various activities to gauge resident interest. Popular activities include art days and outdoor recreation.
 - iii) Residents have taken on the task of landscaping the backyard with sod and new plants
 - iv) Residents are expressing interest in volunteer work, part-time employment, and are looking for ideas on how to be involved in the community such as a community clean up

3) McCurdy Place – Roundtable Discussion

- Challenges or concerns
 - i) Community Representative: Expressed a concern related to fire safety, fire retardant furniture, and hazards that could arise if residents produced drugs in their unit.

CMHA Kelowna: While the furniture is not fire-retardant, there are fire safety systems in place, smoke detectors and sprinklers in each unit. Life skills workers can assist residents with learning skills to be safe in the kitchen. McCurdy Place is a recovery-oriented building, and all residents sign a program agreement stating they will participate in recovery programming. Production of any drugs would be counter to the program agreement as well as being an illegal activity. If staff notice an individual is using substances a care plan would be put in place to address their relapse. If substance use becomes problematic the resident would be moved to alternate housing.

- ii) RCMP Liaison: Has been monitoring police files in the area near McCurdy Place and no police files have been created in relation to McCurdy Place since it's opening

- **Opportunities**

- i) Strong Neighbourhoods Program: The next intake for neighbourhood grants is June. Grant applications can assist in small projects as a way to create community connection. Tanya can assist with arranging a community clean up. The RDCO can support with a community clean up by providing the supplies needed as well as picking up the garbage afterwards.

More information about Strong Neighbourhoods on the website:
kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods

More information on RDCO clean up:
[https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/281075/Com Clean Up Poster.pdf](https://www.regionaldistrict.com/media/281075/Com_Clean_Up_Poster.pdf)

- ii) Community Representative: Noticed that the Chichester Wetland Park is not adopted at the moment and suggested that McCurdy residents could adopt the park.

CMHA Kelowna: Thank you for the suggestion, we will take this to the residents to see if there is interest in adopting the park.

4) Action items and next steps

- CMHA Kelowna – Share the adopt the park program with the recreation worker to consult residents and gauge interest
- CMHA Kelowna – Discuss with residents a possible collaboration with community members for a community clean up

Next Meeting Date: Will be scheduled and sent out to Committee Members