

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 26th of February 2013 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One, Wakefield Street
5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Conflict of interest**
- 4. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 5. Wellington Museums Trust**
Rachel Ingram
- 6. Wellington Accessible Employment Forum Update**
Jane Patterson, Consultation and Engagement
- 7. Te Mahana – Homelessness Strategy**
Jaime Dyhrberg, City Communities
- 8. AAG Annual Report**
Kendall Akhurst and Lachlan MacKay
- 9. AAG Sub-groups reportback**
- 10. Other business**
- 11. Next Meeting**
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RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

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1. Present

- Members Rosemary Cole, Lachlan MacKay, Angela Vandepoel, Julia Mosen, Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Jason Strawbridge, Kendal Akhurst
- Councillors Iona Pannett
- Council officers Lisa Matthews, Jane Patterson, Jaime Dyhrberg
- Interpreters Wenda Walton, Angela Murray
- Guests Rachel Ingram, Wellington Museums Trust, Sophie Jackman, Whitireia Journalism School

2. Welcome from the Chair

Apologies: none

3. Conflict of interest

None

4. Wellington Museums Trust

Discussion

Rachel Ingram, Learning and Programmes Manager from the Museums Trust introduced herself and outlined the process that the Museum Trust is undergoing including looking at accessibility. They may want to invite a person with an impairment on their steering group, however at this stage they are working out a process and will come back to the group. It was acknowledged that there are inaccessible aspects to the Colonial Cottage.

5. Wellington Accessible Employment Forum Update

Discussion

Jane Patterson reported back on progress on the forum.

- It is on 5 March, 5pm – 7.30pm, Te Papa
- Number of attendees including staff and councillors about 100
- Organisation all underway including the finalisation of all speakers and the agenda
- There has been a huge amount of work for this forum and the AAG might want to examine the role of the forum in the future.
- AAG are the hosts and will have roles. Kendall is MC, Lachlan will close. The rest of the group will do the “meeting and greeting” and the registration table.

Action: AAG wanted to acknowledge the hard work of all involved.

6. Te Mahana – Homelessness Strategy

Jaime Dyhrberg, City Communities

Discussion

Te Mahana: A Draft Strategy to End Homelessness in Wellington by 2020 is out for consultation until May 3rd.

- It is a city wide strategy to address homelessness – in this instance homelessness includes people who are:
 - without shelter
 - in temporary accommodation
 - sharing accommodation with a household
 - living in uninhabitable housing.
- The strategy is based on international best practice:
 - Stop homelessness happening
 - Deal with homelessness quickly
 - Stop homelessness happening again
- 60% of the homelessness population are Māori and the strategy uses Poutama – a three step process built on Te Tiriti.
- The name Te Mahana was gifted to the strategy by Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and means warmth.
- The Consultation focuses on the general broader community and also working with groups involved to see which of the initiatives described in the draft strategy are possible and who can undertake them. The approved initiatives will form an action plan that should make a real difference to solving homelessness.
- Including a Wellington Regional Affordable Strategy. This is in an emergent phase and is being looked at by Wellington City Council, Greater Regional Council and Capital and Coast DHB. This will be looking at affordability in the wider sense
- AAG should address any design elements and also any positive feedback welcome also as the process for development is very similar to the development of the Accessible Wellington Action Plan

Action

- **Social and Recreation** subgroup to look at submission **Social and Recreation**

Alcohol Management Strategy

- The Government's recent alcohol reforms allow councils to develop a local alcohol policy which looks at the number, location and conditions for places that sell alcohol. Wellington City Council is beginning the process of developing a policy by preparing a strategy which takes a wider view on managing alcohol-related behaviour.
- The Council is seeking views on how it should be balancing the positive entertainment benefits of alcohol sale and consumption with efforts to reduce harm. The consultation is open currently.

7. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Action points from last meeting:

- All large employers have been invited to the forum including CCDHB and universities and the Chief Executive of CCDHB is attending
- Julia will be meeting with the business unit that is developing the "Fixit" App. Other Apps are either made by other organisation and promoted by us e.g. Welly Walks is

Positively Wellington Tourism. The two apps made by us have been done very low cost with no accessibility.

