

MINUTES OF THE MEADOWBANK AND ST JOHNS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Held at St Chad's Church Meadowbank on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, David Reid, Matthew Kelly, Kate Cooke (Orakei Local Board), Lakshman Abeynaike, Paul Clemo, Gretchen Carroll, Steve Butler, David Mills, James Blackie, Grant Dickson, Carrick Robinson, Sharee & Bob Neilson, Phil Lynch, April Ma, Victor Taurok, Steve Gordon, Hamish Taylor, Carlos Ramos, Judith Everitt (Arrived late)

Apologies: Troy Churton (OLB), Linda Jones, Francis Lai.

1. Housing NZ Redevelopment in Purewa/Puroto and Tahapa Crescent

- Grant Dickson, from the Puroto, Purewa, Manapau Residents Group (PPMRG) spoke to the meeting about the proposed Housing New Zealand (HNZ) development in the area. HNZ intended to build 14 units; most will only have one carpark and minimal outdoor living. PPMRG is concerned about the impact and the long term affects this development will have on the area. PPMRG trying to retain the feel of the area. There has been minimal information provided and at this stage, there has only been consultation with 3 of the affected neighbours. It would appear under SHA Legislation HNZ have to only consultate the neighbours immediately affected by the development and not the wider community.
- There are currently 80 SHAs in Auckland and these can be viewed on the Auckland Council Website. They are hoping by standing up to HNZ they become a guide for other groups that object to SHA that may happen in their area.

Grant has made an application under the OIA act for further information about what is happening. Request has been acknowledged and they now have 20 days to provide the requested information.

James Blackie, a lawyer within the group, also spoke on the legal aspects of the SHA Legislation.

PPMRG would like the MBSJRA to consider them becoming a sub-committee so that they would fall under our umbrella.

At 8.20pm, those present for the HNZ discussion left the meeting. At this time it was put asked if anyone had any objections to the meeting running pass the usual 8.30pm finish time. No objections were raised.

Ruth moved we talk to Troy about what obligation we are creating if we allow the group to become a subcommittee. Are we exposed to anyone legal action? Seconded: David

The question then becomes, if we are not exposed to any legal implications, do we want to become involved and do we allow them to become a subcommittee. It was pointed out that the RA was "created to encourage residents to be active participants in a thriving and vibrant community" and we are here to represent the whole community not just part of it.

In a show of hands, the majority of those present were in support of them becoming a sub-committee under our umbrella. We would need them to become paid members of the RA and we would also require them to have a member of the current RA committee sit in the sub-committee so that we could be kept updated as to what is happening.

2. Information Evenings and Events

- **Community Christmas Carols Event** debrief. The date for this year is currently being looked at. The wider group had no preference for a Saturday or Sunday but need to make sure they don't clash with Coca Cola Christmas in the Park or the St Helier's Carols held on Vellenoweth green. The point was also raised, if you volunteer to help at an event it would be appreciated if you attended as we rely on volunteers to keep our organisation going.
- **Long term planning meeting** - this date has been set for 26th february, 7 to 8.30pm at St Chad's Church (this has been booked by the OLB). We are the hosts. Orakei Local Board has started putting out the communication about all of the meetings for the area. Eastern pathway will be there, along with the LTP project for St Johns Road. LTP ties into our rate increase. By 3rd February Kate will have more information about the final decisions of who will be attending information evening. Work will start, once the information is received, about getting the flyer done for this event.
- There will be a debrief on the meetings held round the OLB ward, on 3rd March at the ASB theatre in Kohimarama Road. We will need to look at shifting our March meeting so that we are able to attend.
- **St Johns College Open Day** has been set for 21st March starting at 2pm. Mark your calendar.

3. Transportation

- Submissions closed on Meadow restaurant parking just before Christmas. We are still waiting on feedback about the outcome.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to lead the **traffic sub-committee** – please contact Ruth regarding this. This is a large area of concern of the residents'. Ruth raised the idea of asking Auckland University to see if there is a Planning Student that might like some hours and is interested in traffic, to help us with the traffic sub-committee. Sharee has offered to approach Auckland University to see if we can get a university student to help us with our planning. We will also send an email out to all members, on Facebook and on Neighbourly.

4. Website, Flyer and Newsletter

- Then has been feedback on the **flyer** and it is hoped to have it ready for 26th February. Ruth will talk to Carlos about the design and fine-tuning of the flyer.
- Two Sparrows are able to build us a template in Mail Chimp for our **newsletter**. This quote will go into the OLB funding application.

5. Treasurer's Report

- We had an opening balance of \$2,694, received \$40 in subs, and spent \$700 which leaves us with a closing balance of \$2,032.
- Approval was sort and given for payment of the invoice for website maintenance and development of \$138. This is a monthly invoice and David moved that Amanda's invoice is paid each month on an ongoing basis.
- There was also an invoice for \$540 + GST from Two Sparrows for the building of a reusable template for the newsletter.
- Moved: David Passed: Lakshman that both invoices be paid - Amanda's on an ongoing monthly basis.
- Ruth is in the process of doing an application for an **OLB Grant**. It will be for \$5k and would cover the cost of flags/printing of flyers for out events, website maintenance, PO Box (this will be dropped as Bob and Sharee has offered the use of their PO Box and there is not a lot of mail through the PO Box – the most being around the time subscriptions are up for renewal)

6. General business

- Steve Butler from Barefit is running a 1 day 6 week boot camp at Rutherford Reserve starting 31st January

Meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting is Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at St Chad's Church at 7.30pm.