

## Auckland City Centre Resident's Group

### Meeting Minutes 6 July 2020

**Betty Wark Room, Helen Melville Centre, commencing 5.35 p.m.**

**Present:** Noelene Buckland (Chair), Adam Parkinson (Deputy Chair), David Roos (Treasurer), Antony Phillips, Sri Maxwell, Tim Coffey, Mik Smellie, Kathy Ross, Richard Northey, Tim Hannah, Ardeth Lobet, Audrey van Ryn, Graeme Doherty, Steven Glasker, Stephen Coates, Julie Coates, Tika Hasan, Inura Fernando, Bronwyn Burns-Tilney, Helen White.

**Guests:** Darragh Manning, Lisa McMillan and Mae Young for the Tūrama Festival presentation.

Shaun Sutton, Maria Hernandez-Curry, Trish Marryatt, Robert Macfarlane and Liv Young for the CRL Link Alliance presentation.

**Apologies:** Emily Reeves, Michael McKeown and Jenni Hillas.

**Chair:** Noelene Buckland welcomed members and guests and opened the meeting.

#### Minutes from Previous Meeting:

##### Resolved

That the minutes of the 30 April 2020 meeting be approved as read.

**N Buckland/A Parkinson. Carried**

#### Item for Decision

Antony Phillips presented a brief update on the Meet the Candidates General Election Forum that CRG are organising. The confirmed date is Tuesday 1 September at EMC from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. All Auckland Central and Tamaki Makaurau electorate candidates have been invited with five acceptances to date. More information will be circulated to members as the programme is developed.

#### Financial Report:

David Roos presented the financial report and advised of the process to obtain a debit card in the name of CCRG.

1. Open another account under CCRG with a new account number that requires only a single signatory
2. The account is not to have any money in it
3. Request a VISA Debit Card associated with it, to be in the possession of the Treasurer - I'm not sure yet what name needs to be on it, ideally it would be generic so it could be handed across treasurers. Exact Monies would be transferred (after approval by the CCRG committee), by the two authorisers into the credit card account for specific payments requiring a credit card – such as PO Box, Dropbox, Gmail accounts, web domain subs etc

David also advised that he and Emily Reeves will move out of the city centre and will not be in a position to continue as committee members/office holders with CCRG when that occurs. Adam Parkinson and Sri Maxwell (Secretary) agreed to share the Treasurer tasks until the Annual General Meeting in October 2020.

**Resolved**

That the financial report for June 2020 be received and that Deputy Chair Adam Parkinson arrange for the following –

1. Open another account at ASB under CCRG with a new account number that requires only a single signatory
2. The account is not to have any money in it
3. Request a VISA Debit Card associated with it, to be in the possession of the Treasurer - not sure yet what name needs to be on it, ideally it would be generic so it could be handed across treasurers

A vote of thanks was moved to thank David Roos and Emily Reeve for their contributions to CCRG over the past two years.

**D Roos/Adam Parkinson. CARRIED**

**Guest Presentation:**

Mae Young, Darragh Manning and Lisa McMillan from Noirevents, presented to the meeting on the arrangements for the Tūrama Festival that will be held in Albert Park from 1 – 4 October 2020 - <https://www.turamafestival.co.nz>.

Those present asked a range of questions around noise management, the quantum of time the park will be closed off for residents, sale of alcohol and traffic management. Further updated information will be provided to CCRG and will be shared through various social media channels.

Shaun Sutton, Community Manager, Aotea Station, and Maria Hernandez-Curry, Stakeholder Communications Manager provided a CRL update on the Aotea Station precinct and a copy of their presentation is on the CCRG website.

Questions from those present were focussed on making the CRL sites more attractive so that people are encouraged to walk around the sites and support the various businesses that have been negatively impacted with the CRL developments. Also discussed was the need for continuing dialogue on where the replacement 60+ trees will be located once the CRL works are complete. It was agreed that a regular update will be provided to CCRG for sharing on their various social media outlets.

**Recommendation**

The Mae Young from Noirevents, Shaun Sutton from the Central Rail Link Alliance and their respective teams be thanked for their presentations.

**Antony Phillips/Sri Maxwell. Carried**

## **General Business – Information Only**

Covid19 Construction Hours – Adam Parkinson confirmed that these hours have now returned to the usual ones provided for in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

### Unit Titles (Strengthening Body Corporate Governance and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

Adam Parking updated the meeting on the work that has been ongoing with this Bill for the past four years with the Auckland Central MP Nikki Kaye. The amendments address a range of shortcomings in the current Act, namely -

*This bill is a response to a recent examination of the Unit Titles Act 2010 and includes amendments to improve the information disclosure regime to prospective buyers of units, to strengthen the governance arrangements in relation to the body corporate, to increase the professionalism and standards of body corporate managers, and to ensure that planning and funding of long-term maintenance projects is adequate.*

Link to the bill is here - <http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/member/2020/0306/latest/LMS367992.html>.

The Bill was introduced on 2 July 2020 and will need to go to a select committee so will not have time to be considered during the current Parliamentary session.

Queen Wharf Container Village – these temporary structures are being removed as the Quay Street work is completed. Concerns continue as to access on the eastern side of Queens Wharf and Adam Parkinson will follow up on progress with this.

Pedestrian Initiatives – Adam Parkinson updated the meeting on CCRG requests to provide for more pedestrian friendly pedestrian crossings in the city centre but Auckland Transport did not appear to be supportive of change the current SCATS system which prioritises vehicle movement. There was general consensus that Auckland Transport needed to improve their traffic enforcement processes in the city centre as the current ‘everyone has a right to park anywhere at any time’ attitude is not resident or pedestrian friendly.

Skateboarding – concerns expressed on the lack of any management or enforcement of skateboarding and particular around our small city parks that were specifically designed for quite relaxation. Richard Northey, Chair of the Waitemata Local Board advised that they were about to ban skateboarding in the St. Pats Square area because of noise nuisance and deliberate damage to public property.

Red Hat Dinner – Antony Phillips offered to organise a pot luck Red Hat Dinner at EMC which was warmly welcomed by those present. Antony to advise of details when available but preferred date is sometime in August.

Noise Control – as with traffic enforcement, the lack of any continuous noise control around bars and vehicles in the city centre was noted and those present asked that this be followed up with council as again, the negative impacts are on residents living in the city centre.

**The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.**