

AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK JOINT COMMITTEE Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday 24 June 2024

Time: 9.30am – 10.30am

Venue Breakout Room 2
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Present: **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan (NCC)
Mana Ahuriri Trust:
- Joseph Reti (Deputy Chair)
- Peter Eden
- Chad Tareha
Napier City Council:
- Councillor Browne [via Zoom]
Hawke's Bay Regional Council:
- Councillor Ormsby [via Zoom]

In Attendance: **Napier City Council:**
- Executive Director City Strategies (Rachael Bailey)
- Strategic Planning Lead (Connie Mills)
- Manager Water Strategy (Phil Kelsen)
- Principal Policy Planner (Fleur Lincoln) [via Zoom]
- Parks Policy Planner (Amelia Longley) [via Zoom]
Hawke's Bay Regional Council:
- Team Leader Asset Planner (Johan Kirsten)
- Regional Park Planner (Bart Leslie)
Consultants:
- Cameron Drury (Stradegy)
- William Hatton (Boffa Miskell)
- Gabriel Ross (Boffa Miskell) [via Zoom]
- Rebecca Ryder (Boffa Miskell) [via Zoom]
- Greig Wilson (Beca)

Administration Governance Advisor (Carolyn Hunt)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Napier City Council karakia.

Apologies

Chad Tareha / Joseph Reti

That the apologies from Councillors Price (NCC) and Williams (HBRC) be accepted.

Carried

Harlem-Cruz Ihaia, Mana Ahuriri Trust did not attend the meeting.

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Joseph Reti

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

The Chair welcomed Peter Eden to the Committee, replacing Mōrehu Te Tomu, as one of the Mana Ahuriri Trust representatives. Mr Eden requested an executive summary of what had been discussed to date in regard to the Estuary.

- ACTION:**
- i) The Project Manager, Cam Drury to prepare a background summary of the Ahuriri Regional Park work to date for the new Committee member Peter Eden, Mana Ahuriri Trust.*
 - ii) Governance to have Parris Greening, General Manager, Mana Ahuriri Trust included on the email group to receive Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee agendas, minutes, workshop summaries and public information available only.*
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AGENDA ITEMS

1. AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK - PROJECT UPDATE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1769498
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a Project Manager's update.

At the meeting

The Project Manager, Mr Drury spoke to the report providing a summary and overview of the progress made from May 2024 to June 2024.

In response to questions the following was clarified:

- The procurement process is to be run through Napier City Council's (NCC) 3 Waters Professional Services Panel, accordingly the involvement of mana whenua is not stated in the evaluation of tenders received. However, the scope that was developed for the additional supporting technical work evolved through the work of the Ahuriri Regional Park Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and at the governance level there are representatives of Mana Ahuriri Trust (MAT).
 - The tenders process and methodology includes consideration of impacts on mana whenua, and this is part of the scoring and weighting process. The project team has taken this questioning on board and will report to the Joint Committee at the next meeting on the principles of procurement for the Ahuriri Regional Park (ARP) project.
 - The workshop following the meeting will provide an update on the TAG's progress. Some of the key things to be factored in is managing the interface between the site and the Estuary, softening of the stop bank, the special layout, and taking into account the following:
 - matters of the airport functionality.
 - Softening of the stop bank and different locations that are known and the spacial layout, particularly the boundary of the site.
 - Where constructed wetlands are to be located and be on view to recognise that the site is significant and ensure that people that do not go on site are aware of what is happening on site.
 - Detailed timing or phasing of pieces of work has not yet been determined. However, an avifauna expert will be engaged in the near future to assist in responding to the concerns raised by the Airport.
 - On the TAG team Tiana Edwards will replace Senitra Nathan Marsh (MAT) and Becky Shanahan will replace Anna Madarasz-Smith (HBRC). Matthew Brady (DoC) and Gavin Carey-Smith (Airport) have attended and supported the TAG.
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- The first steps in the Engagement Plan is to engage with hapū, three dates have been organised and communications will be sent out for an evening hui at the MAT office, inviting anyone who has an interest, then a 20 minutes hui for all hapū to gain feedback.
- Engagement has commenced with close stakeholders (Airport and DoC). Key stakeholders, including the Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society, will be contacted in the next couple of weeks to continue the engagement efforts.
- In the direct plan for engagement it is suggested that Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu also be included as this will provide a wider stakeholder group.
- There will be a community webpage set up for information and a community day to be notified.
- Tender for the technical work around the design of stormwater requirements on site for wetland treatment has been sought and a preferred supplier has been nominated. It has been a milestone to get technical expertise on board who can now assess to what extent wetlands (or other stormwater solutions) are required onsite to be accommodated within the design.
- As part of the tendering process for this work included in the scope is that contractors engage really closely with this project.

