SHARED COMMUNITY MODEL

We aren't gathering in the same place... but we're meeting on Treaty 6 territory.

FUTURE of HOME — Inclusive Housing Solutions Lab

Today, we'll be doing some GRAPHIC PROTOTYPING! We'll consider...

Is the prototype... COHERENT? FEASIBLE? TESTABLE? EFFECTIVE? VIABLE?

Be cognizant of the TENSIONS between ideas! (Specific, General)

We're looking for Roughly Right!

1. People from all walks of life — Talk w/ neighbors in person
2. "This idea has more constraints" — Repurposing an existing building? — Not to scale
3. Mixed income? — Subsidized?

Co-housing Development with revenue space — Tiny Home Community — Micro-suite apartment building

Shared spaces — Community hall? — Facilitator? — Shared kitchen? — Shared laundry? — Shared garden? — Providing a space to come together — A whole lot of stuff!!

We need to converge on one idea

Funding information — Learning from neighbourhoods that have strong community connections — Do we have our numbers right? — Finding developers who are willing to do this — How to actively "neighbour"?

What is needed to bring this prototype to life?

What's our dream?

Support Services — Social Space — Cost Subsidy — Physical Building — Ownership

Our vision...

Start with a sense of belonging. That will dictate what the physical space needs to be.

A community that's open to all people!

Staff who are there to assist, not intrude — office space

Let's see who's interested in living there. Then we can build a structure that's tied to support.

Let's imagine more!

People living with developmental disabilities AND people living without ("others") — 20% — 80% — A good rule of thumb

Support staff + residents should have opportunities to build friendships

We should feel a shift toward community when you walk into that space

Support Services

On site support — Pooled hours

Social Space

Spaces that create a sense of community!

Spaces that create collisions — (paying for coffee can be a barrier) — Laundromat café?

20% of the area for shared spaces?

Somewhere to gather together — The bigger the space, the more options for shared spaces

Revenue generating space... creating employment for residents living with developmental disabilities

Community space — It's more than just a "party room" — It's free — a "commons"

Intentional facilitated space — Developing the culture — Being a connector

An intentionally facilitated space is really important!

Facilitation can ensure that people use the shared space

The rent of residents living with developmental disabilities is subsidized by the rent of the other residents.

Many places for interactions to happen!

A space that brings in people from outside the development

And from there, relationships start to build!

Cost Subsidy

Most people with developmental disabilities do not have a lot of money.

Ownership

Permanent housing — Feeling of being stable & secure — (doesn't have to mean ownership!)

"Lifetime lease" — Possibility of ownership — Partnering with not-for-profit — Capital needed to match grants

Physical Building

A variety of shapes & sizes — Family-friendly

People choose communal housing because they desire a sense of community

Karim starts his day. — Breakfast — Facebook — Says hi to neighbour — Checks on his garden — Goes to his job at the café downstairs — Connects with his support staff — Raking leaves — Chills with TikTok — Zoom — Gets a text to remind him about his date before work — A call from his parents — Hi! — Good night, Karim!

Karim — He's 25 years old — Dreams of owning his own home

Karim's family knows his community has his back! — Hello, Karim? — Maybe we'll retire there, someday!

Post-covid considerations

What might an affordable, accessible housing & support model that also supports the social inclusion & belonging of people with developmental disabilities look like?

We want to allow people to live in their home for a long time!

Our "must haves"

Inclusive — Affordable — Accessible — Home — Viable & sustainable — Supported by stakeholders

Physical space? Support model?

What don't we know?

Is it innovative? — No segregation for residents with disabilities — Partnerships with non-profit developers

What kind of funding is available? — Funding for people experiencing homelessness — Partnerships with housing organizations that support people at risk of being homeless

Is this a condo? Are there fees? — How do we build in our financial model? — Where does this go?? — Map — You need a good location to develop something this big! — Will this really be non-segregated? What will real-life attitudes be?

The art of neighbouring — Everyone has special needs! — Seniors — Single mothers — Children

How are we safeguarding our values as this work gets done? — We don't want our values to be compromised because of financial necessities.

How to make this successful when this hasn't been done before?

Staying on track

It happens over time... — But eventually, it does happen. — That's the culture building!

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