

## RAG Annual General Meeting

**DATE/TIME:** 6pm Tuesday 23rd August, 2016.

**VENUE:** Auckland Central Library, Lorne Street, **1st Floor, "Te Marama Room."**

1. Present: Timothy Hannah (Chair), Adam Parkinson (Sec), Stephen Greenfield (Treasurer), David Hofer, Kathy Ross, Noelene Buckland, Ardeth Lobet, Michael McKeown, John MacDonald, Richard Ebbett, , Audrey van Ryn, Jackie Hui

11 Present, Quorum (10) Met

Introductions and Welcome, particularly to new members Jackie and Noelene.

2. Apologies: Liz Busch, Mary Hannah, Mik Smellie
3. The minutes of the last preceding AGM were Received and Confirmed.
4. The Chair's Annual Report was received
5. Received and approved the annual financial statement and report for the previous year, prepared by the Treasurer. These will be filed with the Companies Office
6. Establish any annual subscription for the following year:  
An annual subscription fee of \$10 was proposed.  
Moved: Michael, Seconded: Stephen. CARRIED  
Michael to update Membership form to include necessary information  
Any City Centre Resident may attend RAG meetings, but must be a paid member to vote,
7. Elect a Core Group (also known as the Executive Committee) for the next year:  
The following members were nominated:

Kathy Ross  
Noelene Buckland  
Stephen Greenfield  
Ardeth Lobet  
Tim Hannah  
Adam Parkinson  
Jackie Hui

Tim Moved that all the nominated be elected to the Committee, Seconded: Adam

CARRIED

Office holders to be decided at the next meeting.

8. Special Resolution to Adopt Proposed Rule Changes including Name change. As notified, this is in response to the Review Group's work. Thanks to the Group, and also to Michael for his work in drafting the proposed rules.

Some points around the rules change:

A name change to Auckland City Centre Residents' Group (**CCRG**) - much of it is in relation to the Name Change, and focussing on the City Centre and away from Central *Business* District, which also aligns more with Council's definition.

A simplification in the Objectives.

The numbers necessary for a quorum to be changed to a % of those attending rather than a fixed number.

The former 'Core Group' is to be called 'Committee'

The Special Resolution to Adopt Proposed Rule Changes including Name change was put (noting amendments to clauses 7.1 and 12.4 at this meeting)

Moved: Michael

Seconded: Kathy

CARRIED Unanimously

Adam to file new rules once Michael has updated them with the amendments, with Incorporated Societies

#### 9. Other Business

Adam asked for a view from the group in relation to an upcoming City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB) item on Council pushing ahead with the Public Spaces proposals even though the QE Square appeal was not yet decided, along with many other concerns about the whole proposal. The AGM gave Adam the go ahead to raise our concerns at the ACCAB meeting.

Stephen briefed the group on the Homeless/Rough Sleeping developments and Council proposals. Audrey and Stephen referred to their work and advocacy at various forums in relation to this and related issues.

There was a general discussion on the need to start promoting CCRG via Facebook and a website, which all agreed were good platforms, along with Neighbourly. But that we needed to get confirmation first on the Name Change beforehand.

It was noted that the deadline for the next E-news was 26 September.

Kathy wanted to submit an article into the E-News informing Aucklanders about the upcoming 'Warship Anniversary' as an individual city resident and not as a RAG member. The article was to have a 'disclaimer' to further ensure that readers did not see it as the position of the RAG group.

Reservations were expressed by other members.

Kathy moved that her proposal be accepted seconded by Audrey.

The motion was LOST

Tim thanked everyone for their work and participation, and wished all the best for a renewed CCRG.

The Meeting ended at 7.50pm

Attachments:

Chairs Report

Financial Statement

Chair's Report; Tim Hannah

Much has happened since our last AGM. But as we have important business to discuss in a forward looking perspective, I will take a summary approach to looking back.

