

**Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association held 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank.**

**Present:** Ruth Macintosh, Lynda McCarthy, SK Thurei, David Reid, Carmel Claridge, Kate Cooke (OLB), Troy Churton (OLB), Amanda Nichols, Bob & Sharee Neilson, Lakshman Abeynaike, Kevin Kelvany, Jenny Latham, Greg Nilskoff, Tim Duguid, Matt Kelly, Anne-Marie ??.

**Apologies:** No apologies.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved:** David **Seconded:** Thurei

**Matters arising from previous minutes:** None.

**Treasurers Report:** There was one due to the meeting slipping the treasurer's mind – for this he did apologise!!

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Events**

**Keep New Zealand Beautiful:** Carmel gave a debriefed on the event. It was a combined effort between the RA and the friends of the Pourewa Valley. Thanks to Waste Management for the skips. There was an amazing array of rubbish. It was a good day. Thanks to everyone for their assistance. Carmel sent in a report to the Eastern Bays Courier.

**Waitarua Reserve Heritage Festival** – 5500 flyers have gone out. There is still one route to be done and this was split up between several members present at the meeting.

Volunteers for the day. First Aid – Lynda. Table – Amanda. Bob & Sharee – they have a table that we can borrow. Kate will ask if the council has a gazebo we can borrow in case of rain and will send through a map of Waitarua Reserve so that we can put some highlights on it, so that those who want to can do a self guided walk. Ruth has done the scavenger hunt. There will be an Ornithologist who will do a presentation. She will do a talk and then host a walk.

**Purewa Cemetery Open Day** – Ruth and Lakshamn met with the Purewa Trust Board. The main concern is the safety of the people in the older part of the cemetery due to the age of it. Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 is the date that has been set between 10am to 3pm. They will fund the flyers and we will deliver. They will do a hearse parade and a guided tour 3 or 4 times during the day. A full afternoon tea will be provided as well.

**Community Carols** – In conjunction with St Chad's Church. Carmel maybe able to lead this.

**2. Funding for the next 18months.**

Lynda provided an update on the funding application that has been submitted to the OLB for funding for the next 18 months.

### 3. Transport

There was a public meeting held at St Heliers on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Len Brown gave a speech. No express service from St Heliers to the city in the new planned central city services. There was also a stake holders meeting held on the Eastern pathway. Stage One is pretty much designed and finished. Sod turning ceremony is the 21<sup>st</sup> October. They are just waiting on the consent. There has not been much progress made on the development of Stage 2.

Speed sign on Meadowbank Road will be soon....Kate has passed on the request that we have one with numbers on it. Kate will raise the issue of having a speed sign put up on St Johns Road.

The AT is proposing to put no parking in front of 35 to 37 houses at the Abbots Way/Grand Drive intersection when they put in lights. Those houses affected have been sent information from AT.

Those present voiced their dismay at the fact the AT only notify those who live on the road concerned and the lack of time given to put in consultation when they are calling feedback. Troy noted this and will pass this on to AT.

**New bus network** – They key thing to note is the fatter the line the more frequent the route. Meadowbank & St Johns is very poorly served. The whole purpose of the new network is to put everything into hubs. AT is listening to those who submit. What has been presented has not been endorsed by the board. The RA should make a submission. There will be fewer bus stops. Auckland Grey Power is going to lead a petition about the axing of the 007 cross town bus to Pt Chevalier. There is no connection between Meadowbank and Ellerslie Township. Tim and Carmel will collate the issues and they will bring it to the next meeting and we will use that as the basis of our submission.

Outside Meadow they are looking at changing the parking signs. The businesses are still not happy with the outcome of the parking.

Te Hapa Reserve – the Purewa Trust Board have indicated they have no appetite to extend the cemetery into the reserve. The OLB aren't keen, if it was presented to them, to endorse this. They have had an interest in using part of Te Hapa as a SHA. There are grounds for a belief there is interest to create a SHA on Meadowbank Road near the petrol station.

Community Garden Update – Ruth and Kate met with Pippa from Council Parks. It doesn't appear that it will be too much of an issue. Will need to consultate with the wider community and let the neighbourhood know. The storm water will need to be checked. We will need to step back as the chosen site falls into Remuera Resident's Association Area.

Parson's Paddock Meeting – has been postponed until approx end of October as they have a new person in the community liaison role.

Meeting Closed 8.43pm.