Kaipātiki Local Board

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March 18 2020
Kaipatiki Local Board meeting

From: Jessica Pearless and Jonathan Organ
Co-Directors of NorthArt

Given the rapidly developing requirements for social distancing, and after discussions with Paul Edwards, we would appreciate it if you would accept and table for the record, this written deputation in lieu of our scheduled appearance before the Kaipatiki Local Board.

As the two new directors of NorthArt we wanted to take the opportunity to;

1. Introduce ourselves to the Board,
2. To thank the Board for the recent additional support the board approved for the Chinese art Coordinator from 1st Feb – 30th June 2020
3. To outline our broad ambitions and plans for NorthArt’s long-term future.

1.
Jonathan Organ and Jessica Pearless are both experienced artists and extremely well connected in the art world. Both have Masters of Fine Arts (Hons) graduates from Elam School of Fine Arts and have together worked on many public art installations and exhibitions within New Zealand and internationally.

Jonathan has been arts manager at Brick Bay Sculpture Trail and Jessica a Boosted Ambassador for The Arts Foundation of New Zealand. The couple also run Paragon Matter, an arts agency which covers anything to do with the arts, from public art gallery and museum valuations, installation and specialised freight, to art education, mentoring and consultation.

2.
As the new directors we are delighted to see the Kaipatiki Local Board’s ongoing commitment to support the outreach initiative into the local multi ethnic community by supporting the wages for a Chinese art co-ordinator at Northart Gallery from 1 February to 30 June 2020. The local Asian community have demonstrated a real commitment to the value that arts and culture can play in the rich cultural fabric of Northcote’s
“COLOURFUL, CULTURAL, CELEBRATION”
As new directors we are encouraged by your active support of this development, which delivers on the Council’s 360 review recommendations and we are committed to continuing to improve our connections with this sector of the community.

3.
On behalf of our Board we acknowledge that with such significant intensification planned for Northcote both in housing and in the commercial centre we see NorthArt as a pivotal organization. NorthArt will have an important part to play to provide an arts and culture hub that will shape and reflect the character of this fast changing community.

While the planned changes for the area face us with some significant challenges we also see some real opportunities for NorthArt and the Kaipātiki Local Board.

You will be aware that Auckland Council has established outstanding regional arts facilities in the south and west of the city and it is our long-term vision for NorthArt to be the foundation stone of a northern regional arts facility based in Kaipātiki.

With the decision to retain the Mitchell building for its architectural and heritage significance, it is our dream to redevelop this building to become both a gallery and northern regional arts facility once the library is relocated into the proposed new community services building.

While we realize that this is a bold aspirational goal we seek your support for this long-term objective and would appreciate the inclusion of this vision into the next Kaipātiki Local Board Plan.

Our vision is for this to be a partnership with Council following a similar structure established by the Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery Incorporated so that external funds can be canvassed to support this bold direction.
https://www.teuru.org.nz/index.cfm/about/governance/

We are both passionate about the possibilities for Northcote’s community gallery.

“We think NorthArt has the potential to be as much of a destination gallery as Te Uru in Titirangi or Te Tuhi in Pakuranga. We want the gallery to be a creative, safe, accepting and welcoming space, which is accessible to everyone and boosts local businesses. Northcote is such a dynamic area with so many different cultures.”

We trust that we will be able to appear before the Kaipātiki Local Board in the near future to meet you all in person and to keep you appraised of our plans for the future of NorthArt.

Jonathan Organ and Jessica Pearless
KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

JOHN GILLON - MARCH 2020

Coronavirus Concerns

The coronavirus situation is changing by the day. The Auckland Council and Kaipātiki Local Board are taking their lead and advice from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry advises that, with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

Some events with larger gatherings have already been cancelled, including all Citizenship Ceremonies scheduled for the coming months. Some difficult decisions will need to be made in the coming days and weeks on other events and activities, including our local ANZAC Day ceremonies and Local Board business meetings and community forums.

Local Board members are in discussions on what action or support may be required in our community.

Our thoughts are with those who are already in self-isolation for the benefit of all of us.

Road Surface Downgrades

I continue to receive complaints about the systematic downgrade of road surfaces from asphalt/smoothseal to chipseal, including sections of Onetaunga Road, Chelsea View Drive, Verbena Road, Gatman Street, Sunnyhaven Avenue, Tarahanga Street and others.

Auckland Transport’s policy is for all roads that carry less than 10,000 vehicles per day to be resurfaced in chipseal, which accounts for the majority of all suburban roads. This policy appears to be largely financially driven, with the chipsealing of these roads qualifying for a subsidy from NZTA, while also being substantially cheaper than asphalt surfacing.
What are the concerns?

- Greater noise when vehicles travel over chipseal surfaces, compared to asphalt surfaces,
- The stones do not stick well, quickly creating bare patches,
- The loose stones travel over driveways, paths, gutters, grass areas, etc., and can be seen accumulating in gutters and at intersections far away from the resealed areas,
- Loose stones create safety issues for cyclists due to rolling resistance,
- Loose stones cause damage to vehicle paintwork, cause damage to engines, increase wear on tyres, etc.,
- Chip seal roads require additional sweeping to remove loose stones, sometimes for many months,
- Road resurfacing notices do not always advise that a different surface will be applied,
- Lack of consultation with affected neighbours prior to the change in road surfacing, even on streets where there have been negotiations/legal disputes in the past with Council over the road surface.

