

# MINUTES

## Parnell Inc. May 11, 2010



**Venue** 6am at 92 Parnell Road, MacDonald Pilcher offices

### Actions Required

**Present:** Rory MacDonald (Chair), Carrick Graham (Deputy Chair), Chris Swasbrook (Treasurer), Miles Nathan, Sherryn Mehta, Debbie Harkness, Hinu te Hau

2. **Apologies:** Athol McQuilkan

### 3. **Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting**

**Motion:** That the Minutes from the April meeting be taken as a true account of the meeting.

**Moved/Seconded:** Carrick/Chris **Carried:** All

### 4. **Matters arising from previous meeting**

DH has yet to draw up a contract for Cynthia Crosse, and will do so before the June meeting.

Debbie

## 5. **Creative Quarter Manager's Report**

Debbie gave a brief run-down of **events on the go** and reviewed the Parnell Road Market Day and Waiter's Race, which was regarded as a big success. Hinu noted that she would have volunteered if reminded about this opportunity, and regretted not being included in the event.

The **Parnell Visitor's Map** is ready to print if an advertising sponsor can be found. No offer have been received to date, except at a figure below the starting minimum rate of \$800.

Sherryn to confirm whether Mink Café would take an ad at \$800.  
Cynthia will approach a small number of potential advertisers directly. Best offer wins the spot!

Sherryn  
Cynthia

**Transparency:** Debbie has prepared documents to upload to the [www.parnell.net.nz](http://www.parnell.net.nz) site, pending final approval from Rory.

Rory

**RWC 2011 Task Force.** Carrick and Debbie to meet on Monday 17 to discuss strategy.

Debbie  
Carrick

A regular networking event for members is to be reestablished, on the first Tuesday of the month. **Business After 5** replaces the former B2B Buzz. The first event will be hosted by NZ Home Loans (John Bishop III) on Parnell Rise on Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee members, it would be great if you could attend these events please.

ALL

**Motion:** That the Manager's Report be received

**Moved/Seconded:** Chris/Sherryn **Carried:** All

## 6. **Committee Matters**

Following resignations from the committee during the current financial year of Sarah Hutchings, Simon Glasgow and Nick Travaglia, the status of the committee was reviewed in terms of Parnell Inc.'s Rules. (See appendix attached to Meeting Agenda.)

The committee confirmed that member numbers accord with the Rules. However, it was agreed that the Rules needed to be amended to ensure committee member continuity over time, and to stress the need for real commitment to Parnell Inc. for this period.

Potential Rule changes were:

1. That members nominating themselves for committee positions agree to a three-year term on the committee.
2. That, should a member wish to continue to serve on the committee beyond their three-year term, their nomination for additional years will only be extended at the invitation of the committee (i.e. voted upon by committee member peers).

The committee discussed potential new committee members, acknowledging that it is important to bring onboard new members from among under-represented member groups e.g. retail and art galleries.

Committee members are to come to the June meeting with the names of potential committee members to add as "casual vacancies" until the next AGM, when nominations will be open to all members.

ALL

## 7. Committee Member Reports

### Hinu

**Rental Enquiries.** Hinu reported on a few leads she was pursuing for a rental property for Parnell Heritage, with potential for shared rental with Parnell Inc. Hinu will continue to follow up on leads.

Hinu

Miles to give Hinu contact information for lead within Trust Investments.

Miles

A City Council fund exists for not-for-profits to cover rents. Debbie to check whether Parnell Inc. is eligible.

Debbie

### Athol

Athol has had a successful meeting with City Council officers, exploring scope for improved Parnell signage. SLIPS funding has already been allocated by Hobson Community Board towards improved wayfinding signage in Parnell and there is a good chance that Parnell signage for the Parnell gatepost features could come out of this.

The committee commended Athol for his initiative and progress.

### Carrick

Carrick is pursuing his proposal for a meeting of heads of Auckland BIDS & Mainstreets. Council's Mainstreets/BIDS area does not have funds to go towards such a meeting. Hinu to check again. If no Council funding is available, attendees could help Parnell Inc. cover costs of a meeting.

Hinu

## 8. General Business

### Member queries raised at meeting of Commercial Property Owners

Discussion on the question - how can Parnell Inc help facilitate building and planning consents? Hinu suggested writing to Councillors and Mayor on business concerns. Some of these issues are Government Acts (e.g. RMA) so also write to Rodney Hide as local MP.

**Meetings with other member groups**

Proposal to take presentation prepared for Commercial Property Owner members to retailer and restaurant member groups.

Sherryn to canvas a number of members to find out the best time (and place) to hold these meetings.

Sherryn

**Rory's presentation to Parnell Rotary, May 19**

Debbie to assist Rory with presentation, based on one given to property owners.

Debbie/  
Rory

Discussion on how Rotary might make a contribution in Parnell – History Boards were discussed.

The meeting finished at 9.10am  
Taken as a true account of the meeting.

Signed ..... Date: .....

**Next Meeting: Tuesday June 8, 2010 8am MacDonald Pilcher offices, 92 Parnell Road**