

**MINUTES of the Meeting of the Meadowbank and St Johns Resident's Association held on Tuesday 1 November 2016.**

**Opening:** The Chair opened the meeting at: 7.30 pm.

**Present:** T Duguid (Chair), A Nicholas, D Reid, B Stewart S K Thuraisunduram and 8 members.

**Apologies:** L Abeynaike, C Claridge, L McCarthney, O Roberts. In the absence of the Secretary, B Stewart recorded the minutes.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Approved B Stewart/: D Reid

**Matters arising:** NIL

**Auckland Transport:** Tim reiterated the fact that as circulated AT declined to provide a speaker for this meeting but provided responses to the seven specific questions that Tim and the Transport Sub-Committee had submitted. Tim used a detailed Power Point presentation to report on AT's responses that included comments from a professional traffic engineering consultant.

The presentation also included the issue of bus service to Meadowbank Train Station and discussion of the petition from Association member Richard Roxburgh for an amendment combining the proposed 729 and 708 routes that the Committee earlier had agreed to support on the website.

A lively two way discussion on all points with some very positive feedback and some constructive suggestions. It was noted that the changes we are requesting to the New Bus Network (and for that matter the local links to the GI-Tamaki Shared Path) are of course inter-linked in that they can be expected to reduce growth of traffic locally by substituting walking and cycling and bus journeys for short trips by car (notably students heading to Selwyn College and St Thomas's School, and commuters heading to Meadowbank Train Station).

The meeting agreed to support the petition.

**Reports from Recent Events:** Tim used the Power Point presentation to report in detail on the "Most Liveable Suburbs??!!" membership drive at Meadowbank Shopping Centre on October 29, and the results achieved to date. Flyers were distributed to the members present.

**Future Events:**

Meadowbank Road SHA – Tim advised the meeting that the developer Murdoch Dryden anticipated being able to present plans and a timeline for the development at our December 6 meeting.

GI-Tamaki Shared Path Stage 1 – The path is to open soon and although a date is not yet available it is likely to be celebrated by a community walk/ride organised by Bike Eastern Suburbs.

St Chads Community Christmas Celebration – to be held on Saturday December 3 at 4 – 6 pm. MBSJRA is to have a membership table and will fund a bouncy castle and other children's attractions.

**Update from Orakei Local Board:** Not available this month as the new Board is being sworn in this week.

**General Business:** Tim outlined the opportunities and need for further volunteers.

**Next Meeting:** The next Committee meeting will be held at St Chads at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 6 December 2016.

**Close:** The Chair closed the meeting at approximately 8.35 pm