

WICRABA AGM 2010: Minutes

Wellington Inner-City Resident and Business Association AGM
6pm, Tuesday 13/03/2010
Committee Room 2
Wellington City Council
101 Wakefield Street

Meeting Opened: 6.02 pm

Attendees

Gus Charteris
David Wood
Tony Hiles
Marion Kiddle
Roger Kiddle
Marten Young
Ian McKinnon
Geraldine Murphy
Iona Pannett
Stephanie Cook

Grant Firth
Tom Law
Glenn Caulfield
David Wallis
Laura Roozendaal
Danny McGrath
Celia Wade-Brown
Stella Bridge
Jean Phipps
Anna Locker-Lampson

Apologies

Nahleen Markham
Nicola Wood
Rachel Wilkinson
Paul Venning-Slater
Debbie Stanton
Chris Murphy
Mark Blumsky (*resigned*)
Jamie Frazer (*resigned*)
John Harris
Grant Robertson

Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Matters arising from the previous minutes
- Correspondence
- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements
- Election of Officers
- General Business
- Next Meeting Date

Chairperson's Report

David Wood presented his Chairman's report (see attached).

Motion: That a vote of thanks be given to David for his contribution and achievements as WICRABA's chair.

Moved: Tony Hiles

Seconded: Anna Locker-Lampson

Carried: Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Gus Charteris presented the Annual Financial Statement for the financial year April 2009 – March 2010 on behalf of Treasurer Jaimie Frazer who had resigned.

Motion: That the Annual Financial Statement presented is correct and accurate.

Moved: Geraldine Murphy

Seconded: Anna Locker-Lampson

Carried: Unanimously

Election of Officers

President

Motion: That Gus Charteris be elected WICRABA President

Moved: David Wood

Seconded: Tony Hiles

Carried: Unanimously

Vice-President

Motion: That David Wood be elected WICRABA Vice President

Moved: Gus Charteris

Seconded: Marion Kiddle

Carried: Unanimously

Treasurer

Motion: That Anna Locker-Lampson be elected WICRABA Treasurer

Moved: Marten Young

Seconded: Grant Firth

Carried: Unanimously

Secretary

Motion: That Geraldine Murphy be elected WICRABA Secretary

Moved: Gus Charteris

Seconded: Tony Hiles

Carried: Unanimously

General Business

- The need for WICRABA's website and (soon to come) Facebook page to have multiple users who would be able to update the sites with notices on upcoming meetings and events, minutes, and generally assist in exposure was discussed.
- It was noted that the WCC was currently consulting on a number of issues including the Draft Annual Plan (DAP), Liquor Control Bylaw, Community Facilities Policy & Implementation Plan, and the council's draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan.
- Tony Hiles presented a new WICRABA logo and talked about its features - the Wellington colours; four points represent the four directions on a compass which were all pointing to the centre which represented the inner-city.
Motion: That the design be adopted as the new WICRABA logo
Moved: Marten Young
Seconded: Marion Kiddle
Carried: Unanimously

- Iona Pannett provided a letter from Stavros Michael responding to WICRABA queries about where parking revenue was spent. Essentially parking revenue goes towards covering costs. Costs are roughly broken into two types.
 - (a) the cost of administering and enforcing car parking; and
 - (b) the cost to construct and maintain the roads onto which parking is based.
- At a high level, the overall cost to provide roads and related facilities for the community is paid by:
 - - NZTA through fuel taxation (about 1/3)
 - - Parking revenue (about 1/3) and
 - - Ratepayers (about 1/3)
- Where the revenue streams from NZTA and/or Parking are reduced, the ratepayer would pick the balance. Conversely if the revenue from parking does not contribute to both the administration of the scheme and the physical platforms (roads), then a ratepayer who may not even have a car, might be asked to pay for the costs associated with car parking on public roads.
- Gus Charteris raised the issue of raising the level of awareness of WICRABA and its activities in the community. He thought that there was probably a very low level of awareness that WICRABA existed and we needed to think innovatively about tackling this if we wanted more people to be involved. Small adverts for meetings in The Wellingtonian and Capital Times could only take you so far i.e. only the dedicated end up in the small print where the events are listed.
- He noted that the general issue of exposure was raised at the recent Residents Association Conference held at Parliament on 10 April (organised jointly by the Federation of Wellington Progressive Residents Associations, Council watch and the Social and Civic Policy Institute). It was pointed out that buy-in and greater community involvement came with being able to pinpoint and highlight areas where residents associations had made a difference. The community needed to see that there was something in it for them, particularly as people's lives were increasingly fast-paced (or so we kept telling ourselves).
- There were a number of possible models out there. Newtown for instance held an annual fair; Thorndon was heavily involved in the heritage provisions of the area; and Tawa has a vibrant connection with their community through organising regular social events. While WICRABA probably wasn't ready, at least at this stage, to move into the social events territory they did need to keep in mind the need to sell themselves.
- Exposure could involve postering on shop fronts and getting a regular radio spot.
- Question why people first came to the meetings and why they continue to come. The positives of being part of such an association were mentioned, which could be emphasised to gain exposure (only an hour a month, the quality of people).
- Further ideas were discussed:
 - Open meeting with councillors etc. Where everyone brings two people along.
 - A story in the Wellingtonian or The Capital Times to promote the newly elected president and for further exposure
 - The sense that the location could be more relaxed (i.e. the Southern Cross was fun and much less sterile than a WCC meeting room)
 - The interesting speakers WICRABA was getting along i.e. mayoral candidates would be invited to present their respective visions over the coming months
 - There also needed to be a focus on the positive things, not just problems and issues. For instance, identifying areas where there needs to be a new park or playground etc. Something manageable.
 - A pride campaign would be effective especially leading up to the World Cup. Those coming into the city needed to see how the inner city residents take pride in their area. They would – hopefully- follow suit.
 - Stephanie Cook agreed to send around some information about crime prevention through environmental design. E.g. treating dark areas to stop people congregating through lighting and overhanging windows etc.
 - Gus Charteris noted he would like to send inner-city Bodies Corporate a letter outlining the role of WICRABA. Stephanie Cook agreed to ask the WCC for addresses to inner-city Bodies Corporate. Gus also noted that an idea that might be worth thinking about was an 'adopt a

street' initiative. Bodies Corporate would be invited to club together and adopt their street and produce a vision for how they would like their street to look. It would only take a handful of interventions to start transforming inner-city areas for instance if there was a little area ripe for a small garden etc. Bodies Corporate could then work with the WCC in seeing through their vision.

Next meeting date

11 May 2010

Meeting Closed

7:06pm