



# FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Thursday 22 February 2024

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Time: 9.45am – 10.25am

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Venue Large Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page*

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Present **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan  
**Members:** Mayor Wise, Councillors Browne, Crown, Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson, Tareha and Taylor

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In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)  
Executive Director City Strategies (Rachael Bailey)  
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)  
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Atkinson)  
Manager Regulatory Solutions (Luke Johnson)  
Strategic Programmes Manager (Darran Gillies)  
Team Leader City Design & Urban Renewal (Georgina King)  
City Activation Lead City Design & Urban Renewal (Stephanie Kennard)  
Policy Analyst (Jeriel Sajan)

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Administration Governance Advisor (Carolyn Hunt)

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# ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Karakia

## Apologies

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Councillors Mawson / Tareha

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That the apologies for absence from Councillors Boag and Chrystal be accepted.

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Carried

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Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representatives – Coralee Thompson and Tiwana Aranui did not attend the meeting

## Conflicts of interest

Nil

## Public forum

Nil

## Announcements by the Mayor

**Tributes and Acknowledgements** – Mayor Wise acknowledged and paid tribute to the following three respected members of the community:

- **William Patrick Bruce (Pat) BENSON** who passed away on 15 February 2024 was well known for all the work he and his family had undertaken with Art Deco buildings and the restoration and investment of a number of buildings throughout the city. He was a Junior All Black, an accomplished swimmer (he swam the Cook Strait in 1979), and a philanthropist. He was a life member of the Napier Art Deco Trust and received the QSM for his services to Art Deco restoration and community work.
- **Philip John Seymour BELCHER (Phil)** who passed away on 16 February 2024 was one of Hawke's Bay's most respected artists and carvers and was known for his passion in serving the local community. Projects Phil was involved in included the Pou at Waimārama, the Ātea a Rangi star compass at Waitangi Park, and the restoration of the Wharurangi Marae.
- **John Livingston CRYSTAL** who passed on 17 February 2024 was father to Councillor Ronda Chrystal. John was respected and well known for his sporting prowess having played for Hawke's Bay Rugby.

## Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

## Announcements by the management

The Executive Director City Strategy, Ms Bailey provided a brief update on the work that officers had been undertaking to support the homeless people in the foreshore area. Council have worked with about five groups of people around the shoreline over several months after concerns from the community.

Some people were living in more than one tent and some tents were unoccupied as people had moved on. Each individual has different wants and needs and officers, together with four other support agencies, have been working with them individually for some time to get them better supported and into a more suitable situation.

Council were concerned and recognised that it was not a suitable environment for a number of reasons and had been working with support agencies to assist in rehoming. The work being undertaken to move these people from this area to more suitable accommodation has developed because of the untenable situation on the foreshore area.

### Confirmation of minutes

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Councillors Tareha / McGrath

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. RESOURCE CONSENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

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<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1736048
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Luke Johnson, Manager Regulatory Solutions

### 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.

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#### At the meeting

The Manager Regulatory Solutions, Mr Johnson spoke to the report noting that there had been a 15% decrease in resource consent applications received, compared to the same period 12 months prior. The split of applications has remained the same, with 55% land use and 45% subdivision.

The average processing timeframe for land use has decreased from 23 business days to 19 days, which assists in getting the developments up and running quicker. A total of 57 resource consents were issued during the last six week period.

Not included in the summary table was an additional application proposed for land over the corner of Kennedy Road and 15 Owen Street, for a three storey residential development with one and two bedroom units. There are 24 units proposed and 20 carparking spaces. That application is currently awaiting further information requested.

Statutory timeframes have been met for processing, with the exception of three last year which exceeded the timeframe due to the complexity of the applications.

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**COMMITTEE** Deputy May Brosnan / Councillor Price

#### RESOLUTION

The Future Napier Committee:

- a) **Note** the resource consent activity update for period 12 October 2023 to 02 February 2024

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Carried

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## 2. CITY STRATEGY - KEY PROJECTS UPDATE

Type of Report:	Information
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1733774
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Rachael Bailey, Executive Director City Strategies Jo Munialo, Team Leader Regulatory Administration

### 2.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council updates on key projects managed within the City Strategy Directorate.

#### At the meeting

The Executive Director City Strategy, Ms Bailey, together with Strategic Programmes Manager (Darran Gillies), Team Leader City Design & Urban Renewal (Georgina King), City Activation Lead City Design & Urban Renewal (Stephanie Kennard) and Policy Analyst (Jeriel Sajan) presented the report providing a brief update on the following nine strategic projects that the City Strategy Directorate were currently working on:

- Te Aka
- Officer Accommodation
- Revitalise Emerson Street
- Waka Hub
- Ahuriri Regional Park
- Draft Proposed District Plan
- Future Development Strategy
- Bylaw and Policy Review Programme
- Climate Action

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

- **The Revitalisation of Emerson Street** project is the redesign of the entire length of Emerson Street, from Clive and Memorial Squares up to the Marine Parade.
- The last upgrade of Emerson Street was undertaken with a design in 1987 and the physical works being carried out in 1990. That was the last time Council put this level of investment into Emerson Street.
- Council's standard design process includes, as part of the pre-engagement, liaison with disability and mobility groups. Council officer Michele Grigg, Senior Advisor Policy is part of the internal specialist stakeholder group.
- The Design Team are working extensively with the stakeholder group, who are being informed from the engagement work that the local research company, Folkl undertook, and they are also working with Council's Te Waka Rangapū on how those stories are integrated as part of the engagement process. Storytelling features prominently in feedback received from the community so far.
- Workshops are to be held with the Council on the Emerson Street revitalisation project on 28 March and 9 May 2024. The final design concept will be presented to Council on 20 June 2024 for approval.

- **The Waka Hub project** will be consulted on once a preferred site has been established. Currently looking at a viable site that will meet the Council budget allocated.
- The scale of the Waka Hub proposed, and part of the assessment, required not only a mooring but also to be a waka whare, that is a pavilion, including storage space, ablution blocks and a kitchenette for other waka that visit.
- **The Proposed District Plan** was notified in September 2023 and not 2024 as noted in the report.
- Cross training between the Policy Team and Planners will ensure they understand how to interpret the new District Plan. There will be a lot of work together to ensure it is correct. Some parts of the Plan will be operative, some parts will become operative and at the end of the year it will all be operative. During the transition period it can be complex for the planners, however there is support from the Policy Team and legal consultants.
- **Freedom Camping Bylaw** consultation will begin May/June, and a workshop for elected members will be held next month.
- Final review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw has been triggered by a change in legislation for self-contained motor vehicles. However, this provides a good opportunity to think about freedom camping areas, what sort of freedom camping provision Council wishes to deliver, and not necessarily update the bylaw to the legislation but refresh it.
- Information on how much external services, such as Armourguard, are costing will be part of the data collection, including the number of security firms/officers that patrol and will be presented at the workshop.

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**COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

Councillors Crown / Browne

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Receive** the report titled “City Strategy – Key Projects Update” dated 22 February 2024.

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Carried

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**Minor matters**

There were no minor matters.

*The meeting closed at 10.25am*

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....