



# FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Thursday 24 March 2022

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Time: 10.20am -11.38am

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Venue Via Zoom (Audiovisual Link)

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook site*

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Present **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan  
**Members:** Mayor Wise, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson, Taylor and Wright

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In Attendance

Chief Executive (Steph Rotarangi)  
Director City Services (Lance Titter)  
Director City Strategy (Richard Munneke)  
Director Community Services (Antoinette Campbell)  
Director Programme Delivery (Jon Kingsford)  
Director Infrastructure Services (Debra Stewart)  
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Atkinson)  
Chief Financial Officer (Caroline Thomson)  
Team Leader Planning and Compliance (Luke Johnson)  
Manager City Development (Paulina Wilhelm)  
Team Leader Transportation (Robin Malley)  
Manager Regulatory Solutions (Rachael Bailey)  
Team Leader Napier Assist/Āwhina Tangata (Dan Hicks)  
Strategic Planning Lead (Fleur Lincoln)  
Major Development Lead (Sophie Elliott)  
Team Leader City Design & Urban Renewal (Georgina King)  
Team Leader Development and Standards (Retha du Preez)  
Team Leader Napier Assist | Āwhina Tangata (Dan Hicks)  
Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Beverley Kemp-Harmer)  
Stuart Hylton (Consultant)

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Public Forum	Jeremy Smith, Heritage Manager / GM, Art Deco Trust and Simon Dunn, Art Deco Trust Board Member/Chair, Art Deco Trust Property Subcommittee
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Administration	Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Anna Eady)
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### Apologies

Councillors Simpson / Boag

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That the apologies from Councillors Crown and Tapine be accepted.

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### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Public forum

**Art Deco Proposal** - Jeremy Smith, Heritage Manager / GM, Art Deco Trust and Simon Dunn, Art Deco Trust Board Member/Chair, Art Deco Trust Property Subcommittee presented in the Public Forum.

Mr Smith addressed the meeting providing some background on The Art Deco Trust whose core purpose was the preservation, protection, restoration and celebration of our heritage. This was achieved in many ways through the Robert McGregor Fund, work with building owners supporting their work in the preservation of their Art Deco buildings.

The Trust wished to present to Council an opportunity and partnership for the redevelopment of the Women's Rest building in Memorial Square to be returned to the Louis Hay original 1920s Frank Lloyd Wright inspired art deco design. An image of the current Women's Rest and also a picture taken in 1920 was displayed at the meeting (*Doc Id 1447104*).

The Trust saw an opportunity to actually deliver the Women's Rest as an active community hub for the city. The building had been closed for 9 years and this was an opportunity for the building to be strengthened and a community asset brought back into active service by the Trust. The Trust felt strongly that the Art Deco Trust needed to lead the project completely and this would provide the respective Napier managers time they could focus on other important projects.

The Trust has broad community support for the concept from the National Council of Women, Historic Places Trust, Napier MP Stuart Nash and the business owners near Clive Memorial Square. Discussion have been held with the Napier and Taradale Returned RSAs and the Women division of the RSA who support the concept and are now in conversation with their communities.

To proceed with the opportunity and further develop plans the Trust would like a Memorandum of Understanding with Council and assurance of a long term lease arrangement as soon as possible to enable plans to be advanced and work commenced.

The Trust does have the skills to lead and deliver the project for the community. It is a Grade 1 heritage building and the Art Deco Trust at its core is a heritage organisation. The Trust

would be liaising with Heritage New Zealand and the Council's Heritage Planner. Any work will require resource and building consents in the usual way.

It was noted that Council have a service agreement with the Art Deco Trust and a lot of outcomes that Council wishes to achieve in this new venture could be captured in the service agreement.

### **Announcements by the Mayor**

Nil

### **Announcements by the Chairperson**

The Chairperson announced a minor matter not on the agenda advising the meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. (*Standing Order 9.13*).

- Art Deco Proposal discussed in the Public Forum

### **Announcements by the management**

Due to availability of the Manager Regulatory Solutions, Mrs Bailey this item would be addressed later in the meeting.

