

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Please note change of location

Tuesday 30 September 2014 in Committee Room Two, Wakefield Street 5.30pm to 7.30pm

1. Present

2. Welcome from the Chair

Apologies – Greg Orchard, David Lee and Malcolm Sparrow

3. Conflict of interest

4. Wellington Waterfront Presentation (25 mins)

Michael Faherty, Project Director, Waterfront and Dan Males, Isthmus

5. Victoria St Urban Design Presentation (15 mins)

Richard Galloway, Memorial Park Alliance

6. Accessibility Advisor report (5 mins)

Elizabeth St John-Ives, Accessibility Advisor

7. Cycleway submission process (30 mins)

Michael Bealing, Lisa Matthews

8. Accessibility tools for Council (20 mins)

Jason Strawbridge, Barrier Free

9. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes (5 mins)

10. Project reports (5 mins)

11. Other business (5 mins)

- a. Reminder regarding the chair elections.
- b. Correspondence.

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 October 2014 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One

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Action Points

Action points from 30 September	Person responsible	Status
Cycleway submission on Loomio.	AAG	Submission due 6 Oct.
Michael to follow up on correspondence.		

Action points from 26 August	Person responsible	Status
Chair/Co-chair election is due in October. Members to have a think about it and speak to Michael or Lisa.	AAG	On agenda for Oct.

Action points from 29 July	Person responsible	Status
Julia will visit Evans Bay dog park.	Julia	Still to reportback.
All to work on Loomio to help form an activity for the International Day of People with Disabilities.	AAG	?

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Members: Michael Bealing, Christine O'Sullivan, Tim Pate, Julia Mosen, Paula Booth, Lee Rutene, Tristram Ingham, Christine Richardson

Apologies: Greg Orchard, David Lee and Malcolm Sparrow

Councillors:

Council officers: Lisa Matthews, Michael Faherty, Project Director, City Shaper

Guests: Dan Males, Isthmus Richard Galloway, Memorial Park Alliance

2. Welcome from the Chair

New members Tristram Ingham, Christine Richardson were welcomed.

3. Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Wellington Waterfront Site 10 public space

Presentation:

- Gave an introduction on the waterfront for the new members.
- Used to be a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) but as of July 2014, they have returned to Council and are now a Council business unit called City Shaper.
- Wellington Waterfront Framework sets the direction for the work of the unit. (link here <http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans-and-policies/a-to-z/waterfrontframewk/files/framework.pdf>)
- One of the principles of the framework is ease of access.
- City Shaper believe that the waterfront is owned and operated by the city itself and requires the involvement of citizens.
- There have been a large number of achievements over the last 20 years but there is still a number to go, including commercial development sites, redevelopment of Queens Wharf, Frank Kitts Park and a Chinese Garden.
- Waterfront an incredible success – over 300 events held on the waterfront last year.
- North Kumutoto package – both a building and open space place plan. In concept design stage.
- City Shaper would like to come back to AAG with the detailed design for feedback.
- Already have changed the plan based on AAG advice – want to create an accessible route to the top of the stream mouth (currently doesn't exist). This will be a series of ramps.
- They intend to create a clearer pedestrian walkway in this area. Wigmore St will become a shared space and the car parks will be removed.

Discussion:

- Surface of the pathway – not be slippery in rain. The current railway sleepers are very slippery in rain.
- It is planned that approximately ~500 people will work in the accompanying building

plus retail space on the ground floor. The current plans provide for only 45 car parks in the basement parking garage. A potential issue was raised that the limited number of car parks provisioned within site 10 may end up being used primarily as overflow parking or for retail access. Members urge the design team to ensure that parking is configured or regulated such a way to prioritise parking for those members of the public wishing to access the park area / public space, and with a high proportion of accessibility parks.

- The current walkway situation is very confusing with a combination of cars and pedestrians.
- City Shaper to come back to speak to AAG.

