

# Manurewa Local Board Workshop Record



Workshop record of the Manurewa Local Board held in the Manurewa Local Board Office meeting room, Shop 3-5, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa on Thursday 06 July 2017 commencing at 4.30pm.

## PRESENT

**Chairperson:** Angela Dalton (Chairperson)  
Rangi McLean (Deputy Chairperson)

**Members:** Joseph Allan  
Stella Cattle  
Sarah Colcord  
Angela Cunningham-Marino  
Ken Penney

**Also present:** Chloe Destrieux  
Damian Piiula  
Jacinta Taliauli  
Neil Punja  
Alan Johnson  
Rami Alrundaini  
Dean Trott  
Reverend Vai  
Jane Friend  
Councillor Newman

**Apologies:** Simeon Brown (leave of absence)

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01	<p>Community Facilities Work Programme Monthly Update</p> <p><b>Attachment 01A:</b> Manurewa Community Facilities Snapshot May</p> <p><b>Attachment 01B:</b> Community Facilities Work Programme Update (May)</p>	N/a	<p><i>Mountfort Park</i></p> <p>The design of the playground was queried by board members as it appeared to be slightly different to the original concept design. Staff explained that the size and scale of the original playground was rescaled to fit the actual site. Equipment still to be installed is a flying fox, a spinner and a kite design shelter for caregivers.</p> <p>The existing pathway adjacent to the playground was identified by members as an unsafe location for a bike track. The council can remove the current path structures and re-grass. It will cost</p>

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			<p>\$20,000 to reinstate.</p> <p>The board will give its final direction when the cycle track project details are brought back to the board. (Kristen or Stephanie Hough).</p> <p>Estimated project cost of second stage is \$45k. It is proposed the cycle track will be built to suit younger children/learners under 12 years.</p> <p>Auckland Transport (AT) has expressed support for the bike track project but said that they are unable to fund it. Banita will show the bike track design to AT to align design to AT specifications. There may be alignment of the bike track with the Greenways plan.</p> <p>The board said that they wished to have input into the design. Jenni Wild - (AT Elected Member Relationship Manager) will liaise with Kristen Greenfield – CF Renewals Co ordinator) to progress the project.</p> <p>Staff requested clarification of an invitation from Member Joseph Allan to accompany him on a site visit to Madill’s Farm next week. Joseph explained that the focus of the site visit is to view a well-designed play space that has a point of difference to the playground designs that currently feature in Manurewa playgrounds.</p> <p>Members would like to receive renewal details for the Keith Park</p>

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			<p>playground to see if they can contribute to/enhance the design. They will require a steer from CF on the price of equipment.</p> <p><i>Park Sports and Recreation work stream</i></p> <p>Joseph Allan will replace Angela Dalton as a lead on the Park Sport and Recreation work stream</p>
02	<p>Auckland Transport Work Programme Monthly Update</p> <p>Jenni Wild, Elected Member Relationship Manager (South)</p>	Oversight and monitoring	<p>Jenni Wild provided an update on the Manurewa 2016/2017 Auckland Transport work programme.</p> <p><i>Highlights</i></p> <p>Hill Road line markings are complete.</p> <p>Public walkway pedestrian crossings open for traffic. Expecting canopy to be lifted July. There is a little bit of reinstating of gardens affected by implementation.</p> <p>Firm costing for RSA mobility parking is \$11,500. The work will include the installation of two carparks, changing line marking, drop curbing as well as paving work and new signage</p> <p>Auckland Transport to follow up with RSA and report back to the board for final direction.</p> <p>Jenni tabled written response from Mark Lambert regarding the Manurewa station gated area.</p> <p>Angela wishes to know whether there has been any consideration regarding the work that Neil Punja is doing re apartments and having southern gates.</p> <p><i>Hill Road parking (outside Auckland Botanic Gardens)</i></p> <p>Member Cunningham-Marino asked whether there was an option to having timed restricted</p>

