

Purpose: To represent and advocate for all Auckland city centre residents to Auckland Council and other relevant agencies/organisation. The purpose of such representation is to make known the concerns of residents, to work for the best possible living environment and to support community building in the central city.

City Centre Residents Group (CCRG) Meeting 5 March 2018 – MINUTES

Location: Elizabeth Yates Room, Ellen Melville Centre, Freyberg Place, Auckland City Centre

Time: 6PM

Present: Noelene Buckland (Chair)(arrived 7:20), Adam Parkinson (Secretary), David Roos (C), Emily Reeves (C), Audrey van Ryn (C), Kristina Pickford (C), Tim Hannah (C), Ardeth Lobet (C), David Hofer (M), Michael McKeown (M), Mik Smellie (M), Jennifer Hillas (M), Tim Coffey(M)

Guests: Constable Clint Loveday (NZ Police), Wang Ya-Lin Noel Ellis, Kevin Dooley

Apologies: Jill Stewart (M), Craig McAlpine (C)

Quorum met.

Minutes Approval & Matters Arising – Minutes from Meeting 12 February 2018 were accepted

Financial- No report

General Business

Constable Clinton Loveday Auckland Central Police | Area Prevention Team in attendance to talk to CCRG. He is one of 8 community constables under Mark Clayton.

—Alcohol-related issues biggest problem

—Car noise - can only issue infringement notice if actually present; can't chase cars or enforce on reports of noise. The notice generally is a fine, but little enforcement.

—Was asked about Symonds St. Cemetary and unsavory people often there. If in tents, they can be removed. If obvious signs of drug trafficking, report to police. If threatened, call 111.

—Speeding cars: They get the ones they can, but weren't aware that speeding was common on so many streets.

MM: Why not speed/red light cameras? Too expensive. There are perhaps two in the central area.

DRoos: cars regularly go 80kmph coming off M'way to Cook St where about 10K people live and many more walk. Any longterm solution? Not really.

—Policy on homeless? Arrest or move only if there is harassment, violence or public nuisance (e.g., blocking footpath)

—DRoos: Not enough police for 50K residents. They need to be aware of numbers and that the cumulative effects of many small crimes/offences, no matter how minor, results in impression that no one really cares.

—Contact police: 111 if emergency OR one is not sure. If not an emergency, use 24-hr 302-6400. When informed that the 302 number often goes unanswered, with no msg possible, he said then call 111 and explain.

CCRG:

1. Note next CCRG monthly meeting has been **changed to Monday 9 April**
2. E-News – Next issue is published 8 & 9 March. Adam will be calling for more articles from members a month prior to the next E-news publication date.
3. Social media
4. Renewal of CCRG.ORG.NZ domain name \$24.73 - Done
5. Mthly meetings 2018-19 - Betty Wark room \$264.00 after 50% discount (\$24 for 2 hours) Looks hopeful.
6. Myers Park Medley 18.02.18 review - Seemed successful, got 3 new members and handed out 70 brochures. Audrey

reports that Library people want to be involved with CCRG again.

7. CCRG PO Box renewal - Done
8. AMI Community Grants application via Neighbourly – Kristina, Emily. Opportunity for other funding – Adam - AMI grant application not successful, but Activate AKL has said CCRG might qualify for some funding.

TRANSPORT

CRL, city centre bus terminal, cycling routes, pedestrian needs, Victoria Street Linear Park, East-West/Learning Quarter Buses, Quay Street

1. Hobson/ Nelson St projects – Adam, DavidR “The project team has been looking at project staging for the Hobson and Nelson streets and looking to bring the proposed staging to the ACCAB for feedback. Most likely April meeting at this stage. The board will have an opportunity to advise on the area/priority of investment at that stage, including the slip lane.” – Council DPO office

--CCRG is working through ACCAB to get higher priority for Hobson & Nelson improvements, including possibly making them 2-way again. AT looking at the Nelson Street slip lane again.

2. Victoria Quarter Petition – update – DavidR. Petition sent to Body Corporate Chairs Group and HoTC who have retweeted to their database. Paid Promoted on Facebook.

--David R reports 850 signatures, will be taken to the WLB; believes all parties should sit down and talk (AT, ACC, GenZero, etc).

--Tim H asked the purpose of the VQ petition and was told safer pedestrian movement.

--Adam asked if all knew about the petition. David R said there will be a pedestrian crossing on Cook St and other pedestrian and cycling improvements being developed by At (some of which will be subject to NZTA approval)

3. Monthly Engagement meetings with AT and CCRG

--Adam: Small group meetings continue with AT Small Projects Team, Adam and David R.

4. Learning Quarter Working Group and CCRG involvement. Currently no resident reps on this group which consists only of tertiary groups.

--Adam and Noelene enquiring and looking at how we can have a presence in this group.

5. AT - Buses in City centre – position, statement & letter update - DavidR

--DavidR is continuing to investigate what might work for east-west routes especially uptown central city.

--Differing views on Link services - from woeful to an opinion that buses working well, riders can transfer, and perhaps the Link system could be improved for cross-town transport.

6. Federal Street Interim cycleway

--This has begun construction.

PARKS, COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE

Public spaces, trees, community facilities, homelessness, Community Fridge

1. St Patrick’s Square/ 51-53 Albert St Development update - we are in contact with many parties to request that this be notified

--No update; we are waiting Council decision as to notification.

2. Freyberg Place dying/dead trees update – trees will be replaced during the planting season, at the contractor’s expense.

