

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **7 May 2008**

Present:

Jocelyn Lim
Jack Marshall
Nigel Smith
Laura Hubbard
Ben Ogilvie
Dipti Manchanda
Essen Viante
Sheela Shanmugam
Nurul Sultan
Intisar Muketar
Amy Barnett
Katelin Bull
Fabian Todd

Opening Prayer

Essen Viante

Apologies

Bessie Fepulea'i

Welcome

Ben welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RECRUITMENT PRESENTATION

Essen presented the draft Recruitment Presentation that Youth Council have been working on for recruitment of Youth Council members at schools. This presentation will include sections on:

- Who we are
- What we do
- What we have done
- What we are looking for

- Why you should join

This power point needs to be sent to Fabian for approval by External Communications.

Everyone agreed/approved the power point presentation in its draft format.

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN PRESENTATION

The Mayor, Kerry Prendergast, gave a presentation on the Draft Annual Plan covering:

- The planning process
- New proposals – Courtenay Place, climate change, environment, heritage, bio diversity, sport and recreation, arts, culture and community support.

The Mayor encouraged Youth Council members to have a look at the Draft Annual Plan and to make submissions. Any submissions made need to be in by 19 May and can come from individuals or Youth Council as a group.

The question was asked about the heritage part of the Draft Annual Plan. The Mayor replied that Council want heritage buildings to be maintained to retain the character of the city. If an owner wants to do any renovations on notified buildings the cost of this is high and this new scheme will eliminate this cost to owners as far as permits, etc are concerned. Old masonry buildings in the city do not comply with the new Building Code as far as strengthening requirements are concerned and Council are proposed to waive their fees for this type of maintenance.

The Mayor mentioned that Council do not receive many submissions from the youth of Wellington and would appreciate submissions to know what youth want in Wellington. She encouraged the members to make submissions.

Fabian asked if anyone had any ideas about submissions that could be made to the Draft Annual Plan. Essen suggested that the Youth Council make a submission about the School of Rock as they want a place where the youth of Wellington can hang out and learn about music. It was also suggested that it would be good to have a youth cultural/performance centre. Ben said that it may be good to suggest to Thomas Goss at the meeting on Friday that he works together with Youth Council to make a submission on this. The submission would need to state what we would like to see in a youth performance centre. He asked if Youth Council members had any ideas about this could they please give them to him before Friday and if anyone was interested in attending the meeting with Thomas Goss this was to be held on Friday at 2.00 at the library café.

It was asked whether this centre would be just for the School of Rock or for other groups to use as well. It was suggested that it should be for more people

if this idea was going to be submitted to Council. Katelin said that she thought that this should not only be for the School of Rock but should be open to the public.

It was noted that there are plenty of groups in Wellington doing this type of work and may be it would be better to give more publicity to the groups already in Wellington or possibly for the School of Rock to be able to use their facilities. It was asked if anyone knew of any such space available then could they let Thomas know about them.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were passed by Nigel Smith and seconded by Jack Marshall.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Youth Forum – Fabian asked for ideas for the day from Youth Council and also the names and contact details of people that will be attending. This information needs to be given to him as soon as possible.

Travel Allowance – Fabian noted that a proposal needs to be put to Council through Democratic Services to try and get a sitting fee so that members get paid for meetings attended like the Pacific Advisory Group and Disability Reference Group. These advisory groups get anywhere up to \$100 for each meeting attended but it should be noted that these groups do not meet as often as Youth Council. The Youth Advisors will be meeting with Democratic Services and will be asking for reimbursement for members for meetings already attended.

Youth Week – Fabian asked if any members knew of any events happening for youth week. Laura noted that she has been looking for events at the university but this does not seem compatible for the university age group. With regard to Hoodie Day Fabian noted that Council will be ordering hoodies for Youth Council. It was noted that Onslow College may be interested in running a hoodie day.

Youth Forum – Fabian asked Youth Council members to look at the draft programme for the day. He asked for volunteers to help out on the day, ie, on the registration table, etc. There will be a limit of about 5-10 people from each school.

Liquor Ban – The members were concerned that there was too big of a jump from 3 days to 24/7.

Spinks Café – Youth Council submissions maybe in conjunction with BGI.

Youth Council will create a sub-group to make a submission to Council around a youth centre. This group will email each others' ideas around until they all agree on the content of the submission.

Next Meeting: 21 May 2008

The meeting closed at 5:30 with a closing prayer by Essen Viante.