

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2020

Time: 5:32pm – 7:31pm

Venue: Mayor's Reception Room, Level 8, 113 The Terrace
Zoom

PRESENT

Chairperson

Rachel Noble

Nick Ruane

Members

Amy Evanson

Rosie Macleod

Solmaz Nazari Orakani (via audiovisual link)

Alan Royal

Elected Members

Councillor Rebecca Matthews

In Attendance

Moana Mackey – Chief Planning Officer (Acting) (via audiovisual link)

Hedi Mueller – Democracy Advisor

Jenny Rains – Community Services Manager

Raydeen Cuffe – Visitor Experience Manager, Wellington Gardens

Hilary Fowler – Project Manager, Let's Get Wellington Moving

Selwyn Blackmore – Let's Get Wellington Moving

Seb Bishop – Principal Advisor, Engagement, Let's Get Wellington Moving

Andrew Wharton, Principal Advisor Let's Get Wellington Moving Interface

1. MEETING PROCEDURES

5:32pm

1.1 Welcome and Karakia

Cr Matthews said the karakia and the meeting started with introductions around the table.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Stuart Mills and Erikka Halliwell.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes – Minutes of 25 August 2020

That the minutes of 25 August 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Nick Ruane, seconded Alan Royal

Carried

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 New Map for Wellington Botanic Gardens

5:36pm

Facilitated by Raydeen Cuffe

Raydeen from Parks, Sport and Recreation presented on her background, the previous accessibility improvements that the Wellington Gardens team have made, the draft of new map of the Wellington Botanic Garden, and some upcoming projects to improve accessibility at Wellington Gardens.

Raydeen asked group members for feedback on the following:

- Which elements of the draft map work?
- What would make the draft map more accessible?

Members discussed:

- Notation of accessible toilets and mobility parking.
- Notation of which pathways are accessible to power wheelchairs or manual chairs.
- Better colour contrast.
- Tactile version of the map - Raydeen advised this is available onsite for the Cable Car area, but not the entire Garden.
- Printed copies are available in brochures and for download online.
- Black and white copies to be available for download.
- Go Anywhere Trust survey – there is a need for another review of the Garden for accessibility, and that during the original survey Terrain was used on Google Maps to assess the topography.
- Other info on the back of map to be presented in plain English and not too small a font.
- Whether there is accessible play equipment in play area – Raydeen advised that the play area is due for renewal in 2-3 years and public consultation will be held at that time.
- Whether the Treehouse Visitor Centre and Shop is accessible.
- Colour coding of tracks – physical wayfinding, new sign posts, additional signage being rolled out.
- Wayfinding Strategy – can be shared with AAG for feedback.
- Locations of benches for those with mobility impairments – this could be incorporated into GIS map.
- More specific maps with more details about pathway surfaces.

2.2 Let's Get Wellington Moving

5:56pm

Presented by Hilary Fowler, Selwyn Blackmore, Seb Bishop and Andrew Wharton

The Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) team introduced themselves and presented on what LGWM is, the vision and guiding

principles of the partnership, the aims of the Golden Mile project, accessibility needs and the Standards that are incorporated. Hilary presented on the upcoming Central City Walking Improvements project.

Members discussed:

- Mode shift for others so that the disabled community can continue to use most accessible form of transport for them - driving.
- Connectedness of public transport system - not just within precincts but to amenities like healthcare facilities.
- Ensuring that there is a common understanding of what accessibility means between the AAG and LGWM.
- Recent report commissioned by CCDHB for accessibility in the transport network between healthcare facilities – Rachel to discuss with Seb.
- The Golden Mile consultation – not knowing what each option means for accessibility, and that detailed information will be available in 2021. The business case will identify the cost/benefits, and then the detailed design will become available.
- The proposal to close side roads and looking at how parking is allocated – feedback that side road mobility parks need to be increased, and that private vehicles must be able to go down those roads to park in mobility parks.
- Ensuring that accessibility is discussed outside of discussions with disabled community.
- The onus is on LGWM to improve communication around accessibility.
- What ‘convenience for people waiting’ means – eg buses being able to pass each other, traffic signals, bus stop consolidation, how people get on and off, shelters at bus stops.
- What ‘increased capacity in corridor’ means – more footpath space.

- No reduction in road lanes for the Central City Walking Project, but there would be a reduction for other projects including the Golden Mile project.
- LGWM to present at AAG meetings in alternate months in 2021.
- Seb is happy to be contacted with further queries, Hedi can pass on contact details.

Actions:

- Rachel to discuss CCDBH report about public transport accessibility to healthcare facilities with Seb.

3. General Business

3.1 Members' and Councillor Updates

6:47pm

- Solmaz provided an update on the transport group meeting last Thursday, will continue this discussion with DHB. Solmaz has started the second phase of research into health and wellbeing, experiences and rights of people with disabilities.
- Rachel raised the prospect of a recruitment round for AAG.
- Jenny Rains gave an update on the Accessibility Advisor role advertisement which has now closed and is in the process of shortlisting. The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office have developed engagement plan which Jenny can share with AAG.
- Amy gave an update on her work on health outcomes of disabled people.
- Cr Matthews discussed her video and Rachel's article that were published over New Zealand Sign Language Week. She discussed her input into Long Term Plan, especially around roading and transport; the Draft Spatial Plan consultation and the accessibility of apartments; and the research being done on signal crossing vibrations.

- Rosie gave an update on her meeting about earthquake preparation, she would like to work with Tawa in mind first.
- Alan raised an issue around kerb cutting on Adelaide road being parked over on busy days, will email photo to Councillor Matthews. Alan has been reviewing new TradeMe website and shared details about a UK report on digital inclusion.
- Nick thanked Cr Matthews for her advocacy and discussed the Spatial Plan, accessible housing and the reality of living in the city with a mobility impairment. Nick discussed the importance of accessible communities.
- Moana advised that Liam Hodgetts would be taking over as ELT member liaison for AAG, once he starts his role as Chief Planning Officer on 5 October 2020. The group thanked Moana for her work.

4. Member only time

7:08pm

Members discussed topics including recruitment, orientation, 2021 workplan, and presentation slides.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:31.

The next AAG meeting will be held on 27 October 2020 at 5.30pm.