

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 31st of July in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30 to 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Present**
- 2. Welcome from the Chair**
- 3. Adoption of minutes/ Matters arising**
- 4. Central City Framework Update**

Opera House Lane Sophie Connell, Senior Urban designer
Clyde Quay improvements Anna Harley, Senior Urban designer

- 5. Housing**
Sonia Waters, Programme Manager and Tammy Mullins, Assistant Project Manager,
City Housing, WCC
- 6. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports**
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Next Meeting**
Tuesday 28th of August in Committee Room One

RECORD OF MEETING: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting of 31st July, Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street, 5.30 to 7.30 pm

1. Present

- Members: Lachlan Mackay (Co- Chair), Alan Royal, Linda Hobman, Rosemary Cole, Angela Vanderpoel, , Julia Mosen, Shannon Morris
- Council Officers: Lisa Matthews, Tammy Mullins, Sonia Waters, Anna Harley, Sophie Connell, Sibelle Urben
- Councillors: Iona Pannett
- Guests:
- Interpreters: Angela Murray
- Minutes: Lorraine Guthrie

2. Welcome from the Chair

- Apologies: Jason Strawbridge, Kendall Akhurst (Co- Chair),

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of Last Meeting 26 June 2012, approved Alan/Angela

Matters Arising

- Temporary works, temporary ramps – Lisa confirmed she has prepared a draft and is awaiting input from AAG members
- Events Team – Angela confirmed her sub group will write a 1 page best practice on events guide, to present at next meeting
- Safe and Sustainable transport reference group – a representative from AAG to be appointed at next meeting

4. Housing

Discussion

- Housing are keen to work with AAG and develop a relationship
- The AAG will be consulted at the commencement of each project
- The City Housing guidelines are a set of recommendations but they are not 'rules' for each of the projects
- Braille for lifts will be provided when it can be and in all new builds. AAG suggested it should be included in all modernisations
- AAG recommended consideration be given to the needs of the deaf and hearing impaired, particularly in entrance ways, and fire alarms
- The version 1 draft will be presented in August. It is currently in its last consultation round but will remain a living document

Action

- Housing would like AAG's feedback by mid-August
- The AAG sub group will meet within the next two week period
- Housing will contact the AAG regarding the next upgrade project to work with the subgroup

5. Central City Framework Update

Discussion

Opera House Lane

- AAG recommend the word 'accessible' is included as a part of the vision statement
- Planned for completion early March 2013
- Details will be provided to the AAG as they are confirmed through the project planning

Victoria Street

- Outline given, longer term project, so more details at a later time

Parliament surrounds

- Outline given, more details to follow

Clyde Quay

- Planned for completion before December 2012
- Improving access to Oriental Parade, water level access and to make it more available to the public

Action

- Lisa will arrange for an opportunity for the sub-group to consult each project
- Lisa will talk with Lucie Derosiers about how to capture accessibility guidance into the 'public space design manual' to ensure it is considered in all projects

6. Lower Cuba Street Upgrade

Discussion

- AAG raised a number of concerns about the recent lower Cuba Street upgrade.

They include, but are not limited to:

- surrounds of the trees as a safety and health hazard,
- depth from footpath to the surrounds is a concern,
- drainage is poor in parts,
- at both ends of the street it is unclear where motorists should stop and when pedestrians should cross,
- concrete blocks protruding into street are a safety hazard and unlikely to be used for what they were intended,
- mobility parks reduced to 1 and as placed are a safety hazard to a user of the park,
- congestion of cars and pedestrians with taxis, loading zones and passengers

Action

- Lisa will set up a meeting to enable AAG members (Kendall, Alan and Jason) to talk with Anna. Ex-AAG member Thomas Bryan to be included. Suggestion a walk around is needed to show the concerns.

7. AAG Sub-groups follow up and reports

Economic development and governance

- An excellent accessible version of the Long term plan summary has been created. At this stage there is no intention to lodge the full document in accessible format. Ioana will question the reasons why and recommend in accordance with the Accessibility Action plan, Council should lead the way and make the entire document accessible
- Review of the Communications and Marketing currently underway will include making a policy decision on the accessibility of Council documents

Arts and Culture and Social and Recreation

- Arts and Culture – add Shannon to the list of members on the subgroup

Accessible Environment and transport

- Subgroup met with Urban Design to discuss the Miramar upgrade

8. Other business

- Correspondence - Letter of concern tabled, one of the co-chairs to respond
- Be Accessible – members who attended the Be. launch and function reported back

Appendix 1

Follow up actions

From June 26th

- Events team have requested a one page – best practice for events on accessibility from the group. Arts and Culture subgroup
- Work on mayoral letter to the Ministry regarding the lack of legislation in temporary works. Jason to work on with Iona

From May 29th

- Members to think about a concert to celebrate the Accessible Wellington Action Plan being finalised and bring ideas back to the next meeting. All

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
- 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, Julia, Rosemary, Lachlan, Angela

Economic development and governance
Alan, Julia, Lachlan, Kendall

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