

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

MINUTES

5.30 PM
Monday 4th February 2008

Committee Room 2

Members

Kendall Akhurst (Co-Chair)	Alan Royal
Philippa McDonaldSara	Pivac Alexander
Thomas Bryan	Councillor Pannett

Guests

Allan Prangnell
Derek Fry

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the group.

2. Apologies

Sandie Waddell
Lisette Wesseling

3. Allan Prangnell, Manager Council Controlled Organisations.

The Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) business unit looks after Council's interests in subsidiaries and trusts such as the Wellington Waterfront. Core functions of this unit are:

- Managing and supporting the relationships with CCOs and Council
- a formal monitoring role reporting quarterly on expenditure and outcomes

A CCO is when Council owns 51% or more of the organisation and can include organisations where two or more Councils are involved.

Currently there are 10 CCO's which are listed in the table (**Appendix one**)

Council Organisations (CO) are those when the Council has less than 50% control (i.e., Karori Wildlife Centre, Carter Observatory, and Hannah Playhouse). For these organisations Council's influence is through partial funding.

Discussion followed Mr Prangnell's presentation.

There was going to be a \$4 million upgrade of the City Gallery. Thomas Bryan commented on the need to contracts when let to take account of the need for developments to reflect the diversity of the community. A further discussion would be arranged to expand on this discussion.

4. Derek Fry, Director City Events and Services

City Services & Events Directorate

City Arts

This unit provides an arts programmes and advisory service to artists, arts organisations and the wider community. It funds arts and cultural projects and events through a number of grants schemes. The Arts Centre, Toi Pōneke, has a variety of spaces for hire and provides a place for people to attend courses, meet and create. The two buildings on Abel Smith Street house over 35 artists, several arts organisations and a gallery

City Events

This unit manages the city's events fund consistent with the Events Strategy. It also manages and coordinates events on behalf of the city and with key strategic partners.

Libraries

This unit provides a high quality library service to Wellingtonians, including access to an online catalogue and information databases. Wellington has a network of 10 libraries throughout the city and issues of 3 million books per year.

Open Space & Recreation Planning

This unit manages Council's open space, recreation and biodiversity strategies and planning framework. It ensures implementation of Council's open space, recreation and biodiversity strategies and provides open space and recreation market research and demand analysis.

Parks & Gardens

This unit manages the Botanic Gardens, Otari-Wilton's Bush, the Town Belt, street gardens, sportsfields, cemeteries, Berhampore Golf Course and Nursery, and beaches. It has depots at Newtown (Russell Terrace) and in Raroa. It also has teams that do mowing, tree and growth management (maintaining access-ways, banks etc).

Recreation & Sports Development Projects

This role researches, investigates and manages key projects that are consistent with the recreation strategy and external stakeholder relationships i.e. sporting organisations both local and national.

Recreation Wellington

This unit is responsible for allocating community grants and :

- manages Council swimming pools at Kilbirnie (WRAC), mid city (Freyberg), Johnsonville (Keith Spry), Tawa, Karori and in summer Khandallah and Thorndon
- manages Council recreation centres at Kilbirnie, Karori, Nairnville (Ngaiio/Khandallah) and Newlands (in Newlands College grounds)
- provides a wide range of recreation programmes including Passport to Leisure.

Sports & Recreation Engagement

The purpose of this role is to ensure active engagement and partnering between Wellington City Council and sports / recreation organisations and clubs while identifying priorities, gaps and needs. This includes developing and implementing strategy that enables the Council to better assist organisations / clubs to meet their aspirations.

Wellington Convention Centre

This unit is responsible for management of the Convention Centre and the TSB Arena, attracting key concerts and events consistent with the city's cultural capital image and accommodating community based events.

Discussion followed Mr Fry's presentation.

Derek confirmed that a draft programme of the Summer Events would be presented to the DRG before being finalized.

Ross Livingston would complete the work initiated by Rosie Henley regarding organizing inclusive meetings.

The upgrade of the MFC and Town Hall would be presented to the DRG.

The PassPort to Leisure discounts were being revamped and would be available shortly.

5. Minutes not presented from previous meeting.

6. Other Business

The Ngauranga to Airport study to be submitted on by the DRG, closes 22nd February 08.

Please let Ross Livingston have 'other business' one week before each scheduled meeting.

Web Alerts were available to each member through the WCC internet site.

The DRG would invite Martin Rodgers , Manager City Arts, to a DRG meeting.

Bill Wrightson was currently auditing Parks 7 Gardens for accessibility.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm, the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 7th February 08.

ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBLE	DUE	COMPLETED
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	