

# SISTERING

## Sistering Advisory Council Meeting

**November 13, 2018**  
**Sistering, 962 Bloor St West**  
**6:00-7:30pm**

### **Call to Order** **Review Agenda and Minutes**

Clarification over “next steps” from last meeting minutes – securing secondary site just a suggestion as to possible next steps  
Add to agenda, Pat O’Connell report back and Shelley Walters report on training

### **Tips for working with Street-Involved People**

- can be based on info from TDIN
- was previously imagined as being released with the flyer
- can be developed from real life scenarios, \*check document with feedback from business owners\* and using information/strategies from Sistering and TDIN
- Sistering to work on and share with Council on next meeting

### **Shelley report back**

- held first training session on ways to greet/work with people who may be from Sistering in partnership with Priyanka from Sistering
- well attended, productive, and successful
- Shelley open to holding future sessions at Angel Hair, doing outreach among businesses (10 people per session – RSVP or limited tickets, put info on the webpage)

### **Community Involvement**

- Coldest Night of the Year Feb 23 walk another opportunity to get community involved
- Community put together teams and raise money for Sistering, teams participate in walk together on that night (2km, 5km, 10km options) to raise awareness in community too
- Pat will send out info on Coldest Night
- Park Ambassadors can be present in the area if there is a call to the City/311. Calling 311 can generate a reference number for accountability
- Community Cleanup can be arranged with BIA, focus on the spring to align with City cleanup in April
- Sistering would get participants and peers involved as well

## **Building community**

- community member had inquired about joining or attending a meeting
- need identified to have a dialogue with greater community about the issues in the neighbourhood
- Community Advisory Council should be open to all community members, when people do express an interest, council members who they're talking to can have that conversation about what they're looking for
- area residents can also come to training sessions at Angel Hair and that may answer some questions
- different procedures for new members based on their needs – can refer individual, acute complaints to Pat O'Connell, talk about the need with them and find out whether they want more information, or to share an issue, and refer them to information available or invite them to come as appropriate
- if you want to learn more about Sistering and working with the community, please come to the meeting. Complaints should be sent to Pat O'Connell
- Procedure: receive a request to attend, let committee know, council chair or member will commit to following up, let requesting person know there will be follow up, they will talk and decide if their needs were addressed in that conversation or if they want to come, they are welcome to
- update on web page about Sistering's shelter bid and the future respite centres and shelters opening this winter

## **To-do's**

- create protocol for residents and business owners wanting to sign up for info/training sessions at Angel Hair
- Sistering come back with Tips for Working with Street-Involved People, send to Sonya and Jessica for edits
- email address for advisory council to be created, but council still deciding how to share or use it