

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 28th of August in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 4. Accessible Forum**
Sandra Crews, Consultation and Engagement
- 5. Temporary works**
Trish Ubels, Stephen Harte, Transport
- 6. Be.Institute – Wellington Office**
Ross Livingstone, Wellington Regional Relationship Manager
Be.Institute
- 7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports**
- 8. Other business**
 - Home and Dry
 - Grants pamphlets
 - ATAC
 - Conflict of interest
- 9. Next Meeting**
Tuesday 25th of September in Committee Room One

RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

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1. Present

- Members: Jason Strawbridge, Kendall Akhurst (Co- Chair), Lachlan Mackay (Co- Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, , Julia Mosen, Shannon Morris
- Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Alice Hang
- Councillors: Iona Pannett
- Guests:
- Interpreters: Angela Murray
- Minutes: Lorraine Guthrie

2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies: for lateness from Iona Pannett

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting July 31 2012, approved Alan/Julia

Matters Arising

- Lower Cuba Street – AAG raised their concerns with Council and had a physical inspection with Anna Harley from Urban Design. A number of the concerns will be remedied before the contract is finalised.
- How the group deals with correspondence – common sense process in place, if serious level issue then it will be dealt with by Council officers. If not urgent, then it will be dealt with by AAG.

4. Accessible Forum

Discussion

Sandra Crews presented with some questions and information regarding the Accessible Forum – 4 December 2012. The Mayor and CEO have already been booked. Sandra is working on the theme of earthquake preparedness for other forums She is keen to understand the AAG's view on the theme, purpose, aims and outcomes are.

Previous themes –

tourism, transport, accommodation, general accessibility, accessibility action plan

Purpose - showcases what the AAG does, to network, to gather a group of likeminded people together, reaching out to groups outside of the disability sector

Ideas for themes

- forum as a concert,

- sports and recreation
- awards to those improving accessibility across Wellington,
- focus on people who do not regularly attend the forums (business, chamber of commerce, etc)
- Employment - ask business how they go about employing people with impairments, if the AAG can assist the employers to employ persons with impairments
- have something to launch at the same time (companion card?)
- accessibility of information

Other ideas

- next year plan for the International Day of Person's with Disabilities to ensure Mayor's attendance,
- integrate access into sports forum (rather than make the theme sports for the access forum),
- awards event (additional to the forum),
- images could be used – old photos including abseiling down a building
- airport awards to include a category for accessibility.

Action:

- To consider what the theme for the forum should be
- Questions need consideration before deciding on the theme - What is important about the forum? What is its purpose? What are the main aims and outcomes of the forum?
- Email discussion for decision at the next meeting
- Sport and recreation/employment – main two themes?

5. Temporary works

Discussion

Biggest challenge is getting people through street worksites safely. There is a big commitment to accessibility but using contractors sometimes this gets lost. AAG shared their experiences of Willis st etc. Trish and Stephen displayed prototypes of portable ramps to be used by contractors. AAG felt that that the example of the metal ramp would be the most useful.

Action

- AAG keen to be involved or consulted with any future projects
- Can either log a job with the Call Centre or come to Trish or Stephen directly if problems experienced

6. Be Accessible

Discussion

Introduction to Be. Accessible. Ross is now running the Wellington office - in Anvil house, level 1, contact welcomed. Formal relationship with Wellington City Council – to look at the accessibility action plan and for Be to pick up on matters not able to be completed.

7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports

Economic development and governance

- Accessibility not included in Law Commission's report on the Information Act

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

- One page checklist on accessibility created for the Events team - further engagement to occur.

Accessible Environment and transport

- AAG wrote to airport regards the upcoming changes (introduction of barrier tolls, drop off/on points). Airport will engage with AAG before the issue is progressed. Council is a shareholder of the airport, so has traction with Council.
- City housing – feedback was given on draft design guidelines for city housing. Also AAG expects to be involved with individual programmes.

8. Other business

Information to be distributed to AAG contacts

- Home and Dry - free home assessment to make your home energy efficiency, warm etc. Wellington council will subsidise products 50% of products up to \$115. Renters and landlords can access the subsidy.
- Grants postcards

Conflict of Interest

- AAG members required to sign a conflict of interest form each year. Lisa will distribute for signatures

ATAC

- Lorraine provided background to the Accessible Transport advisory group.

Accessible map

- Alice Hang distributed the updated version

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Appendix 1

Follow up actions

From July 31

- Safe and Sustainable transport reference group – a representative from AAG to be appointed at next meeting
- Lisa will talk with Lucie Derosiers about how to capture accessibility guidance into the 'public space design manual' to ensure it is considered in all projects

From June 26th

- Work on mayoral letter to the Ministry regarding the lack of legislation in temporary works.
Jason to work on with Iona

From April 24th

- Lisa to check whether a Council advisory group can or should have such a disclaimer to protect itself from repercussions of advice. Lisa

From March 27th meeting

- Lisa to clarify Council's responsibility for the timing on traffic lights for pedestrians.

Lisa

From February 28th 2012

- Problem intersection identified on Willis St by Julia and an offer to show officers why.

Lisa to pass on details to Steve Spence.

Lisa

- Accessible Environment subgroup to follow up with bus shelter design. Lisa to get contact details of officer responsible. Lisa
- AAG minutes to be sent to the GWRC Accessibility Reference Group in the future. **Lisa** to organise.

APPENDIX 2

SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

Accessible Environment and transport (including urban design, open spaces)

Jason, Kendall, Julia, Rosemary, Lachlan, Angela

Economic development and governance

Alan, Julia, Lachlan, Kendall

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

Angela, Linda, Kendall, Rosemary, Julia, Shannon