

City of Brandon & Buildings Department

On behalf of Brandon and Area Youth for Christ (commonly known as Westman Youth for Christ)

Community Participation Report.

- April 16 A two-page information page was designed with feedback from Sandy Trudel (City of Brandon) and Rosemarie Guzman (MHRC).
- April 18 began canvassing the neighbourhood. Lorne to Louise, 6<sup>th</sup> street to 8<sup>th</sup> street as well as immediate neighbours Prairie Oasis and YMCA.
- Communication was in person, with multiple return trips in order to engage as many neighbours as possible. 90% of neighbours were engaged personally, and the remainder had information pages left at their residence.
- Two meetings with Prairie Oasis, one with General Manager and one with the board
- One meeting with YMCA general manager

Summary:

Most neighbours were very supportive of having affordable housing constructed near them. Although the support was good, there were concerns. They were:

Colours. The people who own the heritage houses were concerned about property values going down.

Parking. The Prairie Oasis board was concerned about parking for their staff and the people who use their facility. An agreeable solution was worked out between YFC, The City and Prairie Oasis. YFC modified the design of their project to accommodate through traffic.

Daycare. The YMCA expressed some concern regarding their future daycare expansion. YFC has offered to adjust property design to have a privacy fence between apartments and north side of the property as well as public through access (from 7<sup>th</sup> street parking lot) on the south end.

Security. There were some concerns that there is already drug use happening over night in the area, concerns tenants will increase that. YFC has added lights and security cameras as well onsite staffing to address these concerns. Our hope is that our presence will reduce the current activity and make the neighbourhood safer.



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