

**Minutes of the Meadowbank & St Johns Resident's Association
Tuesday 5th August 2016 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank**

Attendees: Tim Duguid, Lynda McCarthy, Ruth Mackintosh, Barry Stewart, Lakshman Abeynaike, Carmel Claridge, Ian Mclean, Farah Hancock, JL Corinas, Richard Leckinger, Dorthe Siggaard, Elaine Duguid, Ros Rundle, Keith & Christine Savory, Oliver Roberts, Sianne Olfert, Kevin Kelvany, Justine Baker, Simon, Gaye & Stu Andrews, Philippa Waara, Terry Lord, Michele Hill, Peter & Robin Greenfield, Cathy Smith, Nancy & Pan Lok, Samantha Schubert, James Fraser, David Reid, Megan Goudie, Barry Tong, Anna Wong, Mary Hills, Ann Shields, Brian Duguid, Karen Brummel, Louise Rooney, Peter & Juliet Allen, Mary Fitzgerald, Linda Jones, Anna Jackson, Lara Squires, Paul Clemo, Aubrey Jones, Michael Cyrus, Meryn McGrath, Nick Thorpe, Desley Simpson, Troy Churton, Firas Hermez, Mike Graham, Jenny Leatham, Ann Still, Penny Kermahan, Lawrence & Margaret Goldsmith, Judith Bishell, John Kernohan, Warren Hazallen, Edwyn Wilton, Sue Hewal, Sarah Codling, Malcolm Chandler, Andrew & Amanda Bethell, Rosemary Maloney, Carolyn Gin, Anne & Michael Macmillan

Apologies: Kate Cooke, David Reid, Amanda Nicholas, Angus Rogers

Future Events

1. **Pourewa Valley Clean Up** – Carmel Claridge spoke about this event which, like last year's event, will be part of Keep NZ Beautiful Week. This will be run in conjunction with Friends of Pourewa Valley. The date has been set as Sunday 18th September.
2. **"Meet the Candidates"** – we are hosting an evening for all candidates standing for the Orakei Local Board and for Auckland Council (Orakei Ward). This will be held on September 14th in conjunction with Mission Bay/Kohimarama Residents' Association.

Update from Orakei Local Board (Given by OLB Chair, Desley Simpson)

3. **Unitary Plan (UP)** – Desley noted that the Orakei Ward generally has some significant intensification, and that there was particular concern among Meadowbank and St Johns residents about the potential future status of the Purewa Cemetery Driveway. This has been re-zoned from cemetery [Public Open Space – Civic and Community] to housing [Mixed Housing Suburban].

Now that the Independent Hearing Panel has published the Proposed UP, the process provides an opportunity for further review by Auckland Council; Local

Board Representatives have no further direct input. Any concerns, such as about the Purewa Cemetery Driveway, will be forwarded to our Councillor.

4. **Grand Drive/Abbotts Way** – the installation of the traffic lights has started, and is due to be completed during August.
5. **The Block Open Homes** – Saturday 6th August. About 6,000 people are expected. Part of St Johns Road will be closed and there will be diversions in place. AT are supplying 4 parking wardens.

Summerset Retirement Village

6. Tim presented information provided by Aaron Smail of Summerset about the tape & tree markings in St Johns Bush: The tape marks the boundary between the Bush [Public Open Space – Conservation Zone] and the development area [Mixed Housing Suburban] and the tree markings identify trees to be preserved.

Meadowbank Road SHA.

7. Murdoch Dryden, of Dryden Property Limited, talked to those present about the Meadowbank Road SHA. This was followed by a question & answer session.
 - The SHA location is 6-14 Meadowbank Road. Property purchases were finalised in January 2016, which is when the design process began.
 - The development is being managed under the SHA Act 2013. Under the SHA Act, notification rights are limited, and there is no requirement to consult with the community. From the developer's perspective, an SHA can increase the amount of work to be done before resource consent can be applied for.
 - Dryden Property is in the process of working with Council & architects about the design of the proposed apartments. The design has gone through several iterations; plans may well change further, and until they are substantially finalised are unlikely to be published.
 - Resource consent is expected to be applied for in the next 4-6 weeks. A traffic impact assessment will be lodged at the same time.
 - The number of apartments will depend on the number of stories that are consented; the current design is for three blocks of up to seven stories.
 - Most apartments will have two or three bedrooms, with some possibly four bedrooms or single bedroom.
 - The aim is to provide two basement car parks per unit, and one visitor car park for each 8 to 10 apartments – this may require two levels below ground.
 - Dryden Property hopes to have plans on their website in January or February; Murdoch is happy to come back with the architect once plans are finalised.

- If everything goes to plan, construction will begin in the second of quarter of 2017, and may take 12-18 months, and will be managed in line with Council controls on noise, construction vehicle movements and other effects.
- Much of the Q&A session focused on concerns that the development may generate extra traffic leading to congestion and impact adversely on pedestrian safety. It was pointed out that the developer is not responsible for wider transport issues beyond construction and vehicle entrance design. It was agreed to arrange for a speaker from Auckland Transport to address a future meeting on the subject of current transport issues in Meadowbank and St Johns and potential impacts from intensification.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday September 6th 2016 at 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank Road.

A reminder to pay your subs for 2016/2017 if you haven't already done so.