

## Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12 August 2020

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**Time** 4:02 pm – 5:34 pm

**Venue** Zoom

### Members present

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**Chair** Ella Flavell

**Members** Anastasia Reid, Bethany Kaye-Blake, Brad Olsen, Carl Bennett, Ella Flavell (Chair), Grace Day, Jackson Lacy, John Sibanda, Laura Jackson, Neesha Dixon, Raihaan Dalwai, Tim Rutherford

**Liaison Councillors** Cr Tamatha Paul, Cr Jill Day

**Staff** Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Kristine Ford (Senior Policy Advisor)

### Minutes

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#### 1. Meeting Procedures

**4:02 pm**

1.1. The meeting opened at 4:02 pm. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Jackson, John, Tony, Cr Day – for lateness;
- Shelly, Meredith Blackler – for absence;
- Brad – for coming and going from the meeting.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the given apologies.

Ella Flavell (Chair) / Brad Olsen

**CARRIED**

1.2. Youth Council members shared what was on top for them this week.

1.3. Brad declared that he had a new conflict as he is now a Director of Infometrics.

1.4. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolved That Youth Council accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record.

Ella Flavell (Chair) / Laura Jackson (Deputy Chair)

**CARRIED**

1.5. No announcements were made

(John arrived at 4:09 pm)

(Jackson arrived at 4:09 pm)

(Cr Paul arrived at 4:09 pm)

## **2. Discussion**

**4:12 pm**

### **2.1. Trading in Public Places Policy, *presented by Kristine Ford***

Kristine Ford from the WCC Policy Team presented to the group on the upcoming review of the Trading in Public Places Policy.

One possibility is that the Footpath Management Policy and the Trading in Public Places Policy would be combined to create a comprehensive Trading and Events in Public Places Policy.

The policy would cover areas such as sandwich boards and outdoor dining, and potentially could include areas missing from the current Trading in Public Places Policy such as waterfront signage, commercial activations, weddings, filming, and tours.

Kristine indicated that this review was still in very early stages.

Youth Councillors asked questions and discussed the proposal. Areas of discussion included:

- Busking
- Opportunities with sandwich boards

Kristine noted that she will come back to Youth Council to engage more on the review when work on it has progressed.

(Raihaan arrived at 4:32 pm)

(Cr Day arrived at 4:38 pm)

### **2.2. Future of Central Library, *presented by Karen Wallace and Debbie Caterer***

Karen Wallace and Debbie Caterer spoke to the group regarding the ongoing consultation on the future of the Central Library.

They noted that the Central Library Building was closed in March 2019 due to a high risk of potential failure in a significant earthquake and that five options were being consulted on for the future of the building and the central library service. Those five options are:

- Option A: Low-level remediation
- Option B: Mid-level remediation
- Option C: High-level remediation (preferred option)
- Option D: New build on same site
- Option E: New build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site

Youth Council asked Karen and Debbie questions and discussed the options. Topic of discussion included:

- How the fit-out of the library would change in all the options, to varying degrees.
- The potential of a rebuild to be a statement of post-earthquake regeneration.
- The heritage value of the current building as an objection to a new build.
- The relative timeframes for the options.
- The option of having no single central library and continuing operation of several smaller libraries in the city centre.

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- The knock-on economic impacts of the various options.
- The impact of COVID-19 on the process.

(Brad left at 4:55)

### 3. General business

5:20 pm

- Felicity Wong of Historic Places Wellington spoke to the group about Youth Council's recent public participation on the Spatial Plan. She was seeking to increase dialogue between the groups regarding their positions on District Plan protections for pre-1930 buildings. Youth Council reiterated their previous position that broadly the group favoured measures that increased access to housing over keeping heritage protections. Felicity expressed an interest in meeting further with members of the group to discuss the issue.

The meeting closed at 5:34 pm