

Newtown Residents' Association
Newtown Community Centre
15 November 2004

Web site: www.nra.wellington.net.nz

7.30 pm
Newtown Community Centre

Present: Nick Jennings (Chairperson), Dom McDonald, Neville Carson, Kevin Lethbridge, Steve Dunn, , Dave Wilcox, Cr Celia Wade Brown, Martin Hanley, Francis Acey, Mary Patterson, Sue Piper, Peter Frater, Graham Howell

Apologies: Tom Law, Maggie Edwards, Darryl Bootheystone

Minutes: October Meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: The audited Financial Statements for 2003/4 were presented and approved (Nick/Peter). It was also agreed to make \$10,000 applications to the New Zealand Community Trust, Southern Trust, Century Foundation, Lion Foundation, Pub Charity and Trusts Charitable Foundation for the 2005 Newtown Festival (Peter/Martin).

Matters Arising

Rosier Memorial: Estimates vary between \$150 and \$500. Celia is investigating possible funding alternatives.

Suburban Character Study: Late submissions are being accepted. It was noted that over 200 had already been made.

Local Government Commission: They are yet to reply to our letter. Nick will follow up.

Robert Schofield Meeting: 16 November, 4.30pm, 9th floor, 190 Willis Street.

Ice Skating Rink: Hearing date is 25 November. The NRA submission was sent and it was noted some private objections had also been made.

Constitutional Amendment: A draft will be emailed in the near future. Any SGM must deal with agenda items only, so if we are to set subscriptions this has to be notified on such an agenda.

Correspondence:

Older Person's Policy; NRA will not make a formal response.

2005 Annual Plan: Our letter has been acknowledged. It was felt we needed to further include Council rents, with a view to moving to income related rents. As well as the social consequences, our submission should also deal with any fiscal impacts on Council.

2004 Annual Plan: This was received.

Mount Victoria Lookout: The proposed concept plan can be viewed on 23 November at Council. Submissions due 10 December. It was noted the plans included better pedestrian pathways, more lighting and seating, and harmonising motor and foot traffic. It was also noted that existing plaques failed to acknowledge the presence of Maori prior to 1840.

General Business:

Riddiford Street Project Stage 2; Martin Hanley presented computerised pictures of the area affected, with possible enhancements. These included safer and intelligent pedestrian street crossing, and realigning the Russell Terrace Roundabout. The same number of shopper car parks needed to be maintained. Suggestions from the meeting included alternative arrangements for the taxi-stand and a pedestrian crossing between the Mall and St Thomas's.

Newtown History Project: It was agreed after some discussion to approach the Wellington City Archivist (Joanne Newman) and other possible repositories.

Berhampore Interests: After some discussion the following motion "that the NRA accept responsibility to represent the views of Berhampore residents in the same way as it does Mt Cook and Newtown residents" (Nick/Peter) was successfully amended to "that the NRA will happily represent any resident of Berhampore on any issues they approach us on in the same way it does for any resident of Mt Cook or Newtown" (Kevin/Martin) and that on putting the amended motion it was passed..

FWPRA: The Federation has new office holders.

Traffic Safety Audit: It was noted that the Southern corridor (Taranaki St to The Parade) will take place next year.

SWIS Sign: It was noted that following an accident a "Watch For Children" standard warning sign would be placed outside the entrance/exit concerned.

Meeting venue: The meeting confirmed that NRA should continue to meet at the Newtown Community and Cultural Centre.

December Meeting: December 13, at Bar Edward's, from 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 10.10 pm.