
Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio-visual Link on Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr E Wilson
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Donovan
Heamana Tuarua

Members Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Cr M Bunting
Cr R Pascoe
Cr M Gallagher
Cr S Thomson
Cr M van Oosten
Maangai T P Thompson-Evans

In Attendance Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori
Maria Barrie – Unit Director Parks and Recreation
Daan Blokker – Senior Parks Planner

Governance Staff Governance Lead – Amy Viggers
Senior Governance Advisor – Carmen Fookes
Governance Advisor – Narelle Waite

1. **Apologies - *Tono aroha***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pascoe)
That the apologies for absence from Mayor Southgate, Crs Macpherson, O’Leary, Hamilton and Naidoo-Rauf and for lateness from Cr Bunting are accepted.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)
That the agenda is confirmed.
3. **Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***
No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 16 February 2022

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

Cr Bunting joined the meeting (9.34am) at the conclusion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

5. Fairfield Park Partial Reclassification

The Unit Director Parks and Recreation introduced the report noting the process of reclassification and purpose for reclassification.

[Lillian Pompey-Paki](#) spoke to her submission, in particular her support for the reclassification, collaboration opportunities with Te Papanui Enderley Community Centre, the consultation document, and naming of the Park. She responded to questions from Members concerning opportunities to support cooperation across community centres including Te Papanui Enderley.

[Jamie Toko \(Western Community Centre\)](#) spoke to their submission in particular the history of Fairfield Park and the Fairfield community, the needs, of the community including local business and schools, and the support available from the Western Community Centre. She responded to questions from Members concerning renovation opportunities and fit for purpose community houses.

[Carolyn Hopa \(Ngaati Wairere\)](#) spoke to their submission and noted that their objection to the reclassification related to the consultation process. She responded to questions from Members concerning engagement and the consultation process with Mana Whenua.

[Simon Leadley and Ofa Pouono \(Te Whare o Te Ata\)](#) spoke to their submission noting the programmes available at Te Whare o Te Ata, recent history of their organisation, work undertaken to support the organisation's capacity-building, community kitchen aspirations, and the importance of location for a community centre. They responded to questions from Members concerning Te Whare o Te Ata's current location, and the new facility's ability to improve the programmes offered.

Members requested the following points be included in the deliberations report:

- collaboration opportunities between community centres;
- funding available for renovations;
- park re-naming opportunities and process;
- Te Papanui geographic boundary and areas of cultural significance; and
- skate park upgrade timeline.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the submission period between 14 February and 14 March 2022; and
- c) notes that a deliberations report will be presented to the Community Committee on 26 April 2022.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.35am.