**Wellington Civic Trust**

**DRAFT Minutes of meeting 5:30 pm, 4 Feb 2019, at McKee Fehl Office, 22A Boulcott St, CBD.**

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| Attendees | Jim McMahon (Chair), Bronwyn Brown, Clive Anstey, Maurice Clark, Yon Yi Sohn (Sec), Alana Bowman |
| Apologies | Amanda Dobson, Sam Halstead, Jonathan Suggate, Sylvia Allan, Paul Bruce |
| Welcome  | Jim opened the meeting  |
| Guest Speaker I | Wellington City Council Heritage Manager Mark Lindsay gave an excellent presentation on council’s heritage strategies and policies. An animated discussion followed, contributed to also by Mark’s Council colleagues. Board members were assured to hear about the council’s listings of heritage sites and buildings. The topic warranted far more discussion than time allowed. PPT file to be shared. |
| Guest Speaker II | Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Roger Blakely presented his perspective on the proposed regional transport package being considered by central government. Roger is an advocate for light rail and prepared a very convincing PPT, well documented case with clear objectives and timelines. Even if members don’t agree with everything proposed, Roger clearly outlines the issues and their urgency providing an excellent structure within which to frame any submissions the trust might make as the debate on transport continues. Bronwyn made comments, pointing out that northern suburbs (Khandallah/Ngao) seem to be left off the radar of public transport, compared to central and southern Wellington suburbs. Bronwyn also commented that the ‘spine’ should extend to Kaiwharawhara Station (currently closed) which would allow people to ‘park and ride’ from the bottom of the Ngaio Gorge, and added that ‘park and ride’ carparks along the Johnsonville rail line are too small for existing patronage. Clive mentioned how vacant land adjacent to the proposed ‘hubs’ need to be protected from development NOW, so that ‘park and ride’ options can be set up once light rail is implemented. Yon Yi asked what action was proposed for improving and integrating the existing rail and bus services. |
| Minutes  | Minutes of the 03 Dec 2018 meeting was presented and accepted. |
| Correspondence | Nothing particular to report |
| Financial report | Operating account: $2,579.61; Savings account: $2,717.99 |
| Membership | Company-1, Family-23, Govt-1, Life-7, Single-62, Total-94. |
| Transport | Nothing particular to report  |
| Kaiwharawhara/Centre port | Nothing particular to report |
| Seismic strengthening | Nothing particular to report |
| Heritage/ Conservation | Nothing particular to report  |
| RMA/ Natural Resources Plan | Nothing particular to report |
| Awards | Discussions on timing (perhaps Oct?), steps involved, the key stakeholders and the Trust’s objectives. |
| Frank Kitts Park | Hight court decision against appeal. Ex-councillor Helene Ritchie wrote to Scoop, suggesting Haining St/Frederick St for Chinese Garden. Maurice unsure about the perspective. |
| City to Sea Overbridge | Board members agreed that the bridge is a defining feature of the waterfront and contributes significantly to its unique character. While accepting the need to ongoing maintenance and the periodic replacement of some elements of construction, the Trust would be greatly concerned if the fundamental design was to be altered. |
| Outer Green Belt Management Plan | Submission closing 25/March. Jim to draft the Trust’s submission. As one of the two authors of the original strategy for the Outer Green Belt, Clive has a particular interest in the Outer Green Belt, and will assist Jim in preparing submission. |
| Trust file archiving | Former Chair Alan Smith will deliver Trust files to Wellington City Council Archives. Files includes 2008 Hilton Hotel appeal, 2009 Basin Reserve seminar, etc. All in favour. |
| New Board member | Alana Bowman – background in Save the Basin, Waterfront Watch, etc. Previously a public prosecutor in the USA. |
| Next meeting | Monday 5 March 2019, McKee Ferl office, 22A Boulcott St |
| Closure  | The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm. |