



Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes

McCurdy Place | 130 McCurdy Road
October 20, 2022, 5:00 – 5:45pm | Zoom

1) Welcome, land acknowledgement, roundtable introductions

2) Update on McCurdy Place

- CMHA Kelowna
 - i) Ashleigh introduced as new Team Lead!
 - ii) McCurdy Place has had some movement, folks moving in and others moving out, really focusing on resident's being an appropriate fit with the community.
 - iii) Have had staffing changes and new staff team is working well together.
 - iv) Programming is up and running keeping residents engaged with community and meaningful activity. In particular, life skills programs focused on budgeting, cooking, developing healthy relationships etc. The intent is to support individuals to be successful in independent housing if they choose to move out in the future.
 - v) Successfully modified a unit for an individual's unique mobility needs to move to McCurdy Place and focus on their recovery goals.

- BC Housing – sends regrets that they were unable to attend

3) McCurdy Place – Roundtable Discussion

- **Challenges or concerns**
 - i) Community Member: Donated plants to McCurdy Place and the plants died, the soil was quite poor. It was disappointing that the plants were donated by a community member and then died.

CMHA Kelowna Response: Absolutely appreciate that it is tough when a program or plan doesn't go as planned. Programming is always a work in progress, CMHA Kelowna trials a lot of programs to find the right programs that the community of residents will be engaged with. Unfortunately, it's not gardening!
 - ii) Community Member: There have been some parties near the back fence at McCurdy Place. The neighbour addressed the individuals along the fence and then the neighbour's fence was broken. There are concerns about broken glass and broken pipes along the McCurdy Place fence.

CMHA Kelowna Response: We can certainly increase the number of staff attending to the space along the fence. Staff will be asked to address any broken glass in the parking lot.

City of Kelowna: Has indicated this as a “hot spot” and will increase the patrols in the area and that the staff are able to deal with shopping carts or general garbage as needed.

- iii) Community Member: The neighbours along Alden Road are struggling with traffic around their homes including break-ins and stolen backyard items, general mess around their properties.

CMHA Kelowna Response: We can provide direct contacts for staff at McCurdy Place as well as for staff at the main CMHA office so that neighbours feel they have someone to direct their concerns to. CMHA Kelowna strives to be responsive to community concerns, to provide direction and support to residents, and to re-house individuals to new sites if absolutely necessary.

- **Opportunities**

- i) Strong Neighbourhoods Program – Neighbourhood block parties are wrapping up but grant applications are open for the winter months. Please contact Tanya if you’re interested in a community project. Deadline is November 4, 2022.
- ii) Community Member: There will be a community cleanup arranged in Rutland. This might be a way for McCurdy Place residents to get involved in the community.

CMHA Kelowna Response: Absolutely there are McCurdy Place residents who would be interested in participating. Ashleigh will bring this up at the next residents meeting to see if others are interested in getting involved.

LECOH: Would also like to participate in the community cleanup

4) Action items and next steps

Christopher to share the cleanup dates and information with Ashleigh Blanke and LECOH.

Next Meeting Date: TBD