3. Homelessness – Audrey’s Action Station online petition for night shelters has 300 signatures and needs further exposure. She will meet with Chris Farrelly of AKL City Mission on 30 March.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & REGULATION

Noise management, commercial rubbish collection, 24hr alcohol ban, City Centre Maintenance Working Group/Council Maintenance Contracts

1. 10 Year Budget & Auckland Plan consultation out – also on our Facebook page. CCRG will make a group ACCAB submission, and its own submission. All residents and member urged to make a submission as well. *Deadline for all submissions on both is 28 March.* Noelene asked for ideas/input.
 - Discussion of emphasis of spending. Transport funds seem to go towards supply-side solutions rather than making any reduction in demand. NB spoke earlier with AC about possible business hubs in the area, reducing traffic entering central city each day as well as parking demand. Needs much further discussion.
 - Emily said should also discuss more about sprawl vs upward development.
2. Central city refuse/recycling collection and general poor state of city centre maintenance – CCRG has requested this to be an ACCAB agenda item with attendance by Rod Sheridan (General Manager - Community Facilities Auckland Council)
3. Central City Refuse Collection – Raised with HoTC and agreed that they will deal with that issue and provide monthly update.-
-Noelene described system in European cities she visited: a car park in each block (or so) is given over to a large rubbish bin(s), locked and used by all nearby businesses or residents and emptied daily. Residents even hang useful cast-offs on lifting hooks to be taken by anyone. Streets/footpaths are clean.
4. Taskforce on Alcohol and Safety – DavidH Meeting coming up.

AUCKLAND DEVELOPMENT

Multi-unit developments, Ports of Auckland expansion, housing affordability

1. America's Cup Proposals: new VHH/Hybrid proposals on the table. There was discussion as to govt position on Resource Consent. *Deadline for submissions now 14 March.* Send comments to Noelene and Adam. There was agreement that we need to be specific and on point rather than wide-ranging in comments. MM & NB will meet on Wednesday to discuss.
2. Queens Wharf dolphin (x2) with wharf connections – will allow very large cruise ships to extend 85m beyond the end of Queen's Wharf. CCRG will make a submission when the resource consent application is notified.
 - Discussion as to merits of absolute opposition to any and all extensions versus favoured position but willing to discuss.
 - CCRG will submit, but no draft yet. Noelene to meet Panuku next week to discuss the dolphin(s).
3. Quay street seawall – proposed works starting in September. Engagement with Residents. Will involve huge trench on Quay St, with major lane reductions during process.
 - Council looking for engagement with residents around works and their impacts – Adam is providing contacts.
4. NZ Census – past and 2018
 - Some questions raised around effectiveness of online system reaching residents in the city centre.
 - Reported acceptance of late filings.

ECONOMIC CULTURAL

Place Making – Lower Queen St, Wharves Strategy, City Activation - Development Response Research:

1. 13 Feb America's Cup Breakfast Briefing - *meeting was deferred – no new date set.*
2. Panuku and Eastern Viaduct – request to meet with CCRG in March 2018 – re-schedule for April 2018.

GOVERNANCE & SUPPORT

CCRG Governance, ACCAB, engagement with city centre residents, national elections.

1. Follow up re info suggesting there have been changes to the CCMP and Waterfront plan
 - Michael McK agreed with Mike Lee's opinion that original plan is not being adhered to. AC appears to have changed Waterfront 2012 plan in Sept. 2017, accepting Panuku proposal for development changes on Wynyard Point, which pushes buildings off to west for the A-Cup, diminishing park/public areas.
 - Adam reported that there was a move to merge the Waterfront Plan and CC Master Plan.
 - Noelene said this was discussed at last ACCAB meeting where merging plans seemed reasonable.
2. ACCAB Update & the year ahead – Adam
 - a. Next ACCAB mtg moved to 20/03/18, 3pm.
 - b. ACCAB Chair has resigned, election for new Chair at next meeting
 - c. LTP process: CCRG Feedback to be provided to ACCAB by 13 March. An ACCAB response will then be formulated by 21 March, an ACCAB rep will attend 5 workshops. The Governing Body will make the final decision on 31 May 2018.
3. K'Road BID – work started on whether/how the residents of the south/west corner might become members of the CCRG. Noelene and Craig met with Krd BID
 - Ongoing discussions
 - Tim Coffey suggested using the Unitary Plan map of central city, which included the SW corner area.
4. Engagement with Heart of The City – monthly now ongoing
5. Body Corporate Managers/Secretaries Contacts
 - Craig working on update
6. Meet with new ministers is underway - RichardN
 - Richard Northey will get back to us.

WATER & WASTEWATER

1. Discharge to harbour/water quality – AC storm water discharge consents to amalgamate hundreds of former consents into one regional. Noelene has spoken with Healthy Waters, SASOC, Manukau Harbour Protection Society and lots of others with an interest in clean water and agreed that we will work together to prepare submissions.
 - Noelene has met with these groups and will provide us with Minutes. CCRG agrees with most of their issues with the exception that CCRG does not agree that there should be no intensification until the work is all done.

Meeting Closed: 8:10pm

Other Action items:

- regular meeting with Nicky Kaye
- National Port Strategy

Next:

Auckland City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB) Meetings:

20/03/18, 3pm – Level 26/135 Albert St

CCRG Meetings: 09/04/18, 07/05/18, 04/06/18 6pm Ellen Melville Centre

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