

City Centre Residents Group (CCRG) Meeting 1 August 2017 – MINUTES

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

Time: 6pm

Present:

Noelene Buckland (C), Adam Parkinson (C), Jacquie Hui (C), Audrey van Ryn (M), Stephen Greenfield (C), Tim Hannah (C)

Apologies: Mik Smellie (M), David Hofer (M), Kathy Ross (M), Ardeth Lobet (M), Michael McKeon (M)

Quorum met.

Minutes Approval & Matters Arising

Minutes of the last CCRG meeting – approved (AP & AvR))

Financial

One new membership brought balance to \$593 after payment to St Matthews

General Business

1. *TRANSPORT/CRL*

- Midtown bus routes presentation to ACCAB by AT awaited.
- Lower Queen Street Public Realm: ACCAB sub-group to consult on LQSPR as well as the “new public space” and make presentation to ACCAB.
- CRL Board: Noelene reported further appointments had been made. Meeting noted serious impact on adjacent businesses from Albert St works. Should Heart of the City do something? Compensation?

2. *PARKS, COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE*

- Homelessness – no material new developments. This issue needs to be highlighted at candidates meeting. Prior approach to Nikki Kaye to stress this is a central government responsibility will be considered by Chair
- Albert Park tunnels: CCRG supported proposal for opening them at ACCAB, subject to business case.
- Ellen Melville Centre. Official opening on 15 Sept and open day on 16th. CCRG has applied to hold monthly meetings there, aspiring to discounted rate of \$24 for 2 hours.
- R&M City Centre streets. All very scruffy. Concern raised at ACCAB and asked for new contract specs.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & REGULATION

- Skateboarding a continuing general nuisance; proposed letter from Chair to Council noting it damages public/Council property (note: notices prohibiting skateboarding apparently to be installed on Freyberg square; why not in other public spaces?)
- Sound levels in Aotea Square: Chair has sought clarification of basis of current policy (? flawed analysis). This policy has wider implications – affects other parts of city centre.
- UTA and issues with rental termination: noted Residential Tenancies Act also relevant but submissions now closed. Agreed existing tenants should have first right of refusal if a lease terminated.
- Alcohol and Drugs: profound skepticism re Authority decisions and credibility of proposed 2 year moratorium for new off-licences. Basic issues not addressed in review outcome.

4. AUCKLAND DEVELOPMENT

- Auckland Plan Refresh. CCRG submission should raise question of taking account of impact of disruptive technologies and trends – working from home, video-conferencing would affect City Centre commuting. Views of CCRG members welcome for incorporation in submission envisaged.

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, but may be in next to coincide with our Candidates event. CCRG flyers to be circulated
- Heritage Festival: AvR has promotion in preparation.

6. GOVERNANCE & SUPPORT

- ACCAB – AP's email update on July meeting attached.
- CCRG representation on ACCAB: Agreed Chair NB will take SG's position and SG will assume Alternate responsibilities.
- Local Board Grant Application. Grant of \$908,27 now received and Treasurer has formalities in hand. AP's great efforts in this commended.
- **CCRG Candidates Meeting: arrangements confirmed for event to take place on 7 September, 6.00-8.00pm at St Matthews-in-the-City.**

Confirmed attendance by Nikki Kaye (National), Helen White (Labour), Denise Roche (Greens), David Fitzgerald (The Opportunities Party). Reminder to be sent to Brooke vanVenden (ACT)

Chair NB will liaise with St Matthews (Dimitri) re opening/closing facility, heating, promotion on their community noticeboard, microphones including a mobile one, seating, tea/coffee and a table for political promotional materials.

SG will prepare around 6-8 draft questions for candidates and circulate for comment and finalization prior to advice to candidates, this to be in last week of August.

Chair NB will welcome participants and introduce candidates.

Mik Smellie to be asked if he will take role of Moderator and Adam Parkinson will be timekeeper.

Following agreed Q & A, Moderator will invite questions from floor.

Chair NB will close the evening and move vote of thanks.

ExCo meeting on 13 August (Level 4, 48 Wyndham St) to finalise arrangements.

CCRG Media: JH advocated desirability of personalizing CCRG sites/presence; decide how we wish to brand the Group; suggested social function at EMC with each ExCo member inviting potential members; she will work up a proposal for this initiative.

Neighbourly: JH, AP and KR can post on this for CCRG.

BCCG: Chair NB has approached them about working together.

7. WATER & WASTEWATER

- General concern expressed re volume of plastics, packaging etc, in use and quantity ending up in waterways. Support for development of CCRG position on this issue; AvR has agreed to prepare a consultation draft.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Next:
Auckland City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB) Mtgs: 27/09, 25/10, 29/11 - L26/135 Albert St
CCRG Monthly Mtg 6pm Tues 5th September 2017
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