The Chair advised that the workshop following the meeting would be recorded and available to members unable to attend.

**COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

Peter Eden / Chad Tareha

The Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee:

- a) **Receive** the report titled "Ahuriri Regional Park - Project Update" dated 24 June 2024.

- ACTION:**
- i) *The Executive Director Infrastructure Services will provide a copy of Council’s standard assessment process and methodology that the 3 Waters Panel use when measuring scores in regard to mana whenua engagement.*
 - ii) *Officers to provide Joint Committee members with the hui dates for the engagement process.*
 - iii) *Include the Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganu ā Orotu in the Engagement Plan.*

Carried

2. AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK - PROJECT PRINCIPLES

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1769561

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

2.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of Project Principles that have been drafted as reference points for the weighing and consideration of feedback provided through implementation of the previously endorsed Engagement Plan.

At the meeting

The Project Manager, Mr Drury presented the six project principles which were a result of discussions held with the Joint Committee in relation to aspiration and vision. During the TAG session it was noted that Te Muriwai o te Whanga is progressing well, which included developing a vision and principles. There was a suggestion that the Joint Committee defer setting the principles of the project to attain more understanding of Te Muriwai o te Whanga. The theme would not change, however the language could be better developed.

In response to questions the following was clarified:

- It is intended to come back to the next meeting and present the principles having looked at the language with Te Muriwai o te Whanga.
- One of the many overall projects catchment wide that the Te Muriwai o Te Whanga plan will encompass is the ARP, and they need to be consistent with that plan.
- An important part of the plan is the principles which set the foundation for engagement.
- The Engagement Plan was approved and developed through the Joint Committee and has objectives and principles on how to engage. The design principles will assist design and aid in weighting feedback when reporting to the Joint Committee.
- Input is required on the principles from a mana whenua perspective. This will assist in gaining feedback on engagement with hapū and stakeholders.
- As a first co-governance entity of two Councils and MAT there is an interest in ensuring that any procurement related to the project follows the principles that align with the kaupapa of the Joint Committee. There is a responsibility to ensure during the procurement process local hapū organisations can contribute to the mahi. It is recognised that procurement principles sit separately to the design principles, and accordingly the procurement principles can be developed alongside a procurement strategy.
- Procurement guidance will be prepared that is an overarching set of procurement principles that can then be built into any procurement process at an operational level.
- Procurement and weighting of tender applications will be separated through this process, with criteria set and based on the overarching principles.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Peter Eden / Chad Tareha

The Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee:

- a) **Endorse** the Ahuriri Regional Park Project intention principles as draft below:
- **Stormwater Resilience:** Increase the resilience and capacity of the City's stormwater infrastructure network by introducing attenuation on the site as part of a series of initiatives to reduce the impacts of rainfall events on the urban areas of Napier.
 - **Water Quality:** Improve the quality of water discharged from the City's urban waterways noting these form part of the municipal stormwater network.
 - **Mauri:** To return the mauri back to Te Whanga, enhance and preserve mahinga kai and improve harmony with papatūānuku.
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- **Ecological Excellence:** Promote the re-establishment of native habitat values throughout the site and its interface with Te Whanga and the Taipo Stream.
 - **Natural Environment:** To maintain a predominantly natural environment.
 - **Significant Infrastructure:** Recognise the functional need of regionally significant infrastructure.
- b) **Direct** the Project Manager to investigate and review the Te Muriwai o te Whanga plan principles to ensure alignment.
- c) **Prepare** a procurement principles paper, including thresholds when work of significant interest it the Committee is brought back.

ACTION: *Procurement principles to be brought through to Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Committee for appropriate approach.*

Carried

Minor matters

There were no minor matters to discuss.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 10.30am

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

Chairperson

Date of approval