



Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes

Ellis Place | 1051 Ellis Street
April 26, 2022, 5:00 – 5:45 | Zoom

1) Welcome, land acknowledgement and introductions

- The Facilitator welcomed attendees and began the meeting.

2) Update on Ellis Place

- CMHA Kelowna
 - i) 3 Ellis Place residents participated in interviews for the anti-stigma campaign in collaboration with the City of Kelowna. This was an empowering experience to those residents at Ellis Place who aren't often given a platform for their voices to be heard.
 - ii) Numbers in the monthly tenant's meetings are increasing steadily. Tenant's meetings started with the opening of Ellis Place and began with 2 tenants showing up, the most recent meeting had 14 residents attend.
 - iii) Residents are excited to start gardening in the spring and summer.
 - iv) Many residents are artists, with the COVID-19 restrictions Ellis Place staff are looking for opportunities to showcase resident art in the community.
 - v) CMHA Kelowna is looking at an opportunity through the Strong Neighbourhoods grant to create a community mural in collaboration with the Ellis Place residents and neighbours. This should be ready in time to apply for the next Strong Neighbourhoods grant intake in June.
 - vi) Ellis Place has created a move-in pamphlet with the resident's input. Staff and residents are looking at how to have greater peer involvement for the move-in process to ease that transition into housing which can be a difficult process.
- BC Housing
 - i) Since the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions BC Housing staff are now able to re-engage with community visits and have been able to perform in-person visits of the buildings including Ellis Place.

3) Ellis Place – Roundtable Discussion

- Challenges or concerns
 - i) None.

4) Opportunities

- Strong Neighbourhoods Program: The program is now able to support block parties again since restrictions have lifted. The next grant intake is on June 3rd. Tanya can assist in engaging residents in the community to build participation for community events, including the proposed community mural if this is approved.
More information on the website: kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods

5) Action items and next steps

- Jessica Samuels to connect Tanya and Lia.

Next Meeting Date:

TBA (Late Summer)