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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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From: Kate Macintosh
Date: 18 August 2014

SUBJECT: Arthur Street Community Day: Stream to Sea Summary

1. Scope

Morphum Environmental was engaged by Auckland Council through the Maungakiekie – Tamaki Local Board to support local resident Echo Janman to coordinate a Community Open Day at 64 Arthur Street in Onehunga. Morphum Environmental also performed a stream assessment of the two watercourses at the site after residents expressed concern about the health of the waterway.

2. Background

64 Arthur Street is a vacant undeveloped parcel of land (1.12 ha in area) owned by Kiwi Rail and LINZ. Auckland Council is in the process of leasing the site. The site is defined by slopes of approximately 1:4 to the East, West and North. The northern mowed area has views of Onehunga Bay Reserve and the Manukau Harbour. The site is dominated by exotic vegetation and is surrounded by residential land use. Two open watercourses enter the site through stormwater pipes located in the Northwest and Northeast corners of the property. The two open watercourses feed into a wetland dominated by exotic vegetation below their confluence. The watercourse exits the site through an outlet pipe under Arthur Street into a piped channel which discharges into Onehunga Bay Reserve.

A group of local residents saw the potential of the site to become an innovative community designed space incorporating educational programmes, conservation principles and the needs of their community.

Maungakiekie - Tāmaki Local Board supported the organisation and implementation of a Community Day to gain residents ideas and impressions toward the design of the open space.

3. Community Day Objectives

The objectives of the Community Day (Stream to Sea) held on August 2nd 2014 were as follows:

- Celebrate the opening of the new green space
- Provide an opportunity for residents to meet and share ideas
- Gain input from residents on how they currently use the space and how they would like to see the space used in the future
- Develop a database of residents that wish to be involved in the design of the space
- Educate residents about the presence of the stream and the overall stream health

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4. Community Day Working Party

The working party organising the Community Day was made up of:

- Boffa Miskell – design specialists
- Echo Janman – local resident
- Environmental Programmes Advisor, Tessa Chilala, reporting to the Local Board
- Morphum Environmental - Community Coordinator role

Auckland Council engaged Ngati Whatua Ōrākei to undertake a cultural values assessment to inform the design of the community enhancement project and process going forward. It is intended that the Maungakiekie – Tāmaki Youth Panel are involved in any future work at the site.

5. Marketing Approach

Marketing of the Community Day was conducted in order to inform local residents and potential stakeholders of the Community Day and achieve the level of engagement required to meet the Community Day objectives. Marketing of the Community Day was managed by local resident Echo Janman and supported by Kate Macintosh from Morphum Environmental. The approach taken was to combine social media with a letter drop and displayed posters.

A poster advertising the Community Day was designed by Morphum Environmental. Local resident, Echo Janman coordinated a letter box drop around the surrounding streets (reaching approximately 150 households). Posters were displayed at; the Onehunga Community Centre, Onehunga Business Association, Plunket, local cafes, and at Onehunga Primary School.

A facebook event was created and extended to people who had 'liked' the Onehunga People's Garden facebook page as well as Friends of Manukau Harbour and the Onehunga Residents Association facebook pages. A press release was sent to the Onehunga Community News and the Central Leader.

6. Summary of the Day

The community were invited to attend a Community Day on the 2nd of August at the site (64 Arthur Street) to contribute their ideas toward the design and enhancement of the space. Approximately 150 people attended over the 2 hours of the event. Te Waka Korero, the Auckland Council engagement truck, was used to display design maps for the community to input their impressions and ideas towards the design. Boffa Miskell used a red and green sticky dot system for residents to support or disagree on concepts for the design. Residents were encouraged to put post it notes onto aerial maps to contribute their ideas. Ecologists and design specialists from Boffa Miskell were present to listen to residents about how they currently use the open space and how they would like to see the space used in the future.

A 'How Healthy is Your Stream' poster was presented by Morphum Environmental. The poster communicated the overall health of the stream in terms of: public health, ecology and sediment contamination.

Residents and children were able to explore the reserve and search for macroinvertebrates (stream bugs) in the stream. Using the microscope in Te Waka Korero, children were able to see the stream life up close.

Music, nibbles, tea and coffee were provided by Auckland Council. Activities such as leaf rubs and drawing were provided for the local children. Local Residents filmed the event to document the process of the co-design space.

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7. Next Steps

Boffa Miskell are collating the information gathered from the Community Day and will present the community feedback at a workshop where design options will be discussed. Local Board members, Auckland Council staff and key community members will be invited to the workshop in mid-September.

8. Photos



Stream To Sea set up at 64 Arthur Street



Local children searching for macroinvertebrates in the stream at 64 Arthur Street

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Attachment A