5. Victoria St

Presentation:

- Council is looking at where people are going to live in the next 30 years.
- Victoria St is part of this and the three blocks from Able Smith St to Dixon St will be upgraded in the next year.
- Currently Victoria St is not very attractive and hasn't had very much investment.
- Looking at improving the efficiency of those who move through, that is pedestrians, cars, cyclists and buses.
- Currently the footpaths are narrow, the vehicle crossings are difficult and buses move very slowly.
- Footpaths will be widened, trees will be planted, there will be a cycleway on the south sides and two parks will be created.

Discussion:

- Issues around how the blind will use the footpaths and be able to find their way if the paths are so wide and have street furniture.
- How will people access car parks? Will there be enough room?
- The mobility parks will be renovated and will meet standards (currently not compliant).
- The location of mobility parks could be looked at to ensure safe access for both passengers and drivers.
- There is seating in parks but also might want to consider seating along the street as it is a long section of street.

Action:

- AAG can send any further feedback in.

6. Accessibility Advisor report

- Accessibility map completed (both hard copy and text version).
- Processing around 9 mobility parking requests.
- Assessing where to put four new parks in the central business district.
- Assessing where to fix two kerbs in the central business district.
- New mobility scooter location – Newtown New World.
- Three new locations have been found for mobility scooter poster advertising.
- Email sent to Rex Delany (works for Linkage and is involved in the current mental health service changes) regarding if he would like to be involved with linking mental health service user and community gardening.
- Created a PowerPoint encouraging more employment of people with accessibility needs in the Council. This is now being shown to hiring managers in the council.
- Meet with Paul Dickie from Office of Disability Issues to gain information on how they approach the need for more Easy Read documents. This will feed into my work with the council marketing and communications team and their updated house rules manual.

- Organising 5 Ways to Wellbeing hui. Created a YouTube with team talking about how they implemented the 5 Ways to Well-being in their work life.

7. Cycleway submission process

Action:

- To continue on Loomio.
- Key issue is that cycleways and accessibility are at odds.
- **Lisa** to set up Tristram and Christine on Loomio.

8. Accessibility tools for Council

Presentation:

- Barrier Free has created an accessibility check list web tool in conjunction with the Council (link here <http://www.barrierfreenz.org.nz/news/tools-guide.html>)
- This is the first iteration and feedback is welcomed.
- Should be simple and easy to use but is not a substitute for professional advice.

Discussion:

- Barrier Free are developing another web tool regarding the Building Act 2004 (sections 112 and 115) which has a requirement for buildings to be brought to 'comply as nearly as is reasonably practicable' with the provisions of the Building Code, in the following circumstances.
 - Where a change of use of a building is intended, which involves the incorporation in the building of one or more household units where household units did not exist before, then the building in its new use must comply in all respects.
 - Where alterations to, or a change of use of, existing buildings are intended, then the means of escape from fire and access and facilities for people with disabilities must comply
- The Web tool will focus on the meaning of 'comply as nearly as is reasonably practicable'.
- Members were asked for their input to specific items that should be included as part of the minimum requirements in this situation.

Individual responses included:

- Accessible route.
- Breaking down the barriers of stairs.
- Ramps and automatic doors.
- No heavy doors.
- Braille signage.
- Colour contrast for stairs and floors.
- Accessible toilets.
- Some members advocated that full implementation of NZS4121:2001 should be considered the only acceptable minimum.

9. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Approved Michael/Julia

10. Project reports/action points

1. Fenced dog parks – Julia is receiving photos of the park and then will visit.
2. Memorial Park – Christine went for walkthrough of the tunnel.

11. Other business

1. Chair elections in October meeting – people to consider. If there is more than once nomination for chair or two for co-chair then a vote will be held.
2. Correspondence regarding the size of font at the NZ Portrait Gallery. Council has no involvement in this gallery so Michael to follow up with other agencies who might want to take this up.

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