



# MINUTES: Parnell Business Association Monthly Committee Meeting

4pm, 26 Jan 2021, Jasmex.

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## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome – Paul van Dorsten

- Attendance and Apologies
- Attendees: Andrew Plimmer, Brendan Drury, Hamish Boyd, Jason Galea, Josephine Rudkin-Binks, Lisa Caughey, Lisa Stone, Martyn Hamilton, Nick Healy, Paul van Dorsten,
- Apologies – Denise Cohen, Mike Jennings, Sarah Trotman, Carolyn Keep
- Parnell Business Association: Cheryl Adamson,
  - Approval of circulated minutes from meeting 24 Nov
  - Moved by.... Josephine Rudkin-Binks                      Seconded by... Lisa Caughey
  - Issues arising from minutes, not covered in Report/Agenda

### 2. Security

- Supported accommodation – ongoing issues
  - Backpackers (owner other venues). Cheryl outlined information from surrounding BIDS including discussing the fact that two of the Backpackers in St Georges bay Rd were now taking WINZ clients. She also explained the added complications experienced in K’Road with conflicts between existing street residents and new WINZ guests.  
She again outlined the fact that no one at Government level has an overview of the placement or quantity of WINZ and other agency accommodation providers in each area. Chloe Swarbrick is aware and is concerned. The PBA and other BIDs have written to the Prime Minister about concerns. The Police are advising that due to lack of resources they are unable to monitor the WINZ accommodation providers and can only respond to call outs.  
Brendan brought to the Board an event of similar nature in Freemans Bay recently, with drug and substance abuse being a key driver.
- P4G security
  - The update from Amit at P4G was that were now at 39% of total minutes in a night time shift and at 65% they will supply car full time.
  - CCTV quote, new cameras, landowner permission. Cheryl is waiting on two landlord approvals to install 2 new camera points. Martyn advised of theft of outside air conditioners from behind Barfoot & Thomson. He had also explained to the Nathans that the new CCTV cameras were needed under canopies to get good facial images.



### 3. Council/CCO's

- **St Georges Bay Rd - tactical urbanism.** Cheryl explained how this potential project had been proposed by Harrison Grierson and that a meeting had been held with Auckland Transport and the Local Board. Next steps are to see if the landowners can collectively fund the concept document and if either the Local Board or AT could suggest any other source of funding.
- **Summerset Notified Consent submission and local issues.** Cheryl outlined there are objections from close residents as well as neighbouring businesses. Some of them relate to height, but most of the objections relate to access and traffic congestion over a very long build. Martyn advised his business was objecting to the very lengthy build and associated expected high congestion will render vacant premises as impossible to re tenant. There is a very high risk these properties will devalue as a direct consequence.

An alternative access point to the proposed build through The NZ Rail land was discussed and it was agreed this is the alternative the PBA should try and investigate as it would be productive if all parties could work together.

- **Heard Park**
  - Concept plan. Cheryl gave an update on the workshop held in December and said some of the local residents were opposed to the aspirations of Woodpecker Hill to open into Heard Park. Cheryl outlined that the Plunket Rooms are on a separate title deed (which is not parkland) and they were checking the exact area that was gifted to the council by the Heard family. Hamish offered to meet with Luke from the Parnell Residents Committee to discuss his objection.
  - Apply for lease. Cheryl confirmed she had to apply for a lease to rent the storage area for the deck chairs.

### 4. B2B meetings and other –

- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, Auckland Museum brekkie and Lego
- March 10<sup>th</sup>, Paddington/ AC36 theme?

### 5. Marketing & Streetscapes

Cheryl gave a presentation relating to the key emphasis on projects over the next few months, and gave some extra information on several of the initiatives listed below.

Key emphasis 2021 projects ( over and above business as usual)

- Local interaction as per presentation Oct 20
- More emphasis on B2B initiatives, seminars, speakers at networking events
- Sustainability programme



- America's Cup
- Faraday Festival 26<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Inbetweeners /Mar/Apr/May 2021
- Take a Seat /Mar/Apr/May 2021
- Looking for a light installation - July

#### **6. New Local initiatives/sustainability**

- 195 wrap had been done again, and there had been no feedback from the landowner.
- Old Natalie Chan premises had now been leased to a shoe shop and the landowner was really appreciative of all the effort put into the window by PBA.
- Composting initiative, Cheryl said she was thrilled that the report from the supplier had noted that we had diverted nearly 1,5 tonne of food waste from landfill during the six week trial. Efforts in this regard would continue.
- Seminar series. Joey explained the concept behind the seminar series as well as the potential topics. This was set to kick off in April.

#### **7. Other business**

- Hamish B brought awareness to the awful smell outside the Parnell Road Barbers. Cheryl said she had lodged a complaint with Auckland Council regarding this and would follow up.
- Andrew Plimmer resigned from the Board. He is closing his store Colony on Parnell Road as of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. His contribution to the Board was acknowledged and everyone wished him well.

#### **8. Health and Safety** –nothing to add,

#### **9. Financial & Staff/Housekeeping**

- Cheryl advised that she would be recruiting for Carolyn's 9 month maternity contract, end March to Jan 2022.

Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, Jasmex