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KITSILANO AREA RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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FALSE CREEK

Progress to Date

The planners hope to have general guidelines for the development of False Creek ready by June 15.

The City has begun a large public information program on False Creek which will run until early Fall.

It looks like the first housing project in False Creek will be a 140 unit cooperative development carried out by the B.C. Central Credit Union.

False Creek Citizens Coalition

A number of groups are forming a coalition to make sure that there is citizen input into the design of False Creek. Their main interest is in housing. For more information, phone the Fairview Information Centre (733-5713).

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN KITSILANO

Community care for people with emotional problems is coming to Kitsilano. The City and the Provincial Government have agreed to cooperate in a new program of mental health care for Greater Vancouver. The new program hopes to replace much of the present hospital treatment with community centred facilities.

Dr. Hugh Parfitt, a psychiatrist presently working with the B.C. Home Treatment Service, said the program is designed to cut down on hospital admissions. "Our directions from Victoria are to help keep people out of Riverview.", he said. Riverview is the major mental health facility for the Lower Mainland, and is located in Essondale, B.C., 25 miles east of Vancouver.

The project is to involve the locating of services in the community so that a person with emotional difficulties need not necessarily leave his home. "We feel that treatment can be more effective in a disturbed person's own environment with a minimum of dislocation and a maximum of community support", Dr. Parfitt said.

The project will involve team work with professionals, lay people, and interested community members. "We do not want to be a group of professionals descending on a community. We want community involvement."

PUBLIC MEETING ON MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND SERVICES IN

KITSILANO

Wednesday, May 16 - 7:30 pm. - Kitsilano United Church
2490 West 2-nd Ave.

Community care requires the support and interest of the people within each area. It's no good to simply have professionals come in and run the show. To insure that the people of Kitsilano get the information they need, a public meeting has been called.

Slide Show on Existing Mental Health Facilities

Aims of the Community Mental Health Project

- Dr. Hugh Parfitt, Home Treatment

Mental Health Programs in Vancouver

- Barry Coull, Mental Patients Assoc.

Proposals for Citizen Involvement

- Joyce Marvin, Kits House

INFORMATION * QUESTIONS * DISCUSSION * FEEDBACK



KITSILANO HOUSING SURVEY

An inventory of the housing in Kitsilano is being prepared by the Kitsilano Planning Centre. Planning Centre staff are now making a walking survey of all the blocks in our area, recording the type and size of the buildings, and the number of dwelling units available to the community. Census information is also being reviewed. The housing survey will be used as the basis for preparing reports and drawings as a preliminary step in a community-wide review of our present housing situation. We are hoping that the project will lead to a community-wide program to establish the social goals for future developments to improve the housing situation in Kitsilano.