

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday 28 October 2014 in Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

5.15 Photo of AAG for website

1. Present
2. Welcome from the Chair
3. Conflict of interest
4. Mobility Parking and standardising enforcement
5. Accessibility Advisor report
6. Accessibility Training (1 hr)
7. AAG work programme
8. Election of Chair/Co-chair
9. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes (5 mins)
10. Project reports (5 mins)
11. Other business (5 mins)
12. Next Meeting
Tuesday 25 November 2014 in Te Mahanga, Committee Room One.

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Action Points

Action points from 28 October	Person responsible	Status
A sub-group of AAG will assist the WCC with mobility parking issues with a first meeting in the week starting 3 November	Simon Michael	
Organise an event for the International Day of People with Disabilities. Initial planning on Loomio.	Simon	Underway

Action points from 30 September	Person responsible	Status
Cycleway submission on Loomio.	AAG	Submission due 6 Oct.
Michael to follow up on correspondence.		

Action points from 26 August	Person responsible	Status
Chair/Co-chair election is due in October. Members to have a think about it and speak to Michael or Lisa.	AAG	On agenda for Oct.

Action points from 29 July	Person responsible	Status
Julia will visit Evans Bay dog park.	Julia	Still to reportback.
All to work on Loomio to help form an activity for the International Day of People with Disabilities.	AAG	?

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1. Present

Members: Michael Bealing, Christine O'Sullivan, Tim Pate, Julia Mosen, Paula Booth, Tristram Ingham

Apologies: Lee Rutene, Shannon Morris, Christine Richardson, Greg Orchard, Alison Curtis

Councillors: David Lee

Officers: Simon Wright, Elizabeth St John-Ives

Guests: Jason Strawbridge (Barrier Free); Ashleigh Manning, Lize Immelman (Whitireia Journalism School)

2. Welcome from the Chair

Michael welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Mobility Parking and Standardising Enforcement

As Alison Curtis, the Manager of Parking Services was unable to present, Elizabeth St John-Ives, the City Networks Advisor responsible for accessibility issues, outlined a WCC project to review mobility parking. The project includes looking at the number and location of parks, and the rules for their use.

A number of issues were raised in discussion including that:

- many people who use mobility parking know where mobility parking is in the parts of the city that they use but are often anxious about finding mobility parks in parts of the city they don't know.
- Different members had different understanding of the rules for using mobility parking.
- Members welcomed a systematic review of mobility parking.
- There was a discussion about the best ways to report parking infringements and the process for having a vehicle towed.

- A question was raised about how well diplomatic parking is being utilised and whether some of these car parks could be converted to mobility parks.
- It was felt that the availability of mobility parking could be improved by ensuring that sufficient mobility parks were provided in private parking facilities.
- It was noted that the AAG would like to assist review the WCC's mobility parks specification.
- An issue was noted with the system at the Westpac Stadium for transporting people with mobility issues from the car park to the stadium.

Elizabeth flagged that the WCC was developing a new mapping system to help people find mobility parking. She will ask member to review this shortly.

The following locations were identified as places where more mobility parking could be considered: mid-upper Cuba Street, Bond Street, the Cambridge Terrace end of Courtney Place, near major theatres such as the St James and the Opera House, The Terrace, Featherston Street, on Willis Street near Work and Income.

Michael will form a sub-group of AAG to assist the WCC with mobility parking issues. The sub-group will look to meet with Parking Services late next week to start work. Simon will contact Parking Services to set this up.

5. Accessibility Advisor's report

Elizabeth updated the AGG on her recent work including connecting community gardening with mental health services, and attending a Workbridge seminar on employing people with impairments. She noted that her role is likely to be disestablished in early 2015 and that business units will be responsible for accessibility.

6. Accessibility Training

Jason Strawbridge (Barrier Free) took an accessibility training session that included a tour around the Civic complex.

7. AAG work programme

Michael moved that the AAG accept the WCC's work programme setting letter. Christine seconded the motion and it was passed. Two issues were raised for future reference: the work programme should contribute towards the Accessibility Action Plan and the work programme should at some stage about accessible information.

8. Election of Chair/Co-chair

Tim moved that Michael and Paula be appointed co-chairs. Christine seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

9. AAG community engagement

There was discussion about the difficulty of explaining accessibility challenges to the public and Council staff. It was agreed that the AAG would organise an 'accessibility training' event to mark the International Day of People with Disabilities.

10. International Day of People with Disabilities

Simon will set up a Loomio discussion for organising the 'accessibility training' event.

11. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Tim moved that the minutes be adopted with minor modifications. Tristram seconded the motion and it was passed.

Questions were raised about the number of permits for mobility parks had been issued versus the total number of drivers in Wellington and about the number of accessible car parks versus the total number of car parks.

12. Project reports

Members are welcome to help present the AAG's oral submission to the WCC on the Island Bay cycleway proposal.

13. Other business

Members are to contact Michael if they have issues for him to take to the Greater Wellington Regional Council's accessibility group.

Members are to contact Paula if they have issues for her to take to the WCC's Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum.

Julia tendered her apology for the next AAG meeting on 25 November 2014.

14. Next meeting

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