

## Exchange Inner City Membership Meeting Notes

*Date:* September 17, 2018

*In Attendance:* Anna Godefroy (Binnars' Project), Bobby MacDonald (UGM), Chris Neale-Clark (Local Resident/DTES Business Directory), Dakota Shelby (Check Your Head), David LePage (Buy Social Canada/CIRES), Davin Boutang (Resident), Deanna Wing (Central City Foundation), Grace Tait (YWCA Crabtree Corner), Johanna Li (EMBERS), Jose Fernandez-Garcia (City of Vancouver), Kahoruko (Guest Researcher from Japan), Kellie Carroll (NICCSS), Minshu Mo (NICCSS), Sean Condon (Vancity Community Foundation), Shari LaLiberte (MVA), Shaugn Schwartz (CIRES), Shirley Vivian (Local resident), Viveca Ellis (BC Poverty Reduction Coalition-CAN Program), Wilson Liang (Local Resident), Steven Johnston (Exchange Inner City Director), Alisha Masongsong (Exchange Inner City Project Coordinator)

*Guests:* Ahmad Ghahary (Community Apothecary), Sarah (Manager of Columbia Medical Clinic)

*Regrets:* Amelia Huang (SFU Urban Studies Student), Anastasia Gaisenok (Check Your Head), Austin Lui (EMBERS Eastside Works), Brenda Crump (NewStart Bridging Program -VEES), Brennan Fitzgerald (HxBIA), Chris Boyd (CleanStart BC), Brian Rutledge (Local Resident), Christina Wong (Employ to Empower), Edmund Ma (Ma Foundation/VCRC), Eileen Clabburn (Exchange Inner City Admin Staff), Elizabeth Ballantyne (DTES Neighbourhood House), Farhad Farhangfar (SUCCESS), Glenn (Local Resident), Hendrik Beune (Village Vancouver, Megaphone), Janani Ravikularm (Check Your Head), Jarett Rude (Open Door Group), Jean- Paul Beran (JustWork), Jennifer Froese (Directions-Greater Vancouver Family Services), Judy McGuire (Our Place), Kit Rothschild (PACE Society), Lucia (Let's Speak Up Program), Ludvik Skalicky (Resident), Lydia Meister (Metro Vancouver Consortium-Transitions), Maija Fiorante (Buy Social Canada), Mandy Hardwick (RainCity LGBTQ2S+), Marc Lawrence (Local Resident), Marcia Nozick (EMBERS), Matt Smedley (Mission Possible), Pete Fry (Strathcona Resident/RayCam), Rocky James (MVAEC), Scott Clark (ALIVE), Sharon Belli (Carnegie Centre), Shelley Bolton (East Van Roasters/PHS), Suddhodan Baidya (SUCCESS), Tom Wanklin (City of Vancouver), Trish Kelly (Potluck Cafe Society), Wes Regan (City of Vancouver)

### **1. Welcome & Traditional Acknowledgement:**

- Meeting started at 4:02pm
- Anna welcomed everyone and conducted the traditional territorial acknowledgement and a quick round of introductions.

### **2. Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Notes:**



- Alisha added to the agenda - Review Statement of Support for CBA Policy
- Both the previous meeting notes and agenda were approved by everyone in the room nodding in agreement

### **3. Presentation from Community Apothecary**

Purpose of presentation: To get community input from the members of Exchange Inner City on Community Apothecary's plans and use of 101 E Hasting St. (to contribute to local economy, according to Community Impact Real Estate Society), given the importance and sensitive nature of the location, would like to ensure that the community believes that this is a good fit or not.

***\* Please see scanned copy of Community Apothecary's presentation attached in the email.***

#### **Questions to presenter and community input:**

- Timeline to open: 6 months.
- PHS run clinic on site, nurses available to help community members.
- Who are the partners for the social enterprise cafe? Community Apothecary is seeking community input for that, and had suggested EVR, Potluck Cafe.
- Will the food/bake goods be made onsite or offsite, is a kitchen required? Could be either or, but would likely have the 3rd party partner making food offsite
- How will you make people feel comfortable accessing a Cafe that is in a pharmacy: Will have the cafe located at the front entrance of the pharmacy so hope to attract people to come in off the streets/passers by, and for clients using the pharmacy to have a nice space to sit and enjoy themselves before or after they receive their treatment.
- Will there be a separation of space between the cafe and the pharmacy: Yes there will be a wall with a window, in order to ensure confidentiality and sterilization
- How does iOAT treatment work: Injectable Opioid Against Therapy given to patients through an injection once or twice a day, or less depending on their care, and then patients are asked to wait for 20 minutes to make sure they are stable and ok before leaving the pharmacy
- Opportunity to work with other teams: yes, like overdose prevention teams, outreach teams, Columbia Clinic.
- Reason to choose Cafe: lack of affordable Cafe space, warm and inviting space. Open to community input as to whether a cafe is the best social enterprise/community option to add to the space
- Community Apothecary shared that there is a community space available for social workers, outreach health care workers, and artists who often struggle to find desk space or somewhere to stop and do some work while on the go
- Corruption of pharmacy system: The current model can attract some people. Even other competing factor, patrons may be attracted to our model which includes continuum of care and outreach to patients.

