

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 29 October 2013 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
Apologies -
- 3. Conflict of interest**
- 4. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 5. Update from Memorial Park (5)**
Jason Harrison, Memorial Park Alliance
- 6. Lower Cuba st (20)**
Jamie Roberts, Peter Fraser, Urban Design
- 7. Neighbours day (10)**
Elizabeth St-Ives, Community Services
- 8. Accessible Wellington Forum and building AAG networks (25)**
Lisa Matthews, Consultation and Engagement
- 9. Election of the chair (10)**
- 10. Sub – group reports**
- 11. Other business**
- 12. Next Meeting**
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RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

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1. Present

- Members Lachlan MacKay, Julia Mosen, Alan Royal, Jason Strawbridge, Michael Bealing, Angela Vanderpoel, Paula Booth, Shannon Krogmann.
- Apologies Kendal Akhurst.
- Councillors
- Council officers Lisa Matthews, Elizabeth St John-Ives, Jamie Roberts, Peter Fraser.
- Guests Jason Harrison, Memorial Park Alliance.

2. Welcome from the Chair

3. Conflict of interest

None.

4. Memorial Park

Discussion:

- Subgroup meeting held on 22nd October.
- Wanted to catch up briefly after that to check if there were any further questions.
- AAG to get in touch with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. Purpose is to ensure that the policy around events include provision of temporary accessible toilets in an appropriate ratio to the able bodied units provided.
- There will be toilets eventually in the Education Centre but this won't be delivered in 2015 (with the completion of Memorial Park).
- Final detail design for the project is to be presented either to subcommittee or November meeting after Barrier Free audit.

5. Lower Cuba st

Presentation:

- Feedback based on AAG's earlier report in 2012.
- There are rules around sandwich board locations and those with license should know that.
- Accessible car park needs to be reviewed, and placed more appropriately.
- New planned upgrade of lower Cuba street is trying to achieve two things
 - a. Improve the tree pit issues
 - b. Improve the shared space
- Currently the upgrade work has no funding allocated to it.

Discussion:

- Density of planting needs to be increased or upstands installed
- Tactile indicators used at the Wakefield end of lower Cuba street are not contrasting. Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind recommends yellow studs as they stand out. The current silver studs don't work well as a contrast. Maybe colour the concrete back if using silver studs in the future.
- Tactile indicator studs are also still popping out.
- Auckland Council has done shared spaces well. It was recommended that Jamie draws on their examples for any redesign.
- Concern about using british standards when NZ has great best practice examples
- Height of the multifaceted blocks should be 75 mm not 45mm which is the lowest standard kerb. Also they do not provide enough contrast for the vision impaired (grey on grey)
- Seating needs to be accessible with back rest and arms.
- The existing orange/white signage needs to be accessible (contrasting).

Action:

- **Lisa** to forward information regarding shared spaces from Jason to Jamie
- **Alan** to forward Ted Talk link to share with Jamie.

6. Neighbours Day

Presentation:

- Third year of Neighbours Day
- The theme this year is celebrating Wellington's diversity - focussing on ethnic, migrant and vulnerable communities and increasing community resilience and emergency preparedness.
- Set groups and suburbs will be targeted.
- There will be a range of activities in various places. Wallet sized cards are being developed to keep contacts for neighbours. 50,000 are being printed.
- Elizabeth will approach disability groups to find out whether they want to be involved. She will also:
 - a. Check the venues for accessibility and that will be part of promotion.
 - b. Make sure the promotional material is accessible.

Discussion:

- Men's Shed – part of their philosophy is being a good neighbour.
- Involve as many disability groups as possible e.g. sporting groups (use Parafed as a contact.
- Elizabeth was advised that information should be delivered in a variety of different media, and in accessible formats.

Action:

- **Alan** and **Jason** to share their contacts with Elizabeth.

7. Accessible Wellington Forum and building AAG networks

Discussion:

- Forum Topic – connecting with the community. It is a new triennium, what are the issues in the community and how does the community want to be communicated with.

- At the same time, AAG needs to review its community networks to see where the gaps are. In particular in relation to the Terms of Reference which says AAG must both communicate with the community and bring issues back to the Council.
- The developed contact list will be used as an invitation list for the forum.

Exercise:

Mapping networks.

Action:

Lisa and **Alan** to write up, start identify gaps and send back to the AAG.

8. Election of new chair

Jason Strawbridge was elected unanimously.

9. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Alan/Robert

Matters arising: NZ Bus haven't replied

Action:

Jason to follow up.

11. AAG Sub-groups and reportback

Governance:

Nothing to report.

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation:

Nothing to report.

Accessible Environment and Transport:

- Memorial Park meeting with designers
- Parliament Precinct meeting. Preliminary designs indicate a ramp is now being looked at, dependant on parliamentary services approval and design feasibility.
- Meeting with Stephen Harte regarding diagonal crossing, tactile indicators at bus stops and Braille signage. Need to go back to Stephen with examples.

Action: **Julia** and **Jason** to follow up.

- City Housing meeting planned for the November 6th with Greg Orchard and Vicky McLaren to discuss Lifemark (accessibility standards) and other issues.

The subgroups arrangement should be relooked at in the new year, given the high degree of activity in the Accessible Environment and Transport group.

10. Other business

1. Iona Pannett's replacement has not been announced.
2. Some members are attending the Council inauguration.
3. There is the New Council "meet and greet" with advisory groups on the Dec 4th. AAG will do a 10 minute presentation.

4. Alan was concerned that there was no mention of accessibility by the Mayor for the new Council. Also no mention of livestreaming available in press release about fireworks. Has emailed Events to remind them.

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Action points from 29 October 2013

Actions	Person responsible
Jason to follow up NZ Bus email.	Jason Strawbridge
Julia and Jason to follow up on the meeting with Stephen Harte by providing examples of signage, indicators etc.	Jason Strawbridge and Julia Mosen
Lisa and Alan to write up the networks exercise, start identifying gaps and send back to the AAG.	Lisa Matthews and Alan Royal

Action points from 24 September 2013

Actions	Person responsible
Subgroup to follow up on lobbying Culture and Heritage about accessible toilets through Geoff Swainson.	Accessible Environment and Transport Subgroup
Lisa to update submission template.	Lisa Matthews
Lisa to follow up the proposed second meeting with Building Consents. Lisa to follow up and make clear concerns regarding Waterfront walkabout being called a Universal audit when in fact it was a walkabout with only four people with impairments.	Lisa Matthews

Action Points from 30 July 2013

Actions	Person responsible
Lisa to find out what is happening with the Terms of Reference review.	Lisa Matthews

SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

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

Jason, Kendall, Julia, Robert, Angela, Michael, Paula

Economic development and governance

Alan, Julia, Robert, Kendall, Michael

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

Angela, Kendall, Julia, Shannon, Paula