

City Centre Residents Group (CCRG) Meeting 2 May 2017 – MINUTES

AKL Central Library, Te Marama Room

Present: Noelene Buckland (Chair), Adam Parkinson (Sec.), Stephen Greenfield (Treas.), Ardeth Lobet (C), Michael McKeown (M), Audrey van Ryn (M), David Hofer (M), Mik Smellie (M)

Apologies: Jacquie Hui (C), Kathy Ross (C), Tim Hannah (C), Frances Horton

Quorum met: 4 Committee, 4 members

Minutes Approval & Matters Arising

Minutes of the last CCRG meeting – approved

Financial

Stephen reported an account balance of \$885.60 and a debt of \$24.73 owed to Adam for domain name registration. An annual invoice for the web site hosting has not been received. We have 2 new paid-up members this month.

General Business

1. TRANSPORT/CRL

- CCRG made a submission on the midtown bus routes, endorsing Option Two. Copies were sent to Chris Darby (Councilor), Mike Lee (Councilor) and Pippa Coom (Chair WLBoard). Noelene reported that her meeting with Cr Darby and Cr Lee was a good one and both were thanked for their support.
- City Centre Bus Terminal: Mik questioned AT search for change of venue from Sky City. Adam reported no application made as yet.

2. PARKS, COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE

- Wakefield Observation Deck (#56 Wakefield St): Still open and may be still under threat. Mik said Vernon Tava(WLB) and Shale Chambers (Deputy Chair WLB) both supported keeping it open. Adam will follow up with the Waitemata Local Board (WLB) on this.
- ADCOSS: Stephen went to last meeting, reported laudable plans with details still to be fleshed out.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & REGULATION

- Alcohol: *With apologies, we omitted David Hofer's report in last month's Minutes.*
 - A few summary items from the Quarterly Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety on 10 March 2017:
 - The new Chair is Cr. Richard Hills.
 - Bike thefts remain a problem. Police encourage cyclists to register their serial no, use stronger steel U locks, park in visible areas.
 - Police and Council Licensing and Compliance continue their tactical focus on Alcohol harm prevention including visiting premises, CCTV, awareness of hot spots.

- Local Alcohol Policy Hearings continue with approximately 50 briefs of evidence – may extend to 5 weeks from the anticipated 3 weeks.
 - Major upcoming events are the Masters Games Apr/May (20 – 30 thousand visitors with base at Queens wharf) and Lions tour in June.
 - Laneway was a success in Albert Park compared with Silo Park due to comfort of grass spaces, shade, better dispersed stages. 12,000 attended with 100 evictions, only 10 of those for intoxication.
 - Focus for the year ahead will include use of Bylaws, Begging, Events permitting/planning, potential data to measure crime trends and safety perceptions.
- Sound levels in Aotea Square: Average measurements are taken from Greys Avenue area. Noelene will contact Council for copy of permit for latest event and background on regulations and history, including those in the Unitary Plan. She reported an incident with security guard at Spiegel Tent who, when asked about noise, said one could call Noise Control anytime but that they wouldn't show up until 10pm in any case.
 - Public Nuisance and Safety Bylaw review discussion: CCRG to make a concise submission (a letter perhaps) on selected topics such as begging, widespread soliciting for “causes”, skateboarding on footpaths and damage to property, auto windscreen washers and bylaw enforcement.

4. AUCKLAND DEVELOPMENT

- POAL: MM/AAL – No Ports of Auckland Community Reference Group meeting since April CCRG meeting.
- Discussed possible submission on Government's Urban Development Authorities (UDA) proposal allowing UDA to ignore height/space restrictions for very large developments. Decided that issue is not relevant to the city centre and CCRG will not take it on.

5. ECONOMIC & CULTURAL

- David H spoke about Project 17 maintenance standards and contracts for Council public facilities. Adam reported implementation of new city centre cleaning and maintenance contracts has been delayed until July 2018.
- Mik provided information about the 31 May Feijoa Festival activities to be held at Tabac, and urged CCRG involvement.
- Audrey proposed CCRG sponsor 10am-Noon Sunday 1 October walk on Ferry Building to Domain portion of Coast-to-Coast Walkway as a Heritage Festival event. Coordination with neighbourhood associations along remainder of route would be desirable. Audrey volunteered to submit event proposal to Council and coordinate if the event was included in the programme. Mik agreed to work on a banner.

6. GOVERNANCE & SUPPORT

- ACCAB: Adam reported on last meeting. No one was elected to the Chair and deputy chair position, but it was expected that there would be successful elections at the next board meeting. No update from 3-person sub-

committee regarding lower Albert Street plans. Adam also reported no progress on homeless question in relation to the provision of emergency shelter. CCRG provided a strong statement of support of the City Centre Masterplan and the motion unanimously passed that endorsed that position.

- CCRG engagement meetings: Noelene met with Nikki Kaye, who said she is supportive of the City Centre Master Plan, including the Victoria Linear Park.
- Ellen Melville Hall update: Ardeth and Michael will meet with new managers this month regarding Adam's Expression of Interest for CCRG meeting space at the Hall.
- CCRG promotion:
 1. Noelene will ask Body Corp Managers Group to disseminate information about CCRG.
 2. Discussed possible flyer with pictures, contacts and CCRG info. Looked at some samples. Adam offered to apply for a Local Board grant to cover cost. This was Moved, Seconded and Carried.
 3. Adam was thanked by all for his great work on the Facebook and websites.
- Local election: CCRG will sponsor a General Election Auckland Central candidates' meeting. Will request space at Ellen Melville Hall for late August.

7. WATER & WASTEWATER

An invitation to become a member of the Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition was discussed. It was agreed to join with an [understanding that we support intensification of residential property development in Auckland including the relevant sections of the Unitary Plan that provide for this.](#)

New Business

The Fifth Draft of the Annual Programme was adopted with revisions.

Meeting closed at 8:00.

Next:

CCRG Meeting: 6 pm Tuesday 6 June 2017

ACCAB Meeting: 3 pm Wednesday 24 May 2017 – Level 26, 135 Albert St.

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