

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Sport and Recreation Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 14 August 2017, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present: Councillor Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

21-17 Draft Waitoetoe Park Development Plan – Hearing of Submissions

The following people appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from elected members.

Waitoetoe Reserve Community (86)

Representing the Waitoetoe Reserve Community, Mr Don Scott and Ms Rachel Keedwell presented a PowerPoint presentation and made the following additional comments:

- There was a balance required regarding vehicle access to the park. Access would have to be well monitored and designed, and like the Esplanade, should be shut off at night.
- There should be more guidance on use within the park, for example, signs on how to use the shared spaces.

Paul Godbaz (19)

Mr Godbaz spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- There were a lot of older people in the areas who owned small dogs and possibly have mobility concerns therefore car access and parking close to the dog area would be preferable.
- A fenced area for dogs was to keep smaller dogs safe, as larger dogs can harass and attack smaller dogs.
- Was not in support of any monies being spent on area for waka launch as the location shown for this was not able to be launched from.

Peter Reay (61)

Mr Reay spoke to his submission (providing a series of photographs) and made the following additional comments:

- Was concerned that the draft plan was incorrect, as one access point from Buick Crescent was not shown.
- There was currently not enough parking, but did not want the parking to extend up the service lane, however additional parking should be close to the current car park.

Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority (84)

Representing Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority, Mr Christopher Whaiapu spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- Had concerns regarding correct naming of the Park. Naming had to be done correctly to ensure meanings etc were accurate.
- The design of the Ahimate site had to be inviting and didn't want it to feel so sacred that you couldn't go there, they wanted people to enjoy the practicality of what a Pa site should be.
- Confirmed that many waka had used the Manawatu River when it had been a traditional highway and there were many remnants up and down the river showing that use.

Keith Joblin (89)

Mr Joblin presented a PowerPoint presentation and made the following additional comments:

- It was important to note that the area was a floodplain and that floods moved debris around - care was needed when considering building in that area.
- Creating a Biodiversity Park would create citizen science opportunities where non-professional people could take water measurements, look at different plants and insects etc, it is a way to get individuals into natural environments.

Manawatu Mountain Bike Trails (tabled submission)

Representing Manawatu Mountain Bike Trails, Mr Pete Wells and Mr Ken Bidlake tabled their submission and made the following additional comments:

- It was believed that the plan had been influenced by those that reside close to Waitoetoe Park when in fact the area was used by large numbers from across the city.

- Under the current plan it appeared that the number of trails would be reduced and suggested that the play area could be located elsewhere allowing the trails to remain.
- Would like to be included in the process of building the trails.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Duncan McCann.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the oral and written submissions on the Draft Waitoetoe Park Development Plan be received.
2. That the Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

Clause 21-17 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

Against:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM.

22-17

Conference Opportunity - Urban Development Capacity Conference

Memorandum, dated 24 July 2017 from the Committee Administrator, Penny Odell.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee approve the attendance of one elected member to attend, with expenses paid, to Urban Development Capacity Conference being held in Auckland on 25 and 26 September 2017.
2. That registrations of interest be invited from elected members wishing to attend, with expenses paid, and advise the Committee Advisor, Penny Odell, by 12 noon Friday 18 August 2017.

Clause 22-17 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

The meeting finished at 10.20am

Confirmed 4 September 2017

Chairperson