

## **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of October in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Apologies**  
Angela Vandepoel
- 4. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes**
- 5. Open spaces and Town Belt**  
Mark Jones, Policy  
Megan Dunning, Parks and Gardens
- 6. Wellington Accessible Forum**  
Barbara Burke, Communications and Marketing  
Sandra Crews, Consultation and Engagement
- 7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports**
- 8. Other business**
- 9. Next Meeting**  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Committee Room One

## RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of September in Committee Room Two, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

### 1. Present

- Members: Jason Strawbridge, Lachlan Mackay (Co- Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, Julia Mosen, Shannon Morris
- Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Mark Jones, Barbara Burke
- Councillors: Iona Pannett
- Guests:
- Interpreters:
- Minutes:

### 2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies: Angela Vanderpoel; Kendall Akhurst (Co- Chair)

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Amendment of location to Committee Room One to Committee Room two  
Minutes of last meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> approved Rosemary/Alan

### 4. Open Spaces Framework

A document to help prioritise investment across all of Wellington's open spaces – it is being developed right now. It will go out for consultation next year.

Group discussion to questions

#### 1. Where in Wellington's open spaces do you go? Why do you go there?

- The waterfront, Town Belt (especially Mount Victoria), Botanic Gardens, walkways/ bush tracks, beaches (for example Worser / Scorching / Shelley Bay) and Otari-Wilton Bush.
- People generally visit these places for fitness, to go to and from work, dog walking, for scenery and enjoyment.

#### 2. What things do you want to do on open spaces but can't? Why can't you do it?

- More shelter in some areas to increase enjoyment of open spaces e.g. - Sunbathing / relaxing (not enough shelter)
- More opportunities to cycle on tracks of shallow gradient, without glass lying around, that are protected from the road and separated from walkways
- Improved access (for sight-impaired at waterfront, and for those with prams or mobility challenges on tracks around the Town Belt) e.g. waterfront (massive open space without tactiles to guide a sight-impaired person) and readily available information about tracks that are pram / push-chair friendly.
- More places where people can enjoy an alcohol-based drink with alcohol content.

### **3. How can we improve the open space network for accessibility between now and 2022?**

- Improved infrastructure
  - Good maintenance of places
  - More rubbish bins at beginning and end of tracks
  - More seating around steep areas and for views
  - Handrails in steep areas for very windy weather
  - Seating/handrails at Mt Kaukau, Kaukau to Makara, other steep and windy places
  - Implications of ageing population for providing more seating, shelter etc
  - Tactile indicators
- More information on accessing tracks and what to expect (e.g. ease / difficulty / pram access) e.g. Maps at entrance / exit
- Improve accessibility for people and dogs, for example planned upgrades audited for accessibility and separating walkers/cyclists as can startle those who are Deaf or have hearing impairments
- Designing open spaces to deter / reduce crime
- Engage with people (including vulnerable people) to develop good policy and management of spaces

### **5. Town Belt Management Plan**

#### Discussion

- Adding 85 hectares
- No more development – sports clubs to join and share facilities if needed
- New assessment criteria
- Legislative framework
- Doesn't identify any new opportunities so useful to get feedback from AAG regarding wheelchair access, improving information delivery onsite and on the website
- Why AAG's submission not reflected in the principles? - Parks and Gardens officers thought that accessibility was sufficiently reflected elsewhere e.g. the policies on the track networks
- Could Parks and Gardens do a survey of the problem places on the Town Belt?

#### Action:

- AAG to do a submission that revisits the principles and do an oral submission also
- Management Plan large so submission should be focussed
- Submissions close December 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Accessible Environment and transport subcommittee**

### **6. Accessible Wellington Forum**

#### Discussion

Concerns were raised whether there was sufficient time to do the topic of the forum justice, especially as members wanted to ensure that good number of executives of large employing organisations participate. The Consultation and Engagement team are busy organising the two other forums and are constrained for time. The AAG themselves need to be able to contribute and also the date of the Forum is the beginning of the 'silly' season.

Two options were presented to the meeting:

1. Have a small to medium forum on Dec 4
2. Delay the Forum into the new year to ensure that the goals are achieved

#### Action

- The members decided to transfer the Accessible Wellington Forum into 2013 (February).
- AAG will review the purpose and the efficacy of the forum in general at some stage next year. If the forum is to continue then a discussion needs to include the regular date
- AAG members to contribute to the work of the Forum.
- The up and coming tasks is to finalise the invitations list and finalise the advertising material so the invites can be sent in December.
- Work need to continue to ensure the event is successful
- A celebration should still be held to mark December 3<sup>th</sup> every year.

## 7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports

### Economic development and governance

- Fireworks – difficulty in getting the Council to advertise fireworks can be watched online. For people that can't/don't get to the waterfront - [metservice.co.nz](http://metservice.co.nz).

### Action

- Lisa to get the information about the fireworks including the Metservice link and send it to AAG members for distribution through their networks **All**

### Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

- Nothing to report

### Accessible Environment and transport

- Kumutoto submission – design brief mainly good except the principles do not include principles. This will be the main point of the submission. Subgroup did a walk around on the waterfront and took photos of problem areas for inclusion in the submission – again mainly good.
- Jason attended the GWRC Spine study meeting. GWRC have narrowed it down to three options. They are working on transport options for those three and will present at the December Spine Study meeting.
- Meeting with Cable Car terminus upgrade architect and project manager tomorrow.

## 8. Other business

### 1. Accessible Wellington Action Plan

#### Discussion

- Should be listed as an agenda item each time so that AAG can monitor progress
- Presenters should be asked how they see their projects meeting the goals of the Action Plan

**Lisa**

### 2. Restructure

#### Discussion

- Lisa reported back on the restructure and a change to the Consultation and Engagement's reporting line.

### 3. Election of New chair for 2013

#### Discussion

- A new chair will be elected at the December meeting
- People to consider nominations

## 9. Next Meeting

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### Appendix 1

#### Follow up actions

##### From 25 September

- To start a key target invite list via email **ALL**
- Feedback on conflict of interest video to be given by members **ALL**

##### 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 26<sup>th</sup>

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

##### From April 24<sup>th</sup>

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

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

##### From February 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Lisa

## 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

