

INNER CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM

Tuesday 14 April 2015 at the CQ Hotel, Cuba Street Wellington

Present: Geraldine Murphy, Chrissy Hill, Ian Stantiall, Richard Darlow, Nicky Darlow, Jean Phipps, Cr Iona Pannett, Cr Nicola Young, Kraft D'Souza, Yvonne D'Souza, Stella Bridge, Grant Firth, Anna Locker-Lampson, Vivianne Murphy, Graeme Harrington, Jon de Groen, Pat Stevens, John Harris, Ian Harrison, John Albertson, Esme Ridgeway,

Apologies: Linda-Jane Rihcan; Jane Mulryan; Colin Carr; David Wallis; Bronwyn Wallis; Christopher Butler; Carole McLeod; Willy McLeod; Marion Kiddle; Roger Kiddle; David Webb; Sarah Webb; Olivier Lacoua: Lisa-Marie Richan.

Chair's Report: Presented by Geraldine Murphy.
Moved: Grant Firth, Seconded: Jean Phipps.

Main things to mention are that ICA's activities reinforce that we need to keep our momentum. Special meetings (ie earthquake strengthening, relevant speakers) have value and attract more people to attend.

It is important that we keep fostering relationships with inner city residents and business and come up with ideas and speakers to ensure we offer people a chance to ask questions and voice their opinions.

Geraldine thanked Olivier Lacoua who is standing down as Vice-President for all his help and for allowing us to hold our meetings at the CQ Hotel. Also a big thanks to Sarah and David Webb who have given up a huge amount of time and energy to assist in a variety of ways.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Grant Firth.
Moved: Richard Darlow. Seconded: Ian Stantiall

There has been a big increase in subscriptions this year. Main expenses are meetings and hire of equipment. There was a discussion about increasing the subs from \$10 to \$20 or, Chrissy Hill, suggested a Koha Box. The unanimous conclusion was to keep subs at \$10 but still have door sales to attract non-members to sign up.

Election of Officers:

Olivier Lacoua, Stella Bridge and Lisa-Marie Richan are all standing down, and were thanked for their support. The following people were nominated and passed unanimously. (Apologies, who moved and seconded can't be recalled).

President: Geraldine Murphy

Vice President: Chrissy Hill

Treasurer: Grant Firth

Secretary: Anna Locker-Lampson

Committee Members: John Albertson, Sarah Webb, David Webb, Jean Phipps, Linda Jane Richan

Earthquake Sub-committee: Chrissy Hill and Ian Stantiall and new member Jon Groen.

Geraldine noted that position titles were not as important as having people willing to take on different roles. Key roles for an organisation are a spokesperson and treasurer. A meeting coordinator (Linda Jane Richan) and marketing focus (Chrissy Hill) will help sustain our ability to hold meetings and increase awareness of ICA.

General Business:

Meeting frequency

Members discussed whether we hold meetings bi-monthly as it can be difficult to find the right topics and speakers on a monthly basis. It was suggested that the committee hold a planning meeting in January and meet in between meetings at least three times a year in total. It was also suggested that we survey all members asking them what issues they are interested in, and then ask them to rank in order of importance from a collated list.

Moved: Geraldine Murphy. Seconded: Yvonne D'Souza, and passed unanimously.

WCC Grants:

OurCBD group (mix of WCC and business organisations) are leading the implementation of the Eyes On project, which is an initiative to combat the high level of shop-lifting in Wellington. It has already started successfully in Cuba Street. Sarah Webb is ICA's representative on this group and has submitted an application to WCC for a grant (\$11,100) to fund a contractor to promote this scheme and increase the uptake of it. The Eyes On project is based on Storefront that was implemented in Auckland.

Residents Association administration grant: an application has been submitted for \$1,500 to cover administration costs (eg, SurveyMonkey subscription, brochure, sound equipment for meetings).

A decision on both grants will be made in April.

Business update:

In Sarah Webb's absence, Geraldine briefly outlined the work of the OurCBD and the importance of the ongoing liaison with WCC to maintain awareness of business issues.

Pecha Kucha evening

Geraldine outlined that this would be an opportunity to raise the awareness of ICA and provide a social event. Pecha Kucha evenings are about community building and are non-profit. The ticket prices only recover costs. There is a Wellington-based coordinator who ICA would work with to discuss an event later in the year.

Ian Harrison of Tailrisk Economics

Geraldine introduced Ian Harrison of Tailrisk Economics to brief us on his upcoming Website *EBSS*. EBSS has been formed by a small group of professional people who feel that the public have been misled in many areas about the real earthquake risk to their property and to themselves. Ian Harrison outlined the basis of his submissions on the current methodology and steps he is taking to challenge the current legislation. ICA will advise members when EBSS is up and running.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.