

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington

When 4.00 - 5.20 pm, 2 April 2014

Present

Members: Amanda Yong, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Erin Lockhart, Jack Marshall, Maddie Bell, Morgan Watkins, Oliver Michie, Sean Johnson

Officers: Simon Wright (Consultation and Engagement)

Guests: Henry Shin, Justina Koh, Andie Moore

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Daisy Lutyens and Cr Woolf, Bing and Morgan apologised respectively for arriving late and leaving early. Stephen Simpson (Urban Design) and Simon Makaro (Evolve) apologised for not being able to attend.

3. What's on top

Everyone shared an important thing that is going on in their life with the group.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Ollie moved that the minutes for the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct with minor amendments. Sean seconded the motion and it was passed.

Simon will check that the YC's submission on safer speed limits in the central city was received by WCC.

6. General Business

Towards a youth framework/work programme

The idea of developing a youth framework similar to UNICEF's Life in a Child Friendly City was floated. The framework could help YC to assess proposals and make decisions.

Members broke into small groups to trial the UNICEF framework by assessing Wellington against the criteria. This will feed into the YC's work programme planning. Members thought that the framework had help focus discussion and could be useful.

YC will continue with its work programme planning over the next few meetings.

Video project

Notes from the last working group meeting were circulated and Sean updated the YC on progress towards a 'single-minded proposition'. The working group will be meeting after the YC meeting.

Skate park proposal

YC reviewed an Annual Plan submission for a new covered skate park. The submitters would like the YC's support. Members considered that the submitters had done a comprehensive submission and that presenting it at the Annual Plan oral hearings was appropriate.

While some members liked the skate parks shown in the pictures, questions were raised about whether there was sufficient demand to warrant the development of a new skate park. An area on which members were agreed was that if this sort of infrastructure was built by WCC, it should be located in the central city where it can service people from across the city and the region. There were a variety of views about whether skate parks should be covered: some felt that skating is an outdoor, 'under-the-sun' activity; some liked the idea of shelter from rain and sun; and some thought that a fully enclosed facility, perhaps in an old warehouse, would be best given Wellington's weather.

YC decided it would seek further advice from WCC before deciding how to respond to the submitters.

Greater Wellington Regional Council consultations

GWRC will shortly be consulting on its Annual Plan 2014/15 and its Public Transport Plan.

Morgan will lead the development of a YC submission on the Annual Plan, which is due by 28 April. Sean and Jack will join Amanda, Bing, Erin, Morgan, Ollie and Petelo on the working group.

A new working group of Sean, Ollie, Jack and Morgan was formed to lead the development of a YC submission on the Public Transport Plan, which is due on 10 May. Morgan will attend one of the public meetings at 12.15pm, 29 April in the Pipitea Room at the National Library.

Youth Week project

Members worked through a series of questions in small groups to determine what the event should be about, the format of the event, when the event should be held, for how many people and who to invite. The most developed idea was a workshop with presentations to politicians at the end.

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 5.35pm. Members of the video working group stayed on to develop the project further. The next YC meeting starts at 4.00pm, 16 April 2014 in Committee Room 2.

Decision and Action Summary

1. Simon to check that the YC's submission on safer speed limits in the central city was received by WCC
2. Jack to seek advice from WCC on the skate park proposal
3. Amanda, Bing, Erin, Jack, Morgan, Ollie, Petelo and Sean to lead the development of a YC submission on the GWRC Annual Plan
4. Sean, Ollie, Jack and Morgan to lead the development of a YC submission on the Public Transport Plan