#### **Exchange Inner City discussion:**

- Why did Community Apothecary choose to have a cafe? Did they choose to have a social enterprise cafe on their own, or was this because CIRES and the zoning requires that this unit have a community retail space?
- Some members mentioned that they prefer pharmacies who will pay them for this particular treatment, as people are in need of money, so it may be hard for them to get new patients. Also the pharmacies that pay patients to have their treatment provide coffee and baked goods, so there is nothing different about Community Apothecary having a cafe space.
- Suggestion/Comment was made about the shared space of seminar room: If members have future comments/questions can contact Shaugn at Community Impact Real Estate Society: email is shaugn@communityimpactrealestate.ca

#### **4. Personnel & Working Group Updates:**

##### ***Co-Chairs' Update :***

##### ***Director Update (Steve):***

Steve, Alisha and David are attending the EconoUS conference in Moncton next week to showcase the collaborative work between EIC, Buy Social Canada and CIRES.

Updates on Embers Eastside Works "Park steward" program and how EIC plans to continue to work with Eastside Works and others on developing a Community Ambassador Curriculum/Training Program.

##### ***CED Planner Update (Wes Regan):***

Wes was not present at the meeting to provide an update.

##### ***Project Coordinator Update (Alisha):***

See Meeting Package for Alisha's update.

##### ***Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) Working Group Update:***

See Meeting Package for updates.

##### ***Retail Gentrification & Social Inclusion Working Group Update:***

See Meeting Package for updates.

##### ***Social Procurement Roundtable:***

See Meeting Package for updates.

#### **5. Project Updates:**

##### ***CAN - Community Action Network:***

#### Transit Accessibility Campaign

- CAN in partnership with BC Poverty Reduction Coalition and TRRUST Collective have developed this campaign and are building off of MVA 's affordable transit campaign
- Campaign is suggesting universal free transit for youth from ages 0-18 and then a sliding scale monthly pass rate for adults.
- The campaign has looked to models from London England, and Seattle as references that this could work, also mentioned that Estonia is the only country in the world that offers free transit everywhere for everyone
- Goal around election time is to raise the profile and work with other groups through their collective round table
- Learn from Alberta's sliding scale affordable transit.
- Public outreach and engagement team.
- The campaign is building a consistent political message and will be lobbying around the Oct. 20th Mayoral and Council election. They invite volunteers to get involved and attend.
- Call to action: asking people and organizations to sign their petition to make changes to the current system, post their campaign on their websites or social media channels, and share the info with their networks
- Also asking for organizations to endorse the campaign
- The campaign is highlighting the Issue of transit fines for youth, fines are \$176.00. If the youth cannot pay this fine it shows up when they try to get a driver's licence, and it prevents them from getting their licence until the fine is paid.
- October 1st- 6th the campaign will be hosting an 'I love transit' event and welcomes everyone to join.

Question: Why does the campaign suggest universally free transit to youth and children, as some youth come from a wealthy family and should pay? Campaign would like to take this action in order to move the current transit system to a public based system as it is a human right to access transit, rather than a privatized system that it currently is.

#### ***Metro Vancouver Consortium Transitions Program:***

No updates.

#### **6. Discuss & Approved Statement of Support for CBA Policy**

CBA policy is going to city council on September 18. EIC has written a Statement of Support in order to have the CBA Policy approved by City Council and be put through during tomorrow's meeting without getting held up by too many speakers and then pushed to be reviewed under the new City Council.

Members reviewed the Statement of Support and suggested that changes be made to the last sentence about participating in the CBA process, as this could

potentially put Exchange Inner City in a position of conflict for future CBA opportunities with the City. Suggestion was made to change the sentence to say that Exchange Inner City looks forward to seeing the CBA Policy being implemented.

**Action Item: Alisha to make suggested changes on the Statement of Support and email to Wes and Mary Clare from the City of Vancouver to read at City Council tomorrow.**

## 7. Review & Provide Feedback on the preliminary draft of Exchange Inner City's Annual Report:

- Exchange Inner City's draft annual report was shared with members and welcomed member feedback and input.
- Initially intended on sharing this report at City Council when the Poverty Reduction Plan was going for approval, however City staff have decided to no longer take the Poverty Reduction Plan to City Council and instead are releasing a "What We Heard" report. Therefore, Exchange Inner City will share their annual report with City Staff from Social Policy and Planning in October.
- Suggestion made to remove specific projects and goals of the City's Poverty Reduction Plan throughout the report, and to just highlight the Poverty Reduction Plan in a general sense
- Suggestion to add the names of the conferences that we organized walking tours for
- Suggestion to add the following outcomes regarding the social procurement roundtable:
  - i. Binners' Project receiving contract with Convention Centre/Canada Place
  - ii. Binners' Project receiving contract to do bottle pick up during dine out Vancouver event
  - iii. SFU food services contracts including component about working with Indigenous owned businesses and social enterprises
- Suggestion to add the regional partnership relationship with Buy Social Canada under the Collaborative Leadership page
- **Action Item: Alisha and Steve will incorporate the feedback received and will circulate a more in-depth and updated version of the report with members at a later date.**

## 8. New Business Arising and Announcements:

- Binners' Project Coffee Cup Revolution is on October 16th beginning at 10am at Victory Square Park, everyone is welcome.



**9. Traditional Closing and Adjournment:**

Steve led the members in a traditional closing. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm