

## Record of Meeting: Youth Council

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Wakefield Street, Wellington

**When:** 4.00 - 5.30 pm, 17 September 2014

**Present**

**Members:** Anya Bukholt-Payne, Aornanshe Shamoan, Bing-Ying Lou, Brittany Hogan, Daisy Lutyens, Erin Lockhart, Eva McGauley, Grace Nunn, Jack Comer-Hudson, Jack Marshall, Julie Hillel, Niamh Hyde, Oliver Michie, Petelo Leaupepe, Sean Johnson, Sebastian Klinkum, Siobhan Davies, Timothy Rutherford

**Officers:** Simon Wright (Consultation & Engagement), Bessie Fepulea'i and Angela Rampton (Community Networks), Simon Van Wijnen (Urban Design)

**Guests:** Richard Galloway and Celia (Memorial Park Alliance); Navi, Eunice Gueco

## Minutes

### 1. Opening

Jack welcomed everyone.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Justina Koh, Morgan Watkins and Cr Woolf.

### 3. What's on top

Everyone shared an important thing going on in their lives with the group.

## Victoria St redevelopment

Richard Galloway gave some background on the redevelopment and the Memorial Park Alliance. The redevelopment is planned to be complete at the end of June 2015 and has a budget of \$11M. Victoria Street will be a major site of growth in the central city over the next decade. The aim is to make it a premier street that supports a vibrant inner city suburb, improves transport efficiency and experiences for road users and pedestrians.

Issues that were discussed included:

- How disruption will be managed
- The long term capacity of the road give projected population growth, new transport technologies and changing generational attitudes to public transport
- How more apartments lead to more cafes and eventually to other retail and commercial businesses
- The area need to be safe to attract young people
- Changeable, colourful artistic displays may attract people too
- Victoria Street to complement Cuba Street
- Cycle lanes and safety
- Overcoming the barrier that is State Highway 1 at peak times
- Mid-block pedestrian access above or under the road

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#### **4. Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### **5. Previous minutes and matters arising**

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

#### **6. Forward Programme**

This is a standing agenda item for members to raise issues and alert members of WCC consultations. A WCC committee will shortly be considering whether Wellington should go for 'Child-friendly City' accreditation from UNICEF.

#### **7. General Business**

##### **SEED Program**

The P3 Foundation is a youth run and led organisation that aims to eradicate poverty. It is about to deliver its free SEED program in Wellington. The program comprises 12 90-minute skills workshops at Victoria University on environmental sustainability, leadership and a range of other topics. Registration is through schools.

##### **Neighbours Day**

Bessie Fepulea'i presented on her work with the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs. Angela Rampton presented on Neighbours Day 2015 with its focus on youth and seniors. The YC advised that WCC promote Neighbours' Day to young people by going to where young people are.

##### **Video project update**

The video competition starts on Friday 19 September. Members were asked to encourage people at their schools and their friends to enter. Members were also asked to send Bing photographs of their favourite places for the competition's Facebook campaign. The next working group meeting is after YC and will focus on whether to make a video.

##### **Skills workshop with regions' YCs including input on GWRC Regional Land Transport Plan**

Six youth councillors attended a skills workshop on 13 September in Titahi Bay that included members from Porirua's Youth Advisory Group, Hutt City's Youth Infusion and the Kapiti District Council's Youth Council. Material was elicited for the GWRC Regional Land Transport Plan. Ollie, Anya, Jack and Eva volunteered to be on a working group to prepare a submission based on this and their own ideas. Morgan was added to the group in absentia as he has shown prior interest.

##### **Induction: YC Manual**

Members reviewed the draft Youth Council Manual in small groups and then had a plenary discussion. Members thought it contained the right content, was easy to read but should include an example of a submission. The electronic version of the document should contain links to WCC and GWRC alerts. The procedure for deciding whether to have a Chair/Deputy or Co-Chairs also needs to be agreed. Erin and Siobhan joined the working group to edit and complete the manual.

##### **Evolve 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Bing will circulate an invitation to this event.

## **7. Closing**

The meeting closed at 5.40pm. The next YC meeting starts at 5.00pm, 1 October 2014 in the Mezzanine Community Room, Central Library.

## **Decision and Action Summary**

1. Members to encourage people at their schools and their friends to enter the video competition
2. Ollie, Anya, Jack, Eva and (optionally) Morgan to develop a submission for the GWRC's Regional Land Transport by 3 October
3. Erin and Siobhan to join the working group to edit and complete the Youth Council's Manual
4. Bing to circulate the invitation to Evolve's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations