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Following several talks organized by PUSH consulting in Vancouver in 2016 the Western Canadian metropolis is now constructing a “Vienna House” pilot housing project based on the Vienna experiences while Vienna’s “Vancouver House” is nearing completion. Financed by the Vancouver Affordable housing Association (VAHA) and planned by Public Architecture + Communication the seven-storey development near the Sky Train at Trout Lake Park will include 123 affordable rental apartments

around an inner courtyard. Following the recommendations by PUSH Consulting planning is based on Vienna’s famous “Four Pillar Model” with qualities checked in the fields of architecture, ecology, economy, and social sustainability. This important pilot project will also be a certified passive house in timber construction. Construction is expected to start in 2023. Meanwhile Vienna’s “Vancouver House” is being constructed by the not-for profit housing developer “Frieden” (Peace) in the Waldreben urban

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development area in the capital's 23rd district. Planned by architects Rüdiger Lainer and Partners (RLP), who won the developer's competition and implementing an innovative energy concept with 100 percent renewable energy by Woschitz Engineering. It will be based on Vancouver's experiences with timber building. It will include 107 subsidized affordable rental units plus a kindergarten and community rooms. Tenants – including a group of low-income single

parents are expected to move in in early 2024. PUSH will continue to inform about this development.

For more info see:  
<https://viennahouse.ca>  
and  
<https://www.holzbauaustria.at/news/2020/02/vancouver-haus-waldrebengasse.html>

## Recommended Reading

Paone Fabrizio, Sampieri Angelo:

### **Heinz Feldmann: Praxishandbuch Leben in Gemeinschaft**

Austria has for many years witnessed a growing number of self-organized community housing developments (“Baugruppen”), mostly in the subsidized affordable sector. While at the beginning this was seen as an elite phenomenon this movement has now reached middle class house seekers who want to escape the trap of single housing or the danger of loneliness, and this has been strengthened by the experiences during the pandemic. Still, many projects fail due to problems of organisation or of financing, or of legal barriers. Heinz Feldmann who himself has been part of an award-winning cooperative housing development (Wohnprojekt Wien) is now presenting a manual for new groups of house seekers who want to find their own way to self-organized living, focussing on topics like community building, financing, and – last but not least – architecture. (Vienna 2022, German only, ISBN 978-3-96238-361-9)

