

Minutes of the Members Meeting of the Meadowbank St Johns Resident's Association.

Held at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank, 5th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Anna Jackson, Angus Rogers, Troy Churton, Maureen Janett

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved. Moved: Barry **Seconded:** Robert

Matter of Accuracy: The minutes should have stated 6th June not 9th May. Also closing time was 8.30pm not 7.30pm as stated.

Housing NZ Development at Puroto/Purewa Street.

Grant Dickson a resident of Puroto Street outlined his concerns about the Puroto/Purewa Street Housing NZ Development. Unfortunately due to technical issues he was unable to use his Power Point presentation but the slides will be put up on the RA website for those interested.

- Grant made the point that the residents' objections are not about social housing but rather the poor design of the development, and that there has been social housing in Meadowbank since about the 1950's.
- Under the Unitary Plan there has been a lowering of standards of design.
- The proposed development is double the density provided in the UP.
- HNZ have lodged a different resource consent to that which they presented at an open forum last year and the design is totally different to what was originally presented.
- Despite efforts by residents there has been no consultation over the design changes or the increased density.
- Resource consent has been lodged & is currently under consideration by Council planners.
- Troy Churton has put a motion to the OLB that they ask for limited notification.
- Some of the specific concerns about the altered development are that the buildings are square towers with open stairwells, there are 3 height to boundary infringements, the proposal includes a 5 metre wooden retaining wall at the back of the property and there is an asphalt carpark which contravenes HNZ objectives.
- Grant has organised an independent review but they need 2 weeks for it to be completed and he has had an indication that the Council planners are about ready to make a decision.
- If the development proceeds without any changes, the next step would be a judicial review.
- Grant has made several attempts under the Official Information Act to obtain information but has been stone walled by HNZ.

- HNZ don't have to provide a traffic management plan until after they receive resource consent.
- OLB are concerned about the design and this shows through in Troy Churton's Board report, however the OLB chair has indicated that they couldn't get involved as it was a point of law.
- Councillor Desley Simpson is doing what she can.

It was suggested that individuals contact the Council Planners with their concerns as these are passed onto the planner making the decision about the development. RA will put a list of concerns up on the website so that people can use them when writing to the Council.

Bus Petition II – Richard Roxborough

Following the success of his first bus petition, Richard outlined the reasons for and progress with, his second petition.

- The bus network has been redesigned with limited connections.
- Meadowbank is one of 2 train stations in Auckland with no connecting bus.
- He currently has 360 signatures on his petition to have a bus service to go to the train station.
- For this to happen there would have to be approximately 22 carparks lost.
- After a brief discussion a quick show of hands was held as to who would like more carparks at the train station or a connecting bus, the overwhelming majority favoured a connecting bus.
- OLB has apparently had feedback that people would like more carparks at the train station.
- OLB Rep Carmel Claridge has raised the issue of the bus to the train station with Auckland Transport.
- In discussion, everyone agreed that the ideal situation would be the buses would arrive & leave the station to coincide with the arrival and departure of trains.

OLB Update

- Stonefields Heritage trail will be open in a couple of months. There will be access to Lunn Ave.
- Council have put out tenders for the redevelopment of Liston Park.

Traffic Issues

- The traffic issues have been narrowed down to 7.
- We will run an online survey for people to complete which will appear in our monthly newsletter and we will have paper copies at our next meeting.

Future Events

- Keep NZ Beautiful Clean up at Pourewa Valley – Sun 17th September
- Purewa Cemetery Open Day – Sunday 1st October.
- Met the Tamaki Electorate Candidates Evening. A date is yet to be confirmed and we may run this event in combination with another RA.

General Business

- We are always looking for volunteers to help and are currently looking for a newsletter editor. If you are interested please contact the committee.
- Meadowbank General Practice is moving into the Meadowbank Mall as the current site it is on is to be redeveloped into apartments.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm.

Next Meeting will be at St Chads, 7.30pm on Tuesday August 1st 2017