

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 24th of April in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Induction Programme**
Policy Forward Programme
- 4. Long – Term Plan**
Group work
- 5. Planning**
AAG forward programme
- 6. Matters arising**
- 7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports**
- 8. Other business**
- 9. Next Meeting**
Tuesday 29th of May in Committee Room One

RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 24th of April in Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street, 5.30 to 7.30 pm

1. Present

- Members: Kendall Akhurst (Co-chair) Lachlan Mackay (Co- Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, Jason Strawbridge, Julia Mosen,
- Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Jane Patterson
- Councillors:
- Guests:
- Interpreters: None
- Minutes: Lorraine Guthrie

2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies:

Iona Pannett

3. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes of the 27 March meeting were adopted. (Angela/Rosemary)

4. Matters arising

- Recruitment from the Deaf Community. Jason and Angela to interview. An interpreter will be required.
- Disclaimer – Jason spoke as he was not present at the March meeting when this was raised. Purpose of a disclaimer was to state that any advice was not an in-depth design review. Also, the AAG is submitting to other organisations, for example NZTA.
Action: Lisa to complete the action from the prior meeting and report to AAG.

5. Draft Policy Programme – Jane Patterson, Manager – Consultation and Engagement

Presentation

6. Long-term Plan – Jane Patterson, Manager – Consultation and Engagement

Small group work on Long-term Plan Submission

7. Planning

Planning for AAG Forward Programme underway. Tools are the Council's Forward Programme and the Draft Policy Forward Programme (2012 – 2015)

AAG to set their own plan – not just to be driven by what is going on at Council.

Brainstorm of ideas for 2012

- Participation in society – getting harder and harder for people

- Action Plan implemented properly
- Action Plan performance measures should be set by AAG. Need to be meaningful – not a tick box
- Civil Defence
- Accessible documents
- Building relationships with Councillors and staff including CCO's
- Projects e.g. Urban design and their implementation
- Housing
- Braille signage – currently not a legislative requirement. Submission to the Department of Building and Housing and lobby Council to install in Council buildings
- Public Transport
- Accessibility around roadworks – meet Jon Visser's replacement
- Informal audit of Council facilities.

From the Council list

- Pay and display taxis
- Bids – business improvement districts
- Establishment of philanthropic trust

7. AAG Sub-group reports

Transport and Urban Design and Governance and Economy

- Nothing to report

Arts and Culture, Social and Recreation

- Correspondence re signing at performances discussed. Arts Access Aotearoa's reply was commended. AAG to reply asking to be kept in the loop regarding progress. Also the email will be forwarded to the Council's Grants team and also the City Arts Team.

Action – Angela to reply to correspondent and Lisa to forward internally with the Council.

- Kendall now on the Board of Arts Access Aotearoa.

Action - Will declare conflict of interest when necessary.

8. Other business

Newland Shopping Centre

Discussion

- Delighted that AAG suggestions were taken on board and the plan is much improved.

Appendix 1

From April 24th

- Lisa to check whether a Council advisory group can or should have such a disclaimer to protect itself from repercussions of advice.

Lisa

From March 27th meeting

- Lisa to clarify Council's responsibility for the timing on traffic lights for pedestrians.
Lisa

From February 28th 2012

- New representative for SASTRG to be chosen at the March meeting.
All
- Accessible Environment and Transport subgroup to have a follow meeting with Urban Design.
Accessible Environment and transport subgroup
- Problem intersection identified on Willis St by Julia and an offer to show officers why. Lisa to pass on details to Steve Spence.
Lisa
- Accessible Environment subgroup to follow up with bus shelter design. Lisa to get contact details of officer responsible.
Lisa
- AAG minutes to be sent to the GWRC Accessibility Reference Group in the future.
Lisa to organise.

APPENDIX 2

SUB-GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

Accessible Environment and transport (including urban design, open spaces)
Jason, Kendall, Karl, Julia, Rosemary, Lachlan, Angela

Economic development and governance
Alan, Julia, Lachlan, Kendall

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation
Angela, Linda, Kendall, Rosemary, Julia, Karl