### **Minor Matters**

- Art Deco Proposal discussed in the Public Forum

### **Confirmation of minutes**

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Councillors Taylor / Chrystal

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. RESOURCE CONSENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Type of Report:	Enter Significance of Report
Legal Reference:	Enter Legal Reference
Document ID:	1438421
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Luke Johnson, Team Leader Planning and Compliance

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on recent resource consenting activity. The report is provided for information purposes only, so that there is visibility of major projects and an opportunity for Elected Members to understand the process.

Applications are assessed by delegation through the Resource Management Act (RMA); it is not intended to have application outcome discussions as part of this paper.

This report only contains information which is lodged with Council and is publicly available

### At the Meeting

The Team Leader Planning and Compliance, Mr Johnson spoke to the report, providing a brief overview and noted that since the February update, the submission of applications to the Resource Consenting team have continued to remain steady however have slightly declined in comparison to the same period 12 months ago down to 34 from 42.

A recent initiative has been the formation of a Key Account Management Team has been formed to provide a higher level of customer service and strategic alignment from Council's perspective to developers with large projects within Napier. The group consists of five existing council officers Strategic Planning Lead (Fleur Lincoln); Major Development Lead (Sophie Elliott); Team Leader City Design & Urban Renewal (Georgina King); Team Leader Development and Standards (Retha du Preez); and Team Leader Planning and Compliance, Mr Johnson.

### In response to questions from Councillors it was clarified that:

- **114 Carlyle Street** - The processing of an application with this level of complexity for required Council to be assured that adverse effects from earthworks were not going to occur as a result. This has led to the engagement with a number of the applicant's external experts in geotechnical and other fields to provide a factual basis for a notification decision. Geotechnical, engineers, landscape architects have been engaged by both parties in regard to the stability of the extensive cut that was proposed and also the landscape and visual assessment impact on the environment and surrounding residents.
- The complexity of these matters has drawn out the process however, officers have worked closely with the applicant's and Council experts and sufficient information is

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now available to make an informed notification decision under section 95 of the Resource Management Act.

- **Riverbend Road Project** - The applicant has been asked to provide Council with an information package that can be provided to Councillors, Senior Management Team and uploaded to Council's website to ensure the messaging for this development is consistent across the board.

### Committee's recommendation

Mayor Wise / Councillor Taylor

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The Future Napier Committee:

- a) **Note** the resource consent activity update for period 18 January 2022 to 27 February 2022.
- b) **Note** the change to a Key Account Manager (KAM) model for managing significant consenting projects.

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Carried

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## 2. DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

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*Type of Report:* Legal and Operational

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*Legal Reference:* Local Government Act 2002

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*Document ID:* 1439107

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*Reporting Officer/s & Unit:* Paulina Wilhelm, Manager City Development

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### 2.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Present a revised Dog Control Bylaw and Policy, including associated Statement of Proposal (**the proposal**); and
2. Recommend that the Napier City Council (**the Council**) commence public consultation in accordance with sections 83 and 156(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 in respect of the proposal.

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### At the Meeting

The Manager City Development, Ms Wilhelm spoke to the report which was to present a revised Dog Control Bylaw together with the Statement of Proposal for adoption to release to the public.

### In response to questions from Councillors it was clarified that:

- In regard to the map for Lagoon Farm it showed a dog on leash area, however it was confirmed that the bylaw applies to the public area only which is the track and does not include allowing dogs on private property, which is the farm area.
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- Amendments to the map to clearly define the area as relating specifically to the cycle path.
  - The area at Dolbel Reserve was discussed with the Manager of Parks and Reserves and it was identified that the area that is proposed to be off lead is the area that is currently separated through a fence from the area where the sheep roam.
  - The Westshore map through to Bay View has got off lead exercise areas as being only between April to September to avoid dogs during the nesting season of the Dotterels.
  - When the Bylaw has been released and adopted the signage will be revised and ensure that the public understand how the Bylaw will be applied.
  - The dog exercise on lead pathways at the Ahuriri Estuary will be clearly identified on the maps.