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			<p>parking. Jenni said that because of the regional facility it might have an impact on visitors. Jenni has spoken to the parking design team and is awaiting further response.</p> <p><i>Christmas Road – follow up to community complaint</i> Auckland Transport will be looking at the area between Weymouth Road and Mahia Road, and will scope up a potential scheme/project to address speeding concerns. A response will be provided to board within a three month time frame. (October/November)</p> <p><i>Footpath BUPA</i> Auckland Transport are completing North end paving and then the Southern end will follow. May need to come to board about a cost share as there is only a small budget to support this work.</p>
03	Homelessness	<p>Angela Dalton, Chair Manurewa Local Board</p> <p>Rangi McLean, Deputy Chair Manurewa Local Board</p> <p>Neil Punja, Manager Manurewa Business Association</p>	<p>The board explored options on how they can work towards providing immediate humanitarian care alongside a strategic solution while addressing the competing priorities of the town centre businesses.</p> <p>Also taken into account was feedback that is coming through the local board plan engagement from the wider community.</p> <p>Amy Donovan presented work that has taken place within the council.</p> <p>Currently no strategy guiding response to homelessness – this work is about to get underway.</p> <p>Members agreed that The Southern Initiative should be brought into this project at some time in the future.</p>

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			<p><i>Homelessness Event</i></p> <p>Walk through on Homelessness</p> <p>Scheduled to follow on from the Elected Member Cluster Meeting</p> <p>17 July Manukau Civic Building</p> <p>12.30-1.30pm</p> <p>Scheduled in members diaries</p> <p>Discussion on homelessness featured the following discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 'categories' of homelessness – primary focus is on rough sleeping.</li> <li>• Need to identify who is it we are actually talking about, and determine if we have a strategy, or need one.</li> <li>• Acknowledge the transient / transitional nature of rough sleepers. Housed up to 350 families into homes through Te Puea/ Manurewa Marae - more families coming into the area.</li> <li>• New information about homelessness will assist with discussions with central government.</li> <li>• The police looking for partners to work together to establish starting points.</li> <li>• As the shopping centre allocates trespass notices they are beginning to profile the rough sleepers. 19/ 20 rough sleepers have mental health issues and have not taken medication for years.</li> <li>• Businesses are looking for positive solutions such as storage, housing, detox, addressing substance abuse.</li> <li>• Mental health team will not take rough sleepers if they are intoxicated.</li> <li>• There is a meeting every Friday at the Methodist</li> </ul>

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			<p>Church which has been going since January. Issues still as relevant as they were earlier in the year. Have held sleep overs to highlight the plight of the 'freedom sleepers'. It is clear some need wrap around support. Drugs are used to escape the cold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we have something similar to Methodist Mission – lockers / showers for rough sleepers</li> <li>• The church wants to explore the issue locally and is getting alongside the people. But also have church members who are not able to manage the issues.</li> <li>• Need to focus on housing people first, then then address systemic issues</li> <li>• The Housing First approach was tabled and information about the people's project in Hamilton discussed.</li> <li>• Focussed primarily on chronic rough sleeper population.</li> <li>• There needs to be a sense of urgency in helping people or they will not survive.</li> <li>• Need to work out how we can help people get into accommodation and provide a wrap-around service.</li> <li>• Need to focus on ending homelessness not managing it. This is paramount. Soup kitchens are good but it is part of managing. Need to reframe homelessness – retention rate in Hamilton 95%. Also need a multi-faceted approach.</li> <li>• It is also important that we understand the drivers behind this</li> <li>• Rough sleepers are often middle aged and something has happened to tip them over the edge such as accident,</li> </ul>

