

MINUTES

Parnell Inc. January 17 2013



Venue Parnell Inc office, 327 Parnell Road

1. Welcome: The meeting began at 4.10pm - present at the meeting

Christopher Swasbrook, Miles Nathan, Cathy Romeyn, Callum Baker, Guy Whateley, Christopher Dempsey, Athol McQuilkan

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: Jonathan Gooderham, Andy Waugh, Victoria Baird (AUT intern). CR to invite Andy Waugh to February meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting

December minutes to be re-circulated by CR due to not everyone having received/read these – they will be confirmed along with the January minutes at the next meeting.

3. Financial Update

The treasurer presented the financial update. Financial report noted by all committee members; there were no questions.

4. CCTV

Callum will organize meeting with Constable Donna Govorko. He outlined some recent crimes in the area over the Christmas break e.g. Heard's Building window smash; suspicious activity around Vaniye patisserie – this was caught on camera. Callum to talk to all owners who have cameras installed and will coordinate with Christopher Dempsey on what the local board is doing re CCTV.

5. Bath Street two-way street proposal

Miles outlined to the meeting the thinking behind this proposal i.e. to ease the flow of increased traffic in the area due to the Geyser building. CR informed the meeting of the two complaints from Bath Street residents regarding the subsequent loss of parking if proposal successful. Callum has heard from some residents in favour of proposal. CR to refer any further complaints to council – the consultation feedback closed on 15 January. Outcome is expected by end February 2013.

6. Cathy's report

Happy New Year - acknowledged Victoria Baird's fantastic contribution to Parnell Inc – her internship finishes next Friday. Facebook page now has same number of likes as Ponsonby, 400 more than Remuera.

1. **Cruise ship:** first sub committee meeting last night – good response.
 - a. I will go to tourism student meeting on 15 February
 - b. Am organizing a famil visit here on the 16th February.
 - c. Language school contacted re international students available to translate
 - d. Emailed Kevin Harvey and tried to visit – not there - will follow up. He has bands organized...
 - e. Possible market day look i.e. trestles
 - f. Currency on the day – Kelvin looking at accepting euro, American dollars etc
 - g. Posters welcome and brochure – meeting with Helen on Tuesday.
 - h. Prize draw based on three stamps
 - i. "Tax free" for passengers i.e. retailers might choose to offer less GST.
2. **Lazy Last Sunday:**
 - a. 3500 brochures printed and will be distributed this w/e to Parnell, Newmarket, Grafton. (\$402)
 - b. Still trying to get hospo's on board
 - c. Will distribute specific flyer to retailers next week.
 - d. Is on eventfinder, facebook, website home page
 - e. What can committee do to spread word to their networks? I can send a soft copy of file.
3. **Dog bowl:** price about \$40 per bowl! Suggest interested cafes etc purchase for \$10. CS suggested an approach to Nestle with possible sponsorship opportunity. CR to follow-up.
4. **Dale Carnegie meeting** on hold – sub-committee not enthusiastic at all. Might be better to remove from the cruise ship visit and have it as a separate stand-alone evening.
5. **White night** – nothing to report as yet.
6. **Readers and Writers Festival** on 15-19 May – meeting with the organizer next week to see if we can possibly host something here.
7. **NO ATM** at top of Parnell – closest one is now at the ASB. Have contacted Kiwibank – especially now no facility at post office. Miles might have available space in his property in first block. CR to liaise.
8. **AA SmartFuel promotion** – presented suggested promotion to all retailers. Could be a real benefit to promoting extra spend in Parnell. Meeting in favour of CR sending out info to all retailers.
9. Christmas 2013: will look at options regarding reusing the mini-trees purchased this year or on-selling and looking at purchase of Remuera's large tree. Heard Park to be the focus area for all things Christmas – Santa, gift-wrapping, music and so on.

7. General Business

- Lighting – cathedral querying who pays for power - CR to resend the agreement to Sarah Harris.
- Athol suggested the existing plinths be lit up – will check with Tony Faull.
- Fraser Park tree – meeting decided any further lighting to be delayed a year and reassessed then.
- Hitching post – CD will email to check what is happening with this.
- Parking – a map along the lines of the current A5 pad to be created with information on where parks are, when open and costs.
- Guy suggested it would be beneficial to contract a professional photographer to record Parnell events – create a “fear of missing out” mindset.

Meeting closed at: 5:15pm

Taken as true account of the meeting

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

Future Parnell Inc Committee Meetings

- 19 February 2013
- 26 March 2013
- 30 April 2013