

**Minutes of the Member Meeting of the Meadowbank & St John's Residents' Association held at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Apologies:** Richard Roxborough, Troy Churton, Mike Graham, Lakshman Abeynaike

**Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved. Moved:** Tim **Seconded:** Barry

**Matters Arising:** Bike to Train Event – AT have indicated they will do a week-long trial of having bike racks on the Meadowbank Train station. Kiwi Rail are ambivalent about this and will need to be convinced.

**Oceania Meadowbank Village – Sharon Boane, Village Manager.**

The key points of Sharon's presentation were:

- Village residents are part of and connect with the local community and have their own resident's association.
- There are close to 100 residents currently.
- Oceania started with the Lesley Orphanage in 1901 which was taken over by the Auckland Presbyterian Social Services in the early 950's.
- In 1975 Meadowbank Old People's Home & Hospital was built on the site and this was sold to Oceania in 2004.
- The original 5 storey building was eventually demolished although this was delayed because of asbestos contamination.
- Resource consent for a five-stage development was granted in 2010 with Stage 1 completed in August 2012, Stage 2 in May 2015, Stage 3 in January 2018 with Stage 4 due to be completed May 2019 and Stage 5 to be commenced after completion of stage 4 and expected to take around 15 months to build.
- The current facility includes a gym, theatre, bowling green and café.
- Once completed the village will include 200 apartments with approx. 300 residents and 60 care suites or rest home beds (currently 30) and underground parking for all residents.
- Of the new apartments over 60% have already been sold.
- Planning ahead – a hybrid car has been purchased for residents to borrow to help reduce the number of parking spaces needed and the facility has installed fibre for internet and landlines.
- Statistics show that a large percentage of residents move from within a 7km radius and that 12% of retirees who are aged 65 and over live in a retirement village.

Reasons given for choosing to live in a retirement village:

- Independent living
- Safety and security
- Friendship and socialising
- Services & recreation facilities
- No maintenance worries
- Lock and leave
- Financial – free up capital

- Continuum of care
- Auckland housing crisis

### **OLB Update**

- Bus stop at Meadowbank train station - the OLB, just today, has received drawings from Auckland Council for the bus stop at the train station. The bus stop will have a clear line of sight for people coming off the train. There will be a new drop off and pick up zone and overall there will be a net loss of 17 carparks. The work is to be completed by July so that it can be ready for the new bus routes.
- Stages 2 & 3 of the GI to Tamaki pathway have been delayed. The OLB will be advised on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April as to what the delays are. Carmel will share with the RA when she has been updated.
- A draft plan for Te Hapa Reserve West has been released. Feedback from the RA's Facebook post was positive. Funding is coming from the OLB renewals fund and there are some constraints as the reserve is sited on an old landfill, so cannot be drilled down too far.

### **Development Updates**

- SOHO 6-14 Meadowbank Road has been taken off the market and deposits refunded back to those who had made a commitment to buy an apartment in the development. The development may be relisted later this year or early next year with the developers looking at making some changes to the configuration of the apartments.

### **Future Events**

- AGM – June – a date and speaker have yet to be finalised.
- Pourewa Valley Clean Up – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Lynda McCarthy will co-ordinate.
- St Chad's Church is planning to have a Community Christmas Event this year. More details to follow.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm.**

**Next Meeting will be at St Chad's, 7.30pm on Tuesday May 8th 2018**