

## **CBD Residents Advisory Group - Minutes**

7 March 2016

Central Library – Room Upstairs 1<sup>st</sup> floor. 5.30pm – 7pm

**Present:** David Brown, Ross Baxter, Mik Smellie, John MacDonald, Kai Quan, Michael McKeown, Kathy Ross, Liz Busch, Timothy Hannah, David Hoffer, Ardeth Lobet, Adam Parkinson, Stephen Greenfield.

Facilitator: Timothy Hannah

Minutes: Mik

**Minutes from last meeting** – confirmed record of 15 Feb meeting

Acknowledgement from Tim Hannah and thanks to everyone who has dealt with the shifting sands of recent times

**Handover from Tim Coffey** - Adam Parkinson

- met with Tim twice
- Email addresses and received 10 years of computer documents
- Have everything needed to proceed
- Incorporated Society requirements/changes made –PO Box, physical address
- Signatures for account sorted – Stephen and Adam signatories

Action: Adam to write to Tim and Dick to confirm that all actions required for handover have been completed

**Roles in Groups** - discussed

- City Centre Advisory Board – Stephen Greenfield, Adam Parkinson
- City Rail Link – Kathy Ross
- Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety in the CBD – David Hoffer – (Mik will follow up with some additional information to David)
- Ports Future Study – Michel McKeown
- ADCOSS Inner City Network – Mik Smellie
- Auckland Council Civil Defence and Emergency Management – Vacant

**Follow UP with RAG Relationships**

Following Up with all those that Tim Coffey informed that he was resigning from – Action Timothy Hannah to follow up with each of these

**City Centre Advisory Board Update**

Adam

- Low attendance
- Ports Future
- Barbara Holloway (ex K Rd) Activation Manager – all about activating spaces in the city, has funding
- Freyberg Square – tweaks to the design to accommodate road change, greater integration with Metropolis, Phoenix palms to stay, 9 – 12 months closure for the work, expected July
- CEO Coopers/Britomart presentation – some more buildings coming to completed refurbishment, streetscape design

Discussion Freyberg Place Road Closure – “vote” for RAG’s position on this issue is: CBD RAG wants the road permanently closed within 5 years or less of November 2015. Confirmed by those present with one abstention from David H

Liz raised the issue of a baby changing room not currently being included in the design of the future Ellen Melville Centre.

### **CRL Update**

Kathy

- Great breakfast
- CEO of AT speech – general speech, benefits,
- robust conversation re Parking services Manager specifically re 41 Albert St – stopping bay and bus stop shift; issue re service vehicles stopping on footpath and safety.
- Letter from RAG re the issue of loading bays/ability for apartments – a work in progress.
- Kathy has a specific letter for Albert St
- Are there innovative ways to address the issue e.g. a specific pass that could be issued
- Electronic conversation re the number of positions T and D

### **Local Board Annual Plan Feedback**

- Waitemata Local Board annual plan – feedback process underway, some meetings
- Suggestion to go to [Shape Auckland.co.nz](http://ShapeAuckland.co.nz) to comment on the priorities of the Local Board
- Suggestion that with some forward planning – consider a collective approach as RAG to the Local Board as part of developing our profile as a group and engaging
- Trina Thompson - DDI 353 9503 – Senior Advisor to the Waitemata Local Board – key figure if you want to contact the local board on any issue.

### **RAG Review**

- Agreement by group for RAG review to report back one month later than scheduled – report to be sent to members on 25 April ready for discussion at 2 May meeting

### **Neighbours Day**

- Saturday 19 March – general encouragement to attend and talk it up
- Discussion re RAG presence – suggestion that members attend with a neighbour and engage others in conversation that includes RAG
- Previous year RAG had a presence at a table last year
- Adam to email all RAG members with a copy of the poster
- RAG supportive of Neighbours Day

### **RAG and the Digital Age**

- Current situation – RAG has a gmail account/address – all members gmail and a fledgling Dropbox; all handover documents from Tim Coffey in digital format
- Discussion – inconclusive, needing clarity on what it is that we need – a structure; clarity on who has access to what
- Interim Decision – trust Adam to continue to make good decisions, review process may assist to clarify
- Recommendation that RAG consider having the 10 years of info stored with e.g. library or Uni of Auckland

## **Port Future Study**

Michael

- 19 Feb meeting
- RAG one of 50 members of the reference group
- Port Alternatives - by which criteria should the suitability of the alternative be judge in order to come up with recommendations
- Auck Port feels constrained cannot handle future expansion
- Intention to give recommendation feedback to council in June; RAG position – that there should be no further expansion into the harbour, cruise ships stay where they are; noise air and light – out to be primary priorities for consideration.
- Nothing more that we need to specifically do, nor does it seem likely that we will be asked for further input.
- Michael needing to get information direct from the source – Adam to find email

Meeting concluded with acknowledgement and thanks for those who have been doing extra work to stabilise the group in the midst of the shifting sands.