- Changes to Wakefield st - no real problem with this. Actually the two mobility parks on Wakefield st are moving closer to the Council entrance. This will allow for greater room for tourist operators and buses
- Kendall and Lachlan are meeting with Jenny Rains (manager City Communities) in March to discuss annual reporting of the Action Plan. They will also clarify the role of Be Accessible with the Action Plan.
- The Council's submission on Building Seismic Performance – Cr Pannett moved a successful amendment regarding the decoupling issue.
- Cuba st upgrade – Steve Harte wants a further email regarding the issues. AAG's position is that is that they have already given the Council enough information. The tree pits should only have a 20mm dip.

Action:

- AAG to compile one email from previous documentation. Iona will send that to Derek Fry. Iona will also email Jon Hutching (Director, Planning) for the copy of the Cuba st evaluation report. **Jason**
- Snapper issue – Julia to follow up with Shannon. **Julia**

Minutes of last meeting 29 January 2013 approved.

Rosemary/Julia

CR Iona Pannett

Discussion:

- Meeting on 5th February at Michael Fowler Centre to discuss
- Small discussion document with a range of questions include a section on accessibility
- The Council is putting forward a submission which will be discussed at SPC on the 21st of February
- Cr Pannett has concerns regarding the decoupling of accessibility from strengthening and will be asking officers to cost some accessible installations
- She asked AAG to do a submission and is hopeful that the AAG submission would match the WCC submission

Action: Accessible Environment and Transport to follow up.

Subgroup

8. AAG Annual Report

Discussion:

Compilation of messages for annual report

1. Good

- Engaged at the beginning of process more
- Relationship with Urban design – for example with the Kilbirnie Upgrade the AAG was seen about 3-4 times
- Cable car upgrade
- Increase in support from Councillors and Mayor
- First Council in New Zealand to have accessibility included in their sign off from Building Consents
- Relationship with Wellington Waterfront's Technical Advisory Group developing
- Quality of Council staff presentations increasing in terms of accessibility
- Great list of achievements

2. Bad

- Lower Cuba st

- AAG gives advice and it is not taken e.g. Marshall Court
- Accessible documentation
- Accessible information/print ready/web
- Saying the same things again and again
- Dealing with different people all the time

3. Want for the future

- The Action Plan achieved
- Council staff who come for advice then communicating how they use that advice and if they don't why not – closing the loop

Annual report is due with the Council in April so AAG will sign off the draft at the March meeting

Kendall/Lachlan

9. AAG Sub-groups reportback

Accessible Environment and Transport

Subgroup has met to prepare their submission on Building Seismic Performance. They have been briefed by Geoff Lawson, Policy on the Council's submission and have a copy of Barrier Free's submission. A draft is to be circulated.

Kendall and Jason attended the meeting for this at the Michael Fowler Centre – Kendall gave a good speech.

Wayne Goodfellow & Steven Peng have created a NZ first initiative where on building consent packages the accessibility requirements are now written in alongside fire requirements. This will result in much higher levels of compliance and means accessibility requirements will not be as easily overlooked throughout construction, inspection process and final signoff. This is excellent and BCLS should be commended.

Economic Development and Governance:

Alan received a copy of the Council accessible guide that was made last year.

Both Rosemary and Alan (on behalf of another organisation) attended the Department of Internal Affairs workshop on online engagement. Looking at the best way for the public to contribute. Not sure what the purpose was as the conclusion seem decided. Very similar to a workshop attended in 2007.

Action: Alan and Rosemary to follow with an email with more details. **Alan/Rosemary**

10. Other business

Correspondence

1. Annual Plan

Invitation from the Mayor to attend an Annual Plan workshop on the 7th March. AAG members to attend.

2. Letter from City Housing (Tammy Mullin) with an update of the next upgrade - Berkeley Dallard and Etona

8. Next Meeting

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Appendix 1

Follow up actions

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