

WICRABA

MINUTES

of the Committee Meeting of the
Wellington Inner-City Residents and Business Association
held at The Lodge, Southern Cross Tavern, 35 Abel Smith St, Wellington on
Tuesday 9 June 2009 at 6.00 pm

Meeting Opened: 6.05 PM

Attendance:

Seamus Brady, Cheryl Ferguson, Nicola Wood, Stella Bridge, Jean Philips, Roger Kiddle, Anna Locker-Lampson, Rachel Wilkinson, Ian McKinnon, David and Bronwyn Wallis, Jaimie Frazer, David Wood, Mark Blumsky, Grant Firth, Sonny Thomas, Stephanie Cook

1. Apologies:

Ann Everett, Godfrey Nicholson, Danny McGrath, Geraldine Murphy, Gus Charteris, Tony Hiles, Mark Farrar, Debbie Stanton, Chris Murphy, Iona Pannett.

2. Previous Minutes:

Anna was not shown as in attendance.

3. Finances:

There is currently \$240 in the newly opened bank account. If members have paid subscription but not received receipt please see Jaimie.

4. General Business:

Anti-Social Behaviour

Tony has been putting together documentary footage of what he sees living in his area. Would appreciate any help possible.

The noise nuisance around the Terrace is being getting worse. Early morning activity surround the steps leading up to the University around Allenby Terrace are also getting worse.

Derek Fry Meeting

He is well aware of the issues surrounding the inner city. Events in the city are starting to plateau. We need all the help we can get, especially from the police and the Council to avoid the city environment and cleanliness deteriorating.

Ian McKinnon noted the need to support the police's call for greater resources. The city needs to continue working on issues surrounding rubbish and graffiti removal to curb anti-social behaviour. The inner city is reaching a tipping point between commercial and residential. Existing plans focus on the commercial side and needs to refocus on the build up of residential areas.

The Council is offering a kit to counter graffiti on residential buildings for body cooperates. Obscene or anti-Semitic graffiti on private buildings will be removed by the Council and will so if they call them.

There was also discussion how the WalkWise patrollers are in odd places at odd times and could be put to use in different areas. One patroller has mentioned that the people they are recruiting are not suitable, often due to the wages such a job offers.

The idea of creating a dossier on graffiti to provide to the Council and police to highlight the problem and issues they are causing was floating. Jean is the Graffiti Champion and is looking for input.

WCC Proposed Inner City Traffic Resolutions

Involves putting parking meters in Wigan St which is currently a free parking area, Mobility parking in Marion Street, Inglewood Place, and Alpha Street.

There is a need for additional parking around the Aotea Medical Centre. There is very limited parking due to the recent paving. Other side of this is the improvement in public buses, especially with the ability for them to lower their height to the level of the pavement. Further investment into the public transport system will be needed to ensure the good work regarding public transport is continued.

Noted that the Council is very open to putting mobility parks in specific areas if requested.

The possibility of 'ageing off' driveways around the city to free up parking spaces was floated. Ensuring parking is available at train stations that will enable people to leave their cars behind before they come into the city could also help with the inner city parking problem.

Manners Mall

The Council have decided to reopen Manners Mall to public transport with a vote of 11-4. The irony that before the decision Manners Mall was the subject of many complaints, then when it was suggested to be opened it gained icon and untouchable status was noted.

It will now go out for consultation including the periphery projects attached to the opening of Manners Mall to buses. Stephanie Cook said she was keen to get feedback from the young people who submitted on the proposal to understand what they liked about Manners Mall as a space and where such a place could be recreated.

Concerns rose about potential traffic lights being installed down Courtenay Place. Another proposal of removing all traffic lights and leave it to people's self control in not killing people is being considered.

The youth venue Zeal is relocating to above Bodega very soon. People attending events at the new venue will not be given pass outs to avoid young people congregating on the footpath outside. Also the Council is looking at creating smaller venues for young people around the city instead of one big venue as has it has been in the past.

Meeting Closed: 7.06pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th 2009