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			<p>illness, breakdown in marriage, depression. Something has triggered the end of one life and the beginning of another. It has shortened their lives - the longer they are in homelessness the more difficult it is to get out of it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be good to understand how long it takes for a person to go from a crisis to becoming homeless.</li> <li>• It is a struggle to know where to put our priorities - do we stop the pipeline or attend to the rough sleepers.</li> <li>• We are not prepared for baby boomers who do not have the income to live in Auckland - it will become a broader problem in the future.</li> <li>• Need to advocate for additional social housing, one bedroomed stock.</li> <li>• Need a community venue – church group offering meals, Salvation Army for washing machines/ storage/ showers. Need to have a social service agency that is professionally run - which we don't have in Manurewa. We require an organisation that can be consistent with its approach to rough sleepers.</li> <li>• Needs to be based on establishing relationships with people.</li> <li>• Acknowledge rough sleepers are in a transient survival based community, and can be violent and may prey on each other.</li> <li>• Family violence contributes to youth being on the streets. Needs to be taken into consideration.</li> <li>• Trespassing of homeless people is a blunt short term fix. We need to deal with the</li> </ul>

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			<p>problem properly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the moment it is hard to know where rough sleepers can be directed – they are not breaking the law. Can attempt to find family.</li> <li>• Mostly rough sleepers are not on a benefit – that is a myth.</li> <li>• There is a changing face of homelessness where families are working and it is the cost of living that is having an impact.</li> <li>• Do we accept that there will always be a level of homelessness?</li> <li>• Good first step is to set an expectation and then develop policy that supports this.</li> <li>• Need a document outlining core principles and need a multi-agency approach that fosters empathy</li> <li>• Rough sleepers struggle to access help. It won't happen. They are vulnerable and cannot express themselves. We need to advocate for them.</li> <li>• Need holistic interventions for someone who will never be able to work and support themselves. The objective is to contract the services of people who are not the case managers.</li> <li>• The council's policy work will be reported back in August. Are we in the business of purchasing levels of services?</li> <li>• This is what will be reported back to committee.</li> <li>• We want Linkpeople in Manurewa.</li> <li>• From a business perspective, we need to recognise the type of homelessness that we have today and acknowledge the impact this is having in and around the business centre.</li> <li>• Need short term (clothing, food, warmth) and long term</li> </ul>

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			<p>solutions (strategy that supports people to grow).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we facilitate rehabilitation that empowers people to become contributing members of society?</li> <li>• What can we do from a policy perspective?</li> <li>• What is the council's role and what are the interventions that we can do?</li> </ul> <p>This will be a local board led project – with support through a steering group. This group to sit under the Town Centre steering group.</p> <p>Rami to contact Probation, Mental Health and/or other appropriate agencies.</p>
04	Local board business		N/A
05	<p>Other departments provided their monthly update of their monthly Manurewa work programmes electronically.</p> <p><b>Attachment 05A:</b> Manurewa Infrastructure and Environmental Services Work Programme Update</p> <p><b>Attachment 05B:</b> Manurewa Economic Development Work Programme Update</p> <p><b>Attachment 05C:</b> Manurewa Events Work Programme Update</p> <p><b>Item 05D:</b> Manurewa Arts and Culture Work Programme Update</p> <p><b>Item 05E:</b> Manurewa Community</p>	Oversight and monitoring	<p>Other departments provided an electronic monthly update of their Manurewa work programmes as follows:</p> <p>Emma Joyce - Manurewa Infrastructure and Environmental Services Work Programme Update</p> <p>John Norman - Manurewa Economic Development Work Programme Update.</p> <p>Ashleigh Siteine - Manurewa Events Work Programme Update.</p> <p>Echo Janman and Sarah Edwards – Manurewa Arts and Culture work Programme Update.</p> <p>Jane Friend - Manurewa</p>

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	Empowerment Work programme Update  <b>Item 05F:</b> Manurewa Community Places Work Programme Update.		Community Empowerment work programme update  Sharon McGinity – Manurewa Community Places Work Programme Update.

The workshop concluded at 7.45pm.