

Accessibility Advisory Group

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 27 September 2022

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Ngake (16.09), Level 16 Tahiwi, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Purpose

- Advise Council on how to help grow a great and accessible City, where barriers to people with impairments are minimised.
- Bring lived experience and knowledge to Council around accessibility issues in the context of Council's roles and priorities.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities, it is from this foundation members share their expertise and lived experience in this advisory role, and engage with their communities and others as part of the wider council consultation processes.

Attendance

Chairpersons:	Nick Ruane, Susan Williams
Members:	Donna Fasavalu, Hannah Gibson, David Karl, Moko Mataa, Olivia Murphy, Solmaz Nazari Orakani, Rachel Noble, Renee Patete
Liaison Councillors:	
WCC Staff:	Kym Fell (Chief Culture and Community Officer), Jenny Rains (Community Services Manager), Melissa Wells (Senior Accessibility Advisor), Hedi Mueller (Senior Democracy Advisor), Claire Pascoe (Transitional Programme Manager), Bri Peters (Engagement Specialist), Renee Corlett (Project Lead)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 5:31.

1. Apologies were received from the following members:
 - Erikka Helliwell, Humphrey Hanley and Cr Matthews for absence.No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. The group did a round of introductions.

Items

4. Let's Get Wellington Moving update, *presented by Shar Carlini, Mike Oates, Andrew Wright, Leti Page, Hazel Dobbie, Veronica Byrne.*

Mike gave a presentation about the LGWM programme and its plan, and gave an overview of Mass Rapid Transit, People-friendly City Streets and the Golden Mile upgrade.

Members discussed:

- First principles discussion and definition of accessibility.
- Inclusivity.
- Connecting with people in groups and developing relationships – being a new group of people and developing those connections
- Engagement sessions with sections of communities to facilitate conversations, working with universal design experts, ensuring disabled people are compensated for the work they do and knowledge they hold.
- What does good look like – examples of projects/organisations that have done all the right things, leads to follow or surpass.

5. Cycleways update, *Presented by Claire Pascoe, Bri Peters and Renee Corlett.*

Claire provided an update on the upcoming cycleway consultations for Aro Valley, Ngaio and Kilbirnie. She discussed the cycleway update e-newsletter and whether AAG members would like to subscribe to it, or whether an accessibility-targeted newsletter would be more helpful.

Members discussed:

- Pick up/drop off zones around Newtown School
- Working in with Blind Low Vision NZ
- Accessibility of the transportprojects.org.nz website compared to the wellington.govt.nz website
- Increased representation of the disability community on transport steering groups

- Benefits of traffic lights compared to roundabouts, and the importance of tactile routes
- Waka Kotahi looking for someone to get involved with research project on bus platform use.

6. Member updates

Susan shared the following updates with the group:

- Disabled Artists' Festival of Theatre went well, working on more things throughout the year.
- Boardwalk completed at Dixon St.
- Navigating way through election process.

The following updates were also shared with the group:

- Te Whatu Ora presentation at next month's meeting, discussion about how to connect with community.
- Working with Deafblind Association around access for deaf blind people for the election.
- Working on research project on disability, home and family - encourage you and networks to take part in survey here: https://qfreeaccountssic1.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_23NN2xKGsegga58
- Discussions with Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People around postal voting, taking privacy seriously, and ensuring that disabled people are provided with all the information. Auckland City Council have bookable appointments for private assistance with voting.

Kym shared an update about Jenny Rain's role as Project Director for twelve months during the review of Community Services, and that an interim Manager of Community Services will be appointed.

Melissa shared the following updates with the group:

- Parks, Sport and Recreation team are looking for people to get involved with accessible trail Mt Victoria (payment and term of reference to be confirmed).
- Waka Kotahi bus stop draft guidance [open for feedback](#).
- Ministry for the Environment update on National Adaptation Plan for climate change.

- Arts Access Aotearoa Ngā wāhi auaha Creative Spaces: 2-day Conference 1-2 November on igniting possibilities (free and online, register by 28 October). Erin Gough is a keynote speaker.
- Text-only version of Seniors' Week programme on website.
- Issues raised with Electoral Commission - hiring accessibility advisor in communication and engagement team.

7. AAG Members only time.

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 25/10/2022