

Community Liaison Committee – 11 Macey Avenue Modular Initiative
21 April, 2021 7-8:30 pm (Webex online meeting)
Draft meeting notes

NOTE: Residents' names are removed for public posting purposes.

Attendees: City of Toronto participants:
PC David Shaw, Toronto Police Service 41 Division;
Monique Lisi, Office of Councillor Crawford

Service providers:
Kegan Harris, Jenny Lewis, and Rob Hewitt, The Neighbourhood Group;
Robert Abbatangelo, COTA;

Organizations:
Resident and representative of West Oakridge Neighbourhood Association (WONA);
Resident and representative of WONA;
Resident and representative of MTCC no. 606;
Resident and representative of MTCC no. 606;
Representative of Cedarvale modular housing initiative

Meeting notes:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: The facilitator started the meeting at 7 pm. Members of the committee introduced themselves.
2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA: The committee members agreed on the agenda, which had been circulated in advance.
3. REVIEW OF LAST MEETING NOTES: The minutes were agreed to by the committee.
4. PRESENTATION BY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP AND COTA HEALTH: Rob (TNG) told us that there has been a pause in the landscaping until better weather is here. Some construction is continuing, and workers were onsite today. A bike enclosure has been added. Robert (COTA) said that intake of tenants is continuing and the capacity of 56 people is almost reached. COTA continues to provide support to both staff and tenants, though it is a challenge with the pandemic. Each tenant has a TV and DVD. Distribution of tablets is being organized and negotiations are ongoing to get Wifi so tenants can access the internet.
5. FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS FROM CLC MEMBERS: Resident and representative of WONA noted that the boulevard across the street from 11 Macey has been damaged by construction vehicles, and a pile of debris left in Madeleine Park. She wondered who would re-sod the boulevard and clean up the park. Monique said the city could do both and she would look into it. Representative of Cedarvale modular housing initiative wondered if the services that COTA provides consist of individual or only third party support. Robert replied that they do both. They help the individual tenants to do goal setting, they do referrals to community services, they work with them on resumes, and the TNG employment centre assists with job leads. Landscaping may be an

attainable career goal for some of the tenants, now that warmer weather is arriving. Resident and representative of WONA asked how severe some of the mental health issues are. Robert replied that some have significant issues, but that they try to support the person onsite, and if it requires more, they will intervene. They try to help them live safely in the community and teach them how to be a responsible tenant and neighbor. PC David Shaw noted that the police are there daily, assisting with settling disputes, mental health, medical issues, fire alarms and substance abuse. He said there are a high number of calls at the moment. He went on to talk about the planned development of Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCIT) in four areas of the city. One of the teams will be in this area, and the MCITs should start in 2022. He mentioned the notion of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and that the architecture of 11 Macey was developed according to these principles. Representative of Cedarvale modular housing initiative also asked if drug paraphernalia had been found on the grounds of 11 Macey. David said no. However, Resident and Representative of MTCC no. 606 said that some needles had been found in the parkette of 757 Victoria Park, along with feces, and that there had recently been a break in to their garage, and garage remotes had been taken. The board of 757 has decided to erect a wrought iron fence with fobbed gates around the building, in order to deter trespassing. These measures are not directed specifically at 11 Macey, but are in response to the increased development in the area, including planned towers at 777 Victoria Park. Both David and Kegan cautioned us not to pick up needles but to report their location to the police or TNG. David Shaw's email address is 1194@tps.ca.

6. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Resident and Representative of MTCC no. 606 reported on ideas that this committee discussed on March 26: a) that since Councillor Crawford is an artist, it was hoped that he could provide some guidance for an on-site mural. (Monique thinks he could join the next online meeting).
b) Resident and representative of WONA noted that Accesspoint sponsors a senior's walk in the neighborhood and that some tenants might like to join. In future, we could partner with members of the historical society or Jane's Walk.
c) Earth Day community clean up (had to be postponed due to the pandemic, but still a viable idea for when it is safe to do so. Kegan envisioned tying this in with a welcome BBQ event and music).
d) Resident and Representative of MTCC no. 606 has been collecting men's and women's clothing, shoes, pictures, and games from residents of 757 and donating them to 11 Macey. They have been well received.
e) Representative of WONA's Facebook friends have offered small plants to welcome the tenants, and Resident and Representative of MTCC no. 606 has collected about 15 pots with drainage to put them in. We need about 40 more. Plant presentation to be done in May.
f) The tenants would welcome the donation of bicycles and helmets, as they have no cars.
g) Monique noted that a farmer's market is planned for Oakridge Park this summer.
h) Kegan asked if anyone from the committee could offer to talk to people at Cedarvale about their experience on this committee.

7. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 19th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Draft meeting notes prepared by Resident and Representative of MTCC no. 606