

## CBD Residents Advisory Group - Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 @ 5.30pm

Te Marama Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor - Central Library

**Present:** Timothy Hannah, David Hoffer, Adam Parkinson, Michael McKeown, Ardeth Lobet, Kathy Ross

Apologies: Mik Smellie, John MacDonald, Stephen Greenfield

Facilitator: Timothy Hannah; Minutes: Kathy Ross

Quorum not met; x3 of Core Group plus x3 RAG Members, total x6 attended;

Tim proposed that we agree to proceed with an informal meeting and have it endorsed at the next meeting by Quorum on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May. He also proposed that additional numbers be added to the Core group. All members present agreed. No new members were present at this meeting.

Minutes from last meeting – of 7<sup>th</sup> March, confirmed. Next CBD RAG Meeting 17.30 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**All Meetings Attended** my RAG Members in the last month (March):

Meeting with Niki Kaye at her office Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April attended by: Adam, Kathy, Tim, Michael;

Ports of Auckland Futures Study Community Reference Group, 30 March, attended by Michael & Ardeth;

ACCAB meeting 23Mar – Adam

Pippa Coom, Waitemata Local Board Member -10<sup>th</sup> March – Mik

Rob Thomas, Waitemata Local Board Member – 24<sup>th</sup> March - Adam

### **1. Further Updates on Handover from Tim Coffey - Adam Parkinson**

Bank account successfully transferred – Adam & Stephen signatories;

Transfer of documents to Drop box storage is completed;

Gmail Account is also sorted;

Adam was acknowledged with thanks for completing this work.

### **2. City Centre Advisory Board - Adam**

Adam attended the confidential workshop that occurred before the meeting, he was unfamiliar with this process; the meeting covered the re allocation of projects, due to the CRL, over the next 10 years, the new priority list will come out next month; Freyberg Square upgrade begins in August; O'Connell St art project has fallen over; Myers Park underpass begins middle of August; K Rd Streetscape upgrade due to finish by 2018; but underfinanced. Further discussion on the CRL and street upgrade.

Tim began a discussion on the targeted rates and whether there was any obligation to upgrade areas such as St Patrick's Square for example. Adam replied that a re evaluation of all maintenance programs is not due out until next year. All we can do is phone and report any damage. He also reminded us that there exists a legal restriction on the targeted rate whereby it cannot be used for maintenance. Comment was made that the City Centre Advisory Board is the go to place for money for projects nowadays.

### **3. CRL City Rail Link & short-term parking in the city – Kathy**

Short-term parking: At our meeting with Nikki Kaye on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 12noon, in her offices, I presented the difficulties apartment dwellers have accessing services on a day to day basis, without a stopping zone outside their building. She constructed a letter of support for our position there and then, to be presented to AT. I've yet to get a copy of that letter. Tim suggested that Kathy follow-up by sending my draft letter to Alex, Nikki's secretary, to give the background on the topic.

CRL Update: Kathy noted that some CRL noisy construction/demolition jobs are being done well outside of Council approved working hours, without prior notice or explanation. The NaylorLove construction site adhere to 7.30am – 5.30pm weekdays, Sat 8am-1pm, & Sundays off. Kathy will be taking this up at the next CRL Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm.

Tim has complained to Council on behalf of Madison Square, a few times about NaylorLove's noisy over runs. He suggested that Kathy request NaylorLove include him, or his Building Manager in the fortnightly catch-up discussions that she has with Grant & Ben of NaylorLove, which Kathy will do. The residents in Kathy's building are satisfied with the efforts NaylorLove make to mitigate noise and over runs and the system of notification that are in place when it does happen.

#### **4. Ports Future Study – Michel & Ardeth**

Michael & Ardeth attended the meeting on the 30 March for the Ports of Auckland Futures Study as RAG members and part of a Community Reference Group. They have produced a draft and will complete their report by the end of June. The meeting covered a business update, discussion about noise monitoring of trucks, and concern for the ports future study. There will be another meeting they will attend in a month.

#### **5. Attending RAG Meetings – non members**

Tim suggested that this be more fully covered in the review, however the ready answer is that non-members attend after the handover.

#### **6. Waitemata Local Board - Adam**

Adam met with Rob Thomas who wanted to attend our meeting tonight but because we are in a state of handover this was not feasible. We need to discuss our policy on having a guest with a political agenda attend the meeting.

#### **7. Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety in the CBD - David Hoffer**

David couldn't clearly see the goals or objectives of the group and wonders what they are meant to achieve. Tim said that appeals are possible on some licences and reviewing conditions such as closing hours is also possible. David is prepared to go to the Taskforce meeting in May to listen and represent RAG.

Police have requested a RAG member attend their hearing to object to later than 3am closing. David will speak on behalf of RAG at the hearing, in favour of 3am blanket closing & give his personal story on this based on evidence of noise, vomit, urination, fights, other harm. Kathy suggested evidence could be obtained from the AE Clinic at the hospital. The hearing is scheduled for June/July.

#### **8. Portfolio Allocations – inc EMC – Adam**

Emergency Management Committee; this topic is to be rescheduled.

#### **9. QE Square Submission to Appeal - Tim**

Under Section 274 expressions of interest came from the Architecture Association, giving voice to the plan to give Precinct the area. Tim is thinking of the content to represent our concerns of RAG and the CBD. It's a work in progress and could be called anytime. The area has an agreement on it between Council to give it to Precinct for \$27m, with a pay back to Precinct of \$14m due to the underground Council development of CRL. As the area is an allocated public space, it's an environmental appeal which has little chance of success.

#### **10. Hot City Survey – Leave this topic until next meeting**

#### **11. Newton Resident's Association – Ardeth had a meeting with them**

#### **12. Homelessness and opportunities for Collaboration – Leave this topic until next meeting**

### **13. Security Issues for Residents**

There was a sudden meeting in the University on the recent violent attacks on Asians; RAG was not 'in the loop' to hear about this meeting and we haven't yet heard the outcome of it.

### **14. RAG Review – Review Group**

The review group had a long meeting on Saturday and are now at the Report writing stage. They plan to complete the report to present to the RAG meeting in May.

### **15. Neighbours Day – Sat 19 March 11am-4pm – Mik – leave for next meeting**

### **16. RAG in the Digital Age, info storage, access etc – discussion - Adam**

Adam is comfortable with how he has arranged the system of storage he has devised using the drop box. If we have meeting reports we can scan and send them to Adam for our records.

### **17. CBD Community E-News, no: 36, Winter 2016:**

Production committee chair/editor RAG Member Audrey van Rijn

27<sup>th</sup> May is the deadline for contributions to this publication, please consider submitting any items of interest.

Meeting concluded with the reminder that 3 months was the agreed time for the temporary posts. Tim also referred to the possibility of advancing the AGM or calling an EGM depending on the recommendations in the review.

The meeting closed at 6.53pm  
The next meeting is Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016