

## West Broadway Community Plan (15 Goals)

### Community Feedback from November 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1. Plan and support community events that promote social connections among all community members.
2. Support development of multi-generational and inter-generational programming with a particular emphasis on children and youth.
3. Support programs and activities that encourage the participation of Aboriginal peoples, newcomers to Canada, seniors and those who live with mental or physical health challenges
4. Advocate for funding to enable longer operational hours for agencies and programs.
  - Longer operating hours- what about The Clubhouse?
    - Usual hours now are approx 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, with extended hours one Saturday per month
    - Provide some evening outings
    - Wolseley Family Place?
5. Encourage increased recreational and sports activities development.
  - Community Centre and Outreach
    - How to reach those kids who don't attend programming
    - Ways to engage
6. Continue to implement West Broadway Housing Plan including building local planning and networking capacity, development of innovative and diverse housing options and implementing initiatives that seek to minimize vacant, abandoned or poor quality housing in the neighbourhood.
  - P.I.P. (Property Improvement Program)
    - Super helpful for us!
    - Super helpful for our tenants!
    - Encouraging to our neighbours (property values & housing stock)
    - Pleasing to the eye (Neighbourhood aesthetics & pride)
7. Support resources, education, advocacy and funding for renters and landlords.
  - Lobby for federal housing strategy
    - New rental units needs to be built
    - Cease condo conversions
  - Most rental properties don't allow pets
    - Some managers will "turn a blind eye", but tenants have no protection
    - Property owners have concerns about damage , noise, smells

8. Advocate for increased funding to address affordable housing issues.
9. Improve community communication and networking.
  - Find long-term renters, get their input
  - WBDC working with WBYO and BNC to engage and enhance programs
  - Connecting youth with seniors
    - Art City, Gordon Bell youth, walks
    - Assistance at basic levels, volunteers
  - More public awareness
10. Enhance the respectfulness of government agencies, businesses and landlord organizations toward the community members they serve.
  - Advocacy and education
    - Welfare being more inclusive
  - Restorative Justice Programming
  - Affordable Housing = Good
    - Singles & Seniors
11. Support the development of neighbourhood education and training programs.
  - Members represent low membership
  - Boundaries to include schools
  - Address single moms- keep them stable
  - Horizons at crossways- what else?
  - What about other neighbourhood models?
    - For example; training programs with daycare
12. Develop, implement and support mentorship strategies that support community members in advocating for tenant, welfare and housing issues.
  - Gather info from long term renters
13. Encourage and support local hiring.
  - Adult resource centre? WBDC used to have computers for public use, and WBDC staff have discussed reviving this. Ex: a job centre, resume writing help
    - Clubhouse offers some of these services
14. Continue to plan and support initiatives that maintain and enhance community spaces in the West Broadway neighbourhood.

- WBDC has borrowed some ideas from other neighbourhood groups (Eg. SNA's Safety Program)

15. Continue to implement the WBDC Safety Plan to enhance the safety of the West Broadway area.

- Street safety- door to door gets more out to meetings
- Gatherings- Barbeques/parties
- Safety initiatives
  - Follow up on the meeting
- Safety- Lack of laundry services now in the neighbourhood; many buildings don't have laundry facilities; especially a concern with bedbugs
- W.B. no longer has a community police station, but does have officers assigned specifically to the neighbourhood
- Traffic safety is a concern
  - There is a mechanism for getting speed bumps
  - Working at getting a crosswalk at Sara and Sherbrook