

# Minutes for Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association

November 5, 2013 (7:30 pm) at St Chads Church, Meadowbank

**Apologies:** Ruth Mackintosh, Kate Cooke, Matt Kelly, Jane McMaster

**Attendees:** Troy Churton (OLB), Patrick Hodgson, Lynda McCarthy, David Reid, Linda Jones, SK Thuraisanduram, Roger Williams, Lea Emery, Hazel Hodgkin, Tim Duguid, and Warren Hardley

## Items Discussed:

**Safer Communities Debrief** – it was felt that this went well. No one managed to get a definite head count. All were happy with the time/duration and the format. It allowed people to talk after and maybe met other people in their neighbourhood. Patrick has also had feedback from people about how they have seen the flyers in the mail.

**Berm Mowing Service** – We could look at doing a submission as a group. There are more and more subdivisions (and people sharing a common driveway) happening so it then becomes the job of the person at the front who has to (or not) look after it. The OLB are pushing for berm mowing to be done again. **Feedback would be appreciated to the Orakei Local Board– whether you are for or against – please email: [Willemien.Thom@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Willemien.Thom@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).**

**Neighbours Day** – It was thought that encouraging street parties would be the best option as you could then meet people/neighbours from your local area. This could be used to leverage safer communities groups. We would look at offering starter kits. Lifewise on the North Shore started Neighbours day – maybe they have starter kits. Lynda to contact them and ask them. Troy will provide the contact for the Community Development liaison. If your neighbourhood has a Christmas get together maybe look at making/having a neighbours day one as well.

**Get Ready, Get Thru – Civil Defense Evening** – Late Feb/Early March then use it to advertise Neighbours Day as well. 25 February was the first date offered with the 11 March as the rain date. Dependent on the availability of St Chads. Same format as the Safer Communities Evening as it was felt that this worked well.

**New Chairperson** – Ruth nominated Patrick/David and voted in unanimously. Lynda voted in as secretary by default. I was holding the pen and writing at the time.

**Tahapa Crescent Reserve** – Council to do work on upgrading/improving Tahapa Crescent Reserve. There is opportunity to submit ideas for redevelopment as it is in the early stages. **Any ideas/suggestions/feedback please send through to Troy or Kate at the Orakei Local Board.**

Troy excused himself at 8.20pm due to a prior commitment.

**December Meeting** - discussion was held about donating a can of food to St Chad's for their donation to the food bank. While it was thought as a good idea, it was pointed out that the area that the food bank supports is different to the area that we represent and maybe we need to look at doing a collection next year and donating it to a food bank that covers the area we represent. . Lynda to investigate if there is a food bank that covers our area. The church also has a Christmas lunch for those that don't have a family to share the day with. The church does a flier to be delivered to homes around them. There maybe an opportunity to advertise the MBSJRA on the back of the flier and maybe we could look at using our man power to help them deliver the flyer as well. **It is asked that, if possible, could you please make a donation to the food bank at St Chad's as a thank you for the use of the hall. Donations can be dropped off to the church during business hours or at the next meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm. Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm.