

## **City Centre Residents Group (CCRG) Meeting 4 July 2017 – MINUTES**

The KnowNZ Group, Cathedral House, Level 4, 48-52 Wyndham St

Time: 6pm

### **Present:**

Noelene Buckland (C), Adam Parkinson (C), Ardeth Lobet (C), Jacquie Hui (C), Kathy Ross (C), Audrey van Ryn (M), David Hofer (M), Michael McKeown (M)

**Guests:** Judy Lightstone

**Apologies:** Tim Hannah (M), Stephen Greenfield (C), Mik Smellie (M)

Quorum met: 5 Committee, 3 members

### **Minutes Approval & Matters Arising**

Minutes of the last CCRG meeting – approved (after Audrey corrected the number of issues she has produced from 37 to 36)

### **Financial**

One new membership brought balance to \$658.93. (New member statement showed 2 names: Suzanne Watt and N Harrington.)

### **General Business**

#### 1. *TRANSPORT/CRL*

- No midtown bus submissions summary from AT yet. Update expected at next ACCAB meeting, 19 July.
- Roads & Streets Framework: Noelene was thanked for her submission. It was agreed that it be sent to Mike Lee, Phil Goff, Shale Chambers, and Chris Darby.
- Lower Queen Street Public Realm: ACCAB wants a new sub-group to consult on LQSPR as well as the “new public space” in waterfront area of the little old kiosks. CCRG will not sit on this group, which will report to ACCAB in July.
- Victoria St. Cycle Way subs closed.
- Quay Street Cycle Route submissions now closed. CCRG did not make one, but several members did so, including the subject of tree removals. POAL submission highlighted safety concerns.
- CRL Board: Noelene reported no news about any further appointments, except that Brian Roche would be Chair. The Government will own 51% and AKL Council 49% of the new operating company.

#### 2. *PARKS, COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE*

- Big Sleepout to support homeless will be Thursday 7 July. There will be a talk by AKL City Mission Friday 8 July at The Peace Place, Emily Place. Adam, Audrey, Ardeth & Michael plan to attend. More information on homelessness at [www.awhina.net.nz](http://www.awhina.net.nz).
- Adam reported more talk about homelessness but no plans at last ACCAB meeting.
- City Streets – some weeding done but Adam was told some weeds (e.g., on Fort St. & Shortland St.) are the responsibility of AT and others are the Council's responsibility. Some discussion of steam-cleaning footpaths & streets; the poor-quality pavers absorb oil.
- World Heritage panels – launch deferred due to a death but no new date announced. The panel at Jean Batten Pl. was reported vandalised.
- Audrey reported on heritage workshop held at Highwic, attended also by Michael and Ardeth.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & REGULATION

- Local Board Draft Plan status: submissions closed 29 June.
- Sound levels in Aotea Square: No action, no report. Kathy said there is a new activation person: Rose.
- Targeted Rate change: \$1 increase per household
- Alcohol and Safety Taskforce: Next meeting 8 September. No local alcohol policy appeal decision yet.
- David H reported on last alcohol and safety meeting: violent crime is down in wider AKL but burglaries up as well as public place violence. Synthetic substances are a growing problem. Safe Zones program was successful but is out of funds.

### 4. AUCKLAND DEVELOPMENT

- POAL: MM reported on last meeting. New cranes, 4-level carpark, automation of Port, they expect more electric vehicle imports. Worst pollutants at Port is sulfur from ships. Port has 2 units on wheels for testing air quality levels in order to establish baseline. NZ has basically no automobile pollution controls.
- Auckland Plan Refresh: required by law and needed because data now out of date. Adam and Noelene will prepare a draft of a CCRG submission. Adam suggested reading about it and asking on FB what people think is important in order to inform our submission.

### 5. ECONOMIC & CULTURAL

- Mik wrote a short piece about CCRG for inclusion in the Council city centre newsletter. This did not appear in latest issue.
- Heritage Festival: Audrey had a photo taken of eager walkers at the waterfront sign where the Coast to Coast track begins, for publishing in the newsletter.
- O'Connell St. artwork is nearly ready for installation hanging above street.

### 6. GOVERNANCE & SUPPORT

- ACCAB – an August pre-meeting workshop, members only, regarding the city centre master plan will be held.
- CCRG Candidates Meeting: The favoured date for the CCRG event is Wednesday, 6 September. Nominations close 29 August for the election on 23 September. Luke Diggins wrote to say EMC will not open until mid-September. St. Matthews has offered space for \$100+gst for 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 6-8pm. CCRG questions to be agreed on at August CCRG meeting. Noelene will draft a letter to send to major party candidates who are contending for Auckland Central.
- Local Board Funding grant application for \$1138 to support CCRG promotion. Decision by WLB expected by mid-July. Adam reported that there will be some modification to the Grant application due to the availability of Ellen Melville centre.
- CCRG promotion:
  1. We have website, Facebook and Neighbourly presence. More "likes" are needed!

2. Kathy and Adam have volunteered as officers/moderators for our Neighbourly presence.
3. No response from Ellen Melville Centre regarding our expression of interest regarding use as a venue for our monthly meetings. Adam to follow up with getting our monthly meeting registered with the EMC, in the meantime.

#### 7. WATER & WASTEWATER

- No update on work of Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition.

#### 8. OTHER ITEMS

- General discussion regarding Grenfell Towers (UK) cladding hazard in Auckland.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

**Next:**

Auckland City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB) Mtgs: 28/06, 19/07, 27/09, 25/10, 29/11 - L26/135 Albert St  
CCRG Monthly Mtg 6pm Tues 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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