



Rainbow Communities Advisory Group

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 25 August 2021

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Virtual meeting on Zoom

Purpose

- Assist and advise the City Council on how to help grow a great City where diverse rainbow people and communities thrive and contribute to the city's priorities.
- Bring knowledge and insight to Council to ensure rainbow inclusion in our City.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities, and share their expertise and individual lived experience in this advisory role.

In attendance:

Chairperson:	To be elected
Members:	Ashley Edge, Brodie Fraser, Mani Mitchell, Broden Packer, Natalie Piesse, Maggie Shippam, Sam Low
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Teri O'Neill
WCC Staff:	Karepa Wall (Head of Māori Strategic Relations), Sean Johnson (Senior Democracy Advisor), Claire Barlow (Democracy Advisor)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6:06pm with a brief introduction and explanation of the meeting format by Sean Johnson.

1. Apologies were received from the following:
 - WCC Vondy Thornton, WCC Clara Breitenmoser – for absence.No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. No conflicts of interest were declared.
3. Members introduced themselves and talked about what had been on top for them in the last couple of weeks.

Items

4. Digital Innovation Presentation - Sean Audain outlined the work that WCC is currently doing in the digital innovation space and provided examples of the type of data being collected as well as the numerous ways that it can be utilised to help inform Council's future planning and work programmes. Members discussed the ethics of data collection, availability to the public, data protection and sovereignty, digital inclusion, and how this type of information can be used by the group to assist with their recommendations to Council.
5. Councillor O'Neill spoke about her background and why she became involved in Council. She then covered off some of the work that councillors were currently working on, including: Poneke Promise, Representation Review, Te Ngakau Civic Square, Youth Hub, the Community Rainbow Space in the new Central Library, and working with mana whenua to relate local stories to visitors at Otari Wilton's Bush.
6. Karepa Wall highlighted the need for RCAG to develop a work programme which will provide direction for the group and an indication to staff of the necessary knowledge or support that they need to fulfil their role.
7. Sean Johnson asked the group if they preferred to defer the leadership elections until the next meeting and all agreed that this was a good idea, as there were several members absent.
8. There was some general discussion amongst members around the need to define their purpose and priorities, to ensure there is feedback from WCC to know how their input is being utilised, and how to measure the impact their work is having. They also discussed creating a Facebook group to communicate between meetings and looking at a template from a similar group in Auckland.

The meeting concluded at 7:36pm.

Next meeting date: 15/09/2021

Actions from this meeting:

1. Sean Audain will provide digital inclusion information to Sean Johnson for distribution to members.