

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

MINUTES

5.30 PM
TUESDAY 9th October 2007

Committee Room 2

Members

Kendall Akhurst (Co-Chair)
Nick Luger
Jules Taniwha
Rossie Macleod
Sandie Waddell
Lissette Wesselling
Ollie Goulden
Katie Rigarlsford

Guests

Matt Frost - (D.P.A President)
Ian Abram - (Kilbirnie Sports Centre)
Charles Gordon - (Karori Community Centre)
Alistair Luke / Nick Jones - (Karori Wildlife Centre)
Councillor Gill

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Thomas Bryan

3. Matt Frost – Guest Speaker

“D.P.A President”

- Policy Learning (C.C.S Disability Action)
- Advancement of relationship with the Wellington City Council

- D.P.A and D.R.G relationship development
 - How can we further ourselves in Wellington?
 - Submissions to local government with the D.R.G
 - Persons with disability to have influence on elections
- D.P.A Mandate (local submissions)
- Shift on Key issues (potential collaboration with council)
- Some messages can be contradictory from D.P.A to council
- Wendy Wickes (Judith Aitkin D.H.B) D.P.A member selectors
- Judith Aitkin to work with any issues D.P.A Forum (focus on conversation)
- Aim of D.P.A to “get the voice of disability out there”

5. Ian Abram – Guest Speaker

“Kilbirnie Sports Centre”

- 12 Netball courts (groups of six) 16 Volleyball courts
- Seating for 2500 persons
- Construction starting next year (75 weeks to build) completed by 2010
- Community centre for social groups and kids activities
- Facility for schools and wider community recreation
- For local, regional, and national sports; and Potential International sporting events
- Café, social area, function and multipurpose activity space
- The provision of 325 (including 15 disabled) car parking spaces, bus parking, and pick up/drop off areas
- Multi purpose mezzanine area with lift access
- Changing rooms / toilets in the centre of the building (Multi-Flexible) depending on male / female events, accessible showers and toilets
- Assisted amenities, at least two disability toilet areas in each of the spread around toilet facilities including male and female
- Sustainable design (Natural air con, solar heating, collection of rain water for flush system)
- Continuous drop off area taxi buses etc (similar to airport)
- Pedestrian access to have president over cars
- Bus stop directly outside front entrance (with 1:20 ramp access) tactile pavers will be introduced also
- Stagecoach possible amendment to change route to drop off on Kemp Street
- Signage to be discussed over the next few months including tactile pavers for the blind
- Windscreens to be placed around parking areas in particular disability parks (Northerly wind only)
- Pedestrian Audit for access from Coburn Drive

5. Alistair Luke / Nick Jones – Guest Speaker

“Karori Wildlife Centre”

- Development of Proposal only
- Same site as existing wildlife centre
- Three level (Split level Building)
- Disability Toilet (Shower Access?)
- Lift Access through door (doors open both sides)
- Function Area
 - Level 1 Ticketing and Functions Area
 - Level 2 Orientation Hall and Ticketing
 - Level 3 Exhibition Hall and Cafe
- Education and Visitor experience
- Level of car park to be at the same height as the Heritage lawn, this is a continuous flat level area
- Bio-Security gate to accommodate wheelchair access
- End of Orientation hall self bag check / staff to have views of bag searches (bio-security rats, etc)

6. Confirmation of Minutes

7. Report Back from D.A

Ross Livingstone

- Newlands Bus company to be reviewed for access
- Swipe cards from Hong Kong will not be used on ‘GoWellington’ buses
- Advertising for new D.R.G members (end of November) 3 year role

Sandie Waddell

- Serious injury unit up and running in Auckland
- Jobs on Website

Jules Taniwha

- Suggestion of Accessible voting for the blind

Katie Rigarlsford

- Raise disability awareness for low cost Govt Housing
- Funding available for persons with disabilities looking at buying a home
- Issues with gang way on Interislander ferry (possible letter to be sent from DRG to arrange a meeting)

Kendall Akhurst

- Policing of sandwich boards during night hours
 - Need to have a 'set placements' enforcement
 - All issues should be reported
 - Audit of sandwich boards on Lampton Quay
- Met with Amarjit Maxwell City Communities

8. Other Business

ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBLE	DUE	COMPLETED
D.P.A Liaison	Monthly meetings with Matt Frost	Ross	13/11/07	
D.P.A Liaison	Continuous Liaison with Matt Frost	D.R.G members	13/11/07	
Karori Sanctuary	Meet with Alistair Luke / Nick Jones	Ross	13/11/07	
Karori Sanctuary	Any 'Questions' to be sent to Ross	D.R.G members	13/11/07	
Sandwich Boards	Letter from DRG to Leftbank Mall	D.R.G members	13/11/07	
Go Wellington Bus service	Approach Engineers regarding 'Belts' being to low for wheelchair users to access. Wheelchair positions and Colour contrast issues. Ross to follow up in two weeks time.	Garth Stewart/ Ross	13/11/07	
Central Park	Visit Central Park to inform Mike Oats	Ross / Fabian	09/10/07	
Employment	D.R.G to help Youth with disabilities find employment	D.R.G	09/10/07	

The meeting closed at 8:00pm
The next meeting will be Tuesday the 13th of November at 5:15pm, Committee Room 2.