

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting **4 October 2009**

Present:

Elesha Edmonds
Katja Heesterman
Intisar Muketar
Nurul Sultan
Duncan Armstrong
Nigel Smith
Zoe Doole
Bex Bullen
Ruth Corkill
Jack Marshall
Ben Ogilvie

Dan Neely - WCC
Waylon Edwards - WCC
Greg Campbell - WCC
Suzanne Enyon - WCC

Apologies:

- Dipti, James, Katelin, Tapiwa, Annelise

Absent with no apologies

- Essen, Stevenson

Welcome:

- Elesha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The Minutes were accepted by Nigel and seconded by Jack. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

Presentation – Greg Campbell (Principal transport planner)

- Greg provided an update on the Proposal to open Manners Mall & create shared space in lower Cuba Street, which was a continued session from the Youth Council meeting on 12 August 2009.

- Highlights from this presentation were
 - **Results from first consultation**
 - Manners mall bus way retained
 - Shared space in Lower Cuba Street added
 - **Reasons for opening up Manners Mall**
 - Unreliable bus journeys (12-25 minutes)
 - Bus patronage increase up to 30%
 - Single most beneficial improvement to Golden Mile bus route
 - Layout of the existing route Taranaki to Willis
 - Time savings (35-162 seconds)
 - Legibility
 - **Options analysed**
 - Revoke pedestrian status of Manners Mall & created shared space in lower Cuba
 - Retain the pedestrian mall status of Manners Mall with 3 alternatives:
 - Retain current route
 - Establish 2 way bus route via Wakefield Street
 - Establish 2 way route via Dixon Street
- Youth Councillors were advised of Submissions due by 5pm 30 October
- Oral submissions from 9 November
- Local Government provides a right of appeal within one month of decision
- **Questions and Feedback**

Will there be an increase to user charges of buses? *No*

How much will this cost, and what would the money be spent on if this proposal did not go ahead? *There is a budget of \$11.1 million. These funds would be allocated elsewhere if the proposal were rejected.*

How long will Manners Mall and Lower Cuba be out of action for retailers and public? *Approximately six months for Manners and six months for Lower Cuba, developments would most likely start on Cuba*

Where is lighting considered in the proposal? *Lighting will be part of the finer details when developments start. We are consulting with City Safety to ensure we meet safety standards*

Operation Phoenix and WEMO – Dan Neely (Senior Emergency Advisor)

- **Introduction** – Dan introduced his role and previous work experience which led to the position he now holds at WCC.
- **Question** – YC was questioned as to why young people may not engage actively in Emergency Management. Responses were:
 - young people may think there is too much work involved

- people don't care
- Emergency Management is not linked to anything relevant in their ideas
- **Upcoming initiatives** – WEMO are working closely with government to produce an NZQA accredited course which young people could attend and gain qualifications' from.
- **Operation phoenix** – talked about this project and when it is likely to happen. Dan asked for volunteers, Ruth, Katja, Jack, Zoe, Nurul, Intisar and Ben have volunteered – they must get hold of Dan via email. Dan.neely@wcc.govt.nz

General Business:

- **Regional Youth Council Hui** – Waylon gave a brief update on the regional Hui which himself, Bex and Ben attended. Also advised that Wellington is hosting the next Hui which is held in April 2010 – so planning starts next meeting.
- **Meeting before next youth council** – Elesha and Jack decided to call another meeting for next Wednesday – Ruth, Bex, Elesha, Jack, Ben, Duncan, Zoe have all indicated they could attend. Katja and Nigel may be able to make it

Next Meeting: 11 November 2009