



CCRG Monthly Meeting February 2017 - MINUTES

6-8pm Tuesday 14th February, 2017
Auckland Central Library, Lorne Street, 1st Floor - Te Marama Room

Present:

5 x Committee - quorum met - Adam Parkinson, Stephen Greenfield, Noelene Buckland, Ardeth Lobet, David Brown:

Apologies: Kathy Ross, Audrey van Rijn

Minutes Approval & Matters Arising:

Minutes of the last CCRG Meeting - approved.

AGENDA:

1. Election of CCRG Officers : Chair and Strategy

Noelene Buckland elected by unanimous vote to the Role of chairperson.

Noelene to distribute a document of - ideas, partners, engagement and priorities for the group – for further discussion.

Some discussion as to giving the group clarity and stability of action for a decent period of time e.g. the year.

2. City Centre Advisory Board –update Adam/Stephen

First meeting of the year next Wed 22 February 2017

Some indication that CCRG may lose a seat at this advisory board. Discussion re a desire that CCRG retain two seats as a group representing the people who actually pay the targeted rate. Mik informed Splice have expressed an interest in a seat at the Advisory Board but have to date not heard any further since November 2016.

Lower Albert St and the City centre bus terminal two issues currently of interest to CCRG in relation to the advisory board.

Some matters are required to remain confidential by those attending the advisory board meetings.

3. Portfolio & Other Meeting reports:

Alcohol & Safety Taskforce (David)

Police appeal against council's alcohol policy i.e. closing and 'Lockout' times is active again, some members have specific comment within the CCRG statement.

POAL (Michael) – Moving the port continues to be investigated; air quality and the environment are now being considered (are on the "agenda") by/for Ports of Auckland. Possibility of ships being able to be connected to shore power when at the wharfs rather than self-powered with significant emissions.

Homelessness/Rough Sleeping

Tiny Houses – has seemingly not gained traction with Auckland Council

General discussion including – James Liston Hostel, holding politicians to account, services that Stephen G is involved in, the reasons and the answers.



Inner City Network - ADCOSS (Auckland District Council of Social Services)

Next meeting - *"City Centre Living: The Vertical Neighbourhood"*

Thursday 23 February 2017, 12 – 1.30pm

Location: Splice – Level 7 Otago House, 385 Queen St

Presentations followed by panel discussion on neighbourhood with particular reference to the city centre neighbourhood - Professor Dory Reeves (Planning) and Professor Robin Kearns (Geography) and John MacDonald Chaplin at Large.

Sessions are always followed by time to network with other service providers, residents and others of the neighbourhood.

RSVP's for catering purposes to adcoss@adcoss.org.nz

Ellen Melville Centre (EMC)

Emails amongst membership re concerns over the level of engagement/consultation with residents and stakeholders.

EMC to open in June or shortly thereafter – 2 x council positions covering four community centres with a particular focus on EMC. Would be good if these positions were filled by either residents or people who "get" the city centre and city centre living

Suggestion that CCRG should respond to the EOI (Expression of Interest) document in order to increase presence "at the table". Adam to look into the EI for CCRG.

General discussion – who of the NGO's want to partner in delivery –everyone wants an active centre – it is key social infrastructure.

CCRG meetings should be held there in the future.

CLG Aotea to NAL (David Bown) – meeting next week and will report then

4. Membership - No change

5. Jean Marc Calvet

Artist coming to the city centre and elsewhere – interesting back story, itinerary here, some interesting events including a mural painting outside the library.

<http://www.splice.org.nz/splice-blog/>

6. CCRG Social Media/ Webpage and outreach proposals

Further discussion about the need for the group to have a Facebook presence.

Possible to get some AUT student support in terms of branding/logo

Adam a relatively strong contender to operate/manage the page.

7. Wakefield St Observation Desk

56 Wakefield St – (look for the Wilsons Carpark signs on the left going up if you want to visit)

The consent to build required that there be an observation deck open to the public within certain hours.

AUT have recently bought the building and are seeking to change the consent and close the observation deck citing safety and building code concerns. There seems little interest or consideration to their addressing the issue of safety. This is not the only observation deck in the world but it is the only publicly accessible free site in the neighbourhood.

CCRG via Adam have raised concern with Local Board - Vernon Tava.

Apparently the observation deck at 125 Queen St has already been given permission to be closed.

8. Neighbours Day 2017

Sunday 26 March 2017, Myers Park, 11 – 3pm

BBQ, Art, Human Library, music, local information, Circability, electric bikes – a local event for the locals.

Splice leading – request that CCRG provide an arresting one pager for display – to encourage awareness and membership of CCRG

9. Noise Control



Council has approved 18 days per year where noise can exceed usually acceptable limits – questions over the consultation with residents over deciding on the number.

Examples of a recent Friday event that was not part of the scheduled 18 days but exceeded noise limits and issues of the level of noise relating to the Santa Parade raised.

An example of where events targeting all Aucklanders clashes with local residential needs - a regional vs local mindset/focus

10. Bike Racks in the City

Discussion on the need for more bike racks in the city

Catherine King, AT – Walking and Cycling

11. Financial (& PO Box)

No changes financially to report.

Current PO Box address (Adam's) soon to be no more.

Agreement to open a new PO Box – Adam offering to organise, probably in the Bledisloe Building

12. Other Items/General Business

Upcoming:

Auckland Council City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB) Mtg Wed 22nd February 2017

CCRG Monthly Mtg 6pm Tues 7th March 2017

CCRG Community E-News #39 March 2017, pub & e-distributed 9, 10, 11 March; subs to editor d/line 3 March 2017

Notes on the CBD Community E-News:

a. All back copies e-newsletter available on Auckland Libraries' database

listings: <http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/serials/cbdcommunity.htm>

b. RAG (noe CCRG) digital listing description on Auckland Libraries'

database: <http://search.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/?itemid=|library/marc/supercity-iii|b2623384> .

c. 2017 Future Issues:

No 39 March 2017, pub & e-distributed 9, 10, 11 March; subs to editor d/line 3 March 2017.

No 40 June 2017, pub & e-distributed 8, 9, 10 June; subs to editor d/line 2 June 2017.

No 41 Sept 2017, pub & e-distributed 7, 8, 9 Sept; subs to editor d/line 1 Sept 2017.

No 42 Dec 2017, pub & e-distributed 7, 8, 9 Dec; subs to editor d/line 1 Dec 2017

2017 CCRG Monthly Meetings:

Tues 14 Feb

Tues 7 Mar

Tues 4 Apr

Tues 2 May

Tues 6 June

Tues 4 Jul

Tues 8 aug

Tues 5 Sep

Tues 3 Oct (AGM)

Tues 7 Nov

Tues 5 Dec