“Lynn road was sealed LAST YEAR and the damn stones are everywhere. We have very big berms to mow and I’m sick of stones being flicked at me. The quality is beyond creepy but complaints get lost or unanswered. I use a leaf blower on my drive and lawn trying to put them back on the road. Cars are still skidding.”

“They did this on Totara Vale and I was very unhappy that it just kept scratching the bottom of my car.”

“Damaged the soles of my new shoes as these sharp stones are now everywhere.”

“Peach Road seemed fine and then they put that rubbish on it. Then idiots drive at 50kms + spraying cars with the gravel. This is an absolute shambles.”

“I work down the bottom of Onetaunga Road and in the past week have had 2 stones lodged in my brakes causing all sorts or screeching noises and the stones have also chipped the paint on my car.”

“Moved the front berm and now the legs have “ping” bruises... I was dancing behind the mower!”

“We just had our street resealed to in Birkdale with chip too the stones fly everywhere some cars do go down it fast there was nothing wrong with our street beforehand anyway”

“That stuff is deadly to cyclists as the loose stones end up right where cyclists ride. I thought Auckland Transport wanted to encourage cycling, not send them all to hospital...”

“The new seal in Sunnyhaven is already damaged after just 2 weeks. It is already worse than the perfectly good asphalt seal it replaced.”

“The issue I have with the larger stone mix is not the excess being swept across driveways... but rather the increased noise cause by the increasing traffic that then lasts for years to come. This seriously affects everybody’s quality of life - mine, my wife’s, my kids, my neighbours and theirs... this seriously short sighted accountant’s move probably saves the smallest of % of budget, but has serious negative impact. Who is making these rules?? Who is being consulted?”

“We had a perfect quality nice road (Onetaunga rd) Chatswood. And now it’s close to gravel and they are just leaving it like that. Disgusting. Why reseal a perfect condition road in the first place?”

“The bigger issue that is being ignored by AT which I’m disappointed about is how these crappy chip roads make life for cyclists and non-motor vehicle road users (including pedestrians) absolutely hell. AT are meant to be focusing on reducing traffic congestion so why would they make it less enticing for cyclists to use our roads right now?”
“We had ours done down Powrie Street 6 weeks ago and stones keep getting caught in my brakes and making grunching noises when I drive. We have had to take the wheels of several times to get the stones out!!!! Car paintwork is ruined also! Not happy.”

“The footpaths and cycleways get filled with loose chips that make them hard to ride, bad for kids scooters and even walkers.”

“Eban Ave was done a year ago & we still have chips flying about. Not happy.”

“same [chip seal] on Seon Place unfortunately it’s very disappointing”

“As a result of the ‘resealing’ all the so called cycle lanes are currently a minefield with stones/gravel as well as the usual smashed bottles and general debris. This makes riding to work a little more challenging especially whilst participating in the Aotearoa Bike Challenge”

“Verbena is a nightmare! I’ve been avoiding driving on it”

“And all the stones with toxic tar wash into the stormwater into the sea.”

“Had a perfectly good Manuka Rd until they came along and wrecked it with this crap road which left stones flying up for months.”

“Camrose Place in Glenfield has just been sealed with the stone which has been brought up our drive what a mess and it is also in our tire treads they have swept the road but it doesn’t make much difference, what a pain.”

“Powrie and Garner done but awful little stones which flick up against your car and are stuck in my treads. Dreadful.”
Board Members Report
Cindy Schmidt
18/03/2020

Bayview Board Governance Meeting

This was my first meeting as a KLB delegated observer, I was impressed with the general cohesiveness and experience of the members present, well over the quorum required. The group discussed a strategy day and are in an enviable position to do some amazing projects this year within the Bayview community.

Beach Haven Birkdale Community meeting

I attended in proxy as board member Ann Hartley was unable to attend.

There was a presentation from Mark Veal who is the National Director of Hippy an educational provider stands for Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters. works alongside parents to use a home-based program for the educational enrichment of children ages between 3-4yrs.

Laure from The Auckland Newcomers Network discussed funding applications and their latest activities in the community.

Bike Kaipatiki

I met with two members of Bike Kaipatiki on the 5th March. They encouraged me to go to the site of the Birkenhead War Memorial shared path route as there is some concern about the proposed steep gradient for a shared path. I visited the site later and could see the concern for bikes and pedestrians on the proposed path route. Birkenhead War Memorial will undergo significant development in the coming years, and it is important we build the connections in an efficient way that will be suitable for all people using the park.

Bike Kaipatiki also shared some information on the CAS Report (which are NZTA Crash statistics) and outlined some of limitations of this report. I am concerned that accidents in the area that involve pedestrians or cyclists are not always captured in the CAS report. For instance, if first responders like paramedics attend, they take the person to hospital. It appears the Police are not always called to attend or are available. This is worth noting as police are the major contributors to the CAS report. My concern is there may be some under reported locations in our area which AT and as local board members we need to keep in mind when people report safety issues on their local roads.

Training attended

I attended a range of training sessions very useful for new board members

- Standing Orders
- Being a Good Governor
- Conflicts of Interest
- Local Board Members Forum

Beach Haven Fun Run

A great event, low numbers this year probably due to the Covid-19 concerns, I note mass gatherings of 500 plus people are now cancelled. It was managed well by the MC and the wider organisers. They did a great job of explaining to kids how to use a safe cough technique and sanitize at the event.

I work as a registered nurse in the Auckland District Health Board and we are getting prepared with what Covid-19 will require in such a setting. I expect this role will be quite demanding in the coming months.