

Record of Meeting: Youth Council

Venue Committee Room 2, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

When 4-5.30 pm, 5 September 2012

Present

Members: Ben Ogilvie, Cameron Oldfield, Duncan Armstrong, Jack Marshall, Lily Simmons-Donaldson, Roma Simmons-Donaldson, Morgan Watkins, Bing Ying-Lou, Edgardo Reyes and Stevenson Pule.

Councillor: Cr Simon Marsh

Officers: Simon Wright, Rekha Jatav, Averill Clarke and Mark Jones.

Minutes

1. Opening

Jack welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Zared Wall-Manning, Brydon Sundgren, Zoe Doole, Devon Robinson and James Wall-Manning. Cameron Oldfield and Cnr Simon Marsh apologised for arriving late.

3. What's on top

Members reported a diverse range of 'what's on top' activities including meeting family, a new flat, babysitting, going to beach, preparing to go to Melbourne, turned 20, going to a movie, recommending the Japan Festival on 9 September and studying.

4. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Previous minutes and matters arising

Lily moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Ben seconded the motion.

6. Portfolios/Forward Programme

This item was deferred.

7. General Business

Mark Jones, Open Spaces review

Simon introduced Mark Jones to YC members. Mark gave a presentation on Open Spaces Framework for Wellington. He informed YC members that this framework is in its early stages of development. The first phase of stakeholder engagement would be done by end of October. He highlighted the following in his presentation:

- Wellington's opens spaces
- What will a new Open spaces Framework look like?
- Council agreement on why we need a new framework?
- Way forward – process from here

After the presentation, YC members split into two groups to brainstorm on the following three questions:

1. Where in Wellington's open spaces do you and your friends go and why do you go there?
2. What things do you and your friends want to do on open spaces but can't? Why can't you do it?
3. How can we improve the open space network for the youth of 2022? What values will be important?

Mark will come back in two weeks time to report back on findings, and in late October for another in depth session.

Action:

- Mark Jones to report back on the findings of the interactive session at the Youth Council meeting of 19 September.

Averill Clarke, Developing the adult playground idea

Averill gave a presentation on adult playgrounds and how spaces get shaped for a successful city. She gave international examples of adult playgrounds from Switzerland, Austria, England, Denmark, Chile and Finland. She showed some examples from Wellington city such as the lagoon, and the connected and accessible Wellington waterfront, Ban Rotunda, Civic Square and Oriental Bay.

She mentioned that Wellington has a network of playful activities located throughout the city. Any addition to these activities, such as an adult playground, needs to fit in with the existing activities, the aesthetic and function of the area and be flexible so that public open spaces continue to be used for many activities and are in keeping with Wellington's culture.

Simon suggested that the working group for adult playground should develop the idea further. Averill offered to help the YC with this work.

Jack thanked Averill for her presentation.

GWRC Fare Review working group

Bing explained that the draft submission has three sections which are fare structure, fare products and concessions. YC members reviewed the draft and raise queries and issues. The Working group will meet again to finalise the draft and seek ratification using Loomio. The consultation period closes on Monday, 17 September.

Action:

- The working group on GWRC fare is to meet again to review the draft submission and will then seek YC ratification using Loomio.

Media coverage regarding the Government's Alcohol Reforms

Jack alerted members to the YC's media release on the Government's alcohol reforms. James and Zoe had subsequently been interviewed by Prime News on two consecutive nights, and Zoe had interviews with Newstalk ZB and Radio Live. YC will look to put out a profiling media release in the near future. Ben suggested that the YC's media release on the National Youth Councils' network Facebook page.

YC member recruitment for 2013

YC will need to start the recruiting process for new members in October.

Next meeting - 19 September

The Mayor will be our guest at the next Youth Council meeting. YC members need to

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arrive on time at 4.00pm as the Mayor can only stay until 4.20pm. There will be a presentation from Devon Robinson and Alex Michael Taniwha about Cultural Diversity Forum in Auckland.

9. Closing

The meeting formally closed at 5:25 pm. The next meeting is on 19 September 2012 in Committee Room 2.

Action Summary

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