### Committee's recommendation

Councillors Chrystal / Wright

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The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Confirm** that pursuant to sections 155(2)(b) and 155(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the proposed bylaw and policy are not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA).
- b. **Adopt** the Statement of Proposal and Proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy for the purposes of public consultation.
- c. **Authorise** public consultation in respect of the proposal in accordance with sections 83 and 156(1)(b) of the LGA.
- d. **Note** the timeframe for consultation release to be in the next twelve months at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer to allow flexibility in working with the existing consultation schedule.
- e. **Note** minor amendments to the Lagoon Farm and Ahuriri Estuary maps following Committee's discussion.

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Carried

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### Announcements by Management

**Napier Assist Project** – The Manager Regulatory Solutions, Mrs Bailey Introduced Dan Hicks the new Teamleader for Napier Assist who has been responsible for a lot of the progress made over the last weeks and months.

Council's decision in September 2021 was to implement the service in two stages. The first stage and priority was the CCTV upgrade. Stage two was to establish the foot patrols ensuring the CCTV network was established targeting problem areas also enhanced the safety of the foot patrols with the support of CCTV. Full maturity of the service was programmed across five years with funding being available.

The focus has been on stage 1 we have been working with contractors to bring the network over which will be up and running from 1 July 2022 and recruitment has commenced for staff to undertake monitoring work.

We are trying to fast track Stage 2 as much as possible with recruitment applications closing on 17 April 2022. The retailers and other stakeholders have been waiting for this service and wishing to fast track however, there are some time constraints mostly on recruiting and training people to a level that is satisfactory to undertake the role effectively and safely. Therefore we remain committed to building the service over time.

The Team Leader Napier Assist/Āwhina Tangata. Dan Hicks advised that a lease had been secured for Napier Assist in Dunvegan House and the frontage of the corner of the building will have advertising to align with the Customer Services Centre. The team would consist of 12.

**Parking Meter Upgrade** – This project was deferred to May as the supplier had production delays due to Covid. May 2022 for the Central Business District and June for Taradale are the current scheduled dates for implementation. Leading up to this implementation communication will be commenced for the public to advise the community that the change to parking meters is imminent. The meters will be in the Library and Customer Services area to enable the public to practise on them and staff will be available to provide support and advice on how they operate.

### Minor Matters

**Art Deco Proposal – Women’s Rest** – The Chief Executive. Dr Rotarangi advised that discussions had been undertaken with the Art Deco Trust based on the concept presented today in regard to the feasibility study, potential heritage status plan and the building itself and what the requirements be.

#### **In response to questions the following was clarified:**

- The Art Deco Trust indicated that once the work had been scoped it would provide a better guide to how long the work would take however estimated approximately 12-24 months
- Have a service agreement that includes consultation with the National Council of Women, a key stakeholder, on the specific wording to other activities on controlling the space of the building.
- Requires further investigation and how feasible it is to have the end user leading the project on behalf of Council however will work collaboratively with the Art Deco Trust.
- The Conservation Plan 2019 provides good basis for good decision making and the use to any possible change to the building itself. The presentation this morning did show potential to go back to original design of the Women’s Rest.
- The use of the building is a utilitarian war memorial and provides a commemorative and also a community function and the original purpose was a social facility for mothers carrying out their duties in the town centre and needing a rest.
- The appropriate use of the building conservation plan states “it requires an appropriate new use which reflects its social, cultural, historical, technological and commemorative significance”. It is important to give lot of thought what uses are appropriate and not too hasty to make decision.
- In terms of changes to the original design the Conservation Plan provides some guidance. Work undertaken after the earthquake was valuable for its technological value bringing in the earthquake strengthening at the time. The rebuild cannot be disregarded as not having any heritage value so it is important prior to any decisions being made to alter the building that advice is sought from a Conservationist Architect as to whether it would impact on its heritage values.



- The Art Deco Trust would submit a formal proposal to enable a report to be brought back to Council for consideration. Collaboration between officers and Art Deco Trust to scope what work is required.
- Funding of \$1.5m was made up of \$750,000 of Council funding and externally raised funding.

The Art Deco Proposal – Women's Rest was supported by the meeting to refer this matter to the next meeting cycle.

*The meeting closed at 11.38am*

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Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....

Photos from Public Forum - Women's Rest today



Women's Rest 1920s