To single out first that late last year, the Exco adopted a proposal by John MacDonald focussed particularly on widening our membership base. But not just that —also covering how to communicate better with members beyond the newsletter, through social media engagement for example.

This review of the Group's activities and structures was most timely after ten years since its establishment. Mik Smellie lead the initiative, putting a huge personal commitment and much time into working it through in a small group which benefitted from non-rag member participation, by Elizabeth Busch, Kai Quan and Barbara McCulloch in particular.

Some of the outcomes of the review are before us tonight for consideration and I hope approval. They are supported by Exco members. Others not yet fully worked through will need to be tackled by the incoming executive.

Another major development early this year was the resignations of our Chair/coordinator Tim Coffey, and Dick Ayres, our Treasurer. We owe Tim and Dick for establishing the Group's respected profile and for their tireless work with officials and elected members in the AC and WLB, indeed in all the various organisations with which we need to interact in advocating the concerns of city centre residents with the liveability of our downtown neighbourhood. Tim and Dick have done all this for nearly ten years, on my reckoning.

Since their departure, colleagues remaining in the Exco and other especially active members have sought, with some success I think, to carry on their good work. We have shared the tasks of representing the Group widely among ourselves, taking an inclusive approach.

Over the past six months we have continued to meet monthly, we have met as needed with AC and AT officials, several times with members of the WLB, with our local MP Nikki Kaye, our Waitemata councillor Mike Lee (I note that both of them have been most supportive and intervened on residents' concerns when asked by us). And one or another of us has sought to attend one or another body whose activities and decisions impact on residents' concerns, whether noise, litter collection and cleanliness, access to residential buildings, pedestrian safety and so on. It has been very much a team effort.

Adam and Stephen have ensured our voice is heard on the City Centre Advisory Board. This is the body that decides on use of the funds generated by the CC targeted rate which is levied on all of us. It is thus the most important body we are involved in and essential that residents' views are taken into account.

David Hofer has actively participated in the taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety in the CBD. Given the perennial threats of more off-license premises and longer drinking hours in nightclubs, this portfolio is a critical one. We seek to support the police's efforts to restrict these.

Then there are the Emergency Management Group, how best to organise our high-rise living majority in case of disasters of one kind or another, the City Rail Liaison

Group, the Ports of Auckland consultations and futures study, the Inner City network, and other. I will not detail their activities in this report but invite you to ask further about these, not least regarding our active involvement in measures to assist with the homeless issue, under Other Business which is the final item on our agenda.

Public Space in the city centre, its preservation and enhancement, has always been a priority issue for the Group. Earlier this year in response to an approach from the Auckland Architecture Association, the exco decided we could not stand aside from supporting their appeal to the Environment court to stop the sale of Queen Elizabeth Square to Precinct Properties to build more shops there rather than redevelop it for public use.

Two supporting statements were accordingly prepared and endorsed by exco and submitted in April and in the legal proceedings proper, held late in July. A decision is expected rather soon.

In the same vein we have taken an active part in the consultations over redevelopment of Freyberg Square.

I think I shall leave my report at that. But in closing I want to say how well we have been supported by Audrey van Rijn as editor and manager of the quarterly newsletter. Throughout the year, this very widely circulated journal unfailingly provides a valuable information resource on city centre developments and issues of concern. Audrey does much else also. Thank you Audrey.

I also salute the other Group members who put so much of their time into seeking to make the city centre truly liveable for its residents. I have appreciated their forbearance in my time as interim chair which ends this evening. Thank you for your attention.

Timothy Hannah

Chair

## Auckland CBD Residents Advisory Group

### Financial Statement

1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 – 30 June 2016

Cash on hand in ASB Account	01 July, 2015	\$695. 60
Cash on hand in ASB Account	30 June, 2016	\$695. 60
Transactions:	Nil	

### Balance Sheet

Current Assets	Cash	\$695. 60
	Fixed Assets	00.00
	Total Assets	\$695. 60

Current Liabilities Nil

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