

Whau Local Board business meeting held on Wednesday 27 July 2022

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Karakia timatanga

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Cease o winds from the west

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

Cease o winds from the south

Kia mākinakina ki uta

Bring calm breezes over the land

Kia mātaratara ki tai

Bring calm breezes over the sea

E hī ake ana te atakura

And let the red-tipped dawn come

He tio

With a touch of frost

He huka

A sharpened air

He hau hū

And promise of a glorious day

Tīhei mauri ora!

Atawhai

kindness . generosity

Auaha

creativity . innovation

Taonga tuku iho

future generations

Kotahi

strength in diversity

Pono

integrity

Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

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PRESENT

Chairperson	Kay Thomas	
Deputy	Fasitua Amosa	
Chairperson		
Members	Catherine Farmer	
	Warren Piper	
	Jessica Rose	From 6.02pm
	Susan Zhu	From 6.08pm

ABSENT

Member	Ulalemamae Te'eva Matafai
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1 Welcome

Chair K Thomas opened the meeting, welcomed those present online and led the audience in a karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolution number WH/2022/77

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **accept the apology from Member Te'eva Matafai for absence.**

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

The following are declared interests of the Whau Local Board:

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau Friends of Arataki Western Quilters Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board Literacy Waitākere West Auckland Heritage Conference 	Volunteer Committee member Member Chair Board member Committee member
Susan Zhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Oral History Foundation The Chinese Garden Steering Committee of Auckland Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand 	Committee member Board member Board member
Fasitua Amosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity NZ Massive Theatre Company Avondale Business Association 	Vice President Board member A family member is the Chair
Catherine Farmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avondale-Waterview Historical Society Blockhouse Bay Historical Society Portage Licensing Trust Blockhouse Bay Bowls Forest and Bird organisation Grey Power 	Member Member Trustee Patron Member Member

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Te'eva Matafai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Events and Entertainment Trust Miss Samoa NZ Malu Measina Samoan Dance Group Aspire Events 	Co-Founder Director Director/Founder Director
Warren Piper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn RSA New Lynn Business Association 	Associate member Member
Jessica Rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women in Urbanism-Aotearoa, Auckland Branch Forest & Bird Big Feels Club Frocks on Bikes Bike Auckland Department of Conservation 	Committee member Member Patron Former co-chair Former committee member Employee

NOTE: Chair K Thomas declared an interest in West Auckland Heritage Conference as a newly appointed Committee Member.

Member appointments

Local board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the local board members represent Auckland Council.

External organisation	Leads	Alternate
Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group	Warren Piper	Catherine Farmer
Avondale Business Association	Kay Thomas	Warren Piper
Blockhouse Bay Business Association	Warren Piper	Fasitua Aмосa
New Lynn Business Association	Susan Zhu	Kay Thomas Warren Piper
Rosebank Business Association	Fasitua Aмосa	Warren Piper
Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Fasitua Aмосa	Jessica Rose

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2022/78

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Aмосa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting, held on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, as true and correct.

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5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

7 Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Deputations

8.1 Deputation: Road Safety and Environmental Issues in Rosebank Area

Resolution number WH/2022/79

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **receive the presentation of the Rosebank Business Association on issues impacting road and environmental safety in the Rosebank area, and thank Stefan Crooks and Kim Watts for their attendance.**

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9 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Whau Ward Councillor's update

Resolution number WH/2022/80

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **receive the report and thank Whau Ward Councillor, Tracy Mulholland, for her update (Attachment A to the agenda).**

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12 Adoption of the 2022-2024 Joint Council-controlled Organisations (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan, and the Joint Council-controlled Organisations (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan 2021/2022 Quarter Three Update

Resolution number WH/2022/81

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) adopt the Whau Local Board Joint Council-controlled Organisation (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan 2022-2024 (Attachment A to the agenda report), as an agreement between the local board and Auckland Council's substantive Council-controlled Organisations: Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku Development Auckland (Eke Panuku), Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and WaterCare.
- b) note that the agreed work programmes of the four substantive Council-controlled Organisations are appended to the Joint Council-controlled Organisation (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan 2022-2024 (Attachment A to the agenda report) and these work programmes will be updated as needed by the CCOs, with changes reported to the local board each quarter.
- c) authorise the Chair of the local board to sign this agreement on behalf of the local board, alongside representatives from the four Council-controlled Organisations.
- d) receive the quarter three update to the Joint Council-controlled Organisations (CCOs) Local Board Engagement Plan 2021/2022.

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13 **Local board feedback on the strategic direction of Auckland's Future Development Strategy**

Resolution number WH/2022/82

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) welcome the opportunity to give feedback on the strategic direction for the Future Development Strategy.

Partnership with Māori

- b) support the focus on iwi and hapū aspirations in urban development, alongside a general approach focused on treaty partnership and elevation of the principles found in Te Ao Māori around environmental management, including kaitiakitanga and improving the mauri of both eco-systems and human wellbeing.
- c) urge staff to ensure that engagement with Māori has a strong focus on mataa waka in addition to mana whenua, as it is critical that the needs of Māori in the community be understood and addressed, noting that Māori are disproportionately affected by deprivation, including in their housing and access to essential services as well as economic, recreational and social opportunities.

Environment

- d) express its concern that strategy should go further in its focus on climate change, and supports bold changes which will enable us to meet our commitments under Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri and our commitment.
- e) note its commitment to delivering on Aotearoa/New Zealand's commitment to the Paris Agreement, and Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland's obligations as a C40 city, to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial

- levels and pursue all possible efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- f) express its concern about about Tāmaki-Makaurau/Auckland’s growth and how this is managed noting that, while there is a housing crisis, there is also a climate crisis and the two must be considered together.
 - g) support a transition to a high-quality compact urban form, but is concerned to ensure that emissions reduction is a key driver of policy direction around urban planning.
 - h) support an approach to urban development and associated infrastructure that is designed to meet the challenges of climate in terms of resilience to extreme weather events and sea level rise.
 - i) support incentivisation of building to the highest possible green star or home start rating, incorporation of passive principles for heating and cooling, inclusion as a default of rainwater tanks, solar panels and waste minimisation tools like bokashi buckets (particularly for apartment-dwellers).
 - j) support an overall increased focus on our environment including consideration of biodiversity in our urban planning, with a much bigger focus on provision of parks and publicly accessible green spaces, restoration of our urban ngahere (tree cover), protection and restoration of our streams and waterways, and limitation of impervious concrete surfaces where possible.
 - k) urge consideration of all possible mechanisms to enable tree protection and increased provision of publicly accessible green open space, noting that current resource management rules are inadequate, and it is not clear whether proposed resource management law reforms will adequately address these issues.
 - l) support the reinstatement of much wider tree protection (removed in 2012) to reduce carbon emissions, noting local government’s relative inability to protect its significant trees and canopy cover under the RMA as it stands.
 - m) note its general opposition to greenfields development, particularly in areas where infrastructure does not already exist to support development, and supports reconsideration of the status of land currently designated for future urban growth, in particular in areas that are:
 - i) at risk of flooding or natural hazards
 - ii) a great distance from the city centre or other metropolitan centres (unless located in the immediate vicinity of current or future Rapid Transit Network connections)
 - iii) productive land that is currently used for (or is particularly suitable for) food production, noting the need to ensure sufficient growing land.
 - n) express its concern that some of Auckland Council’s key planning documents and strategies (and those of the CCOs, in particular Auckland Transport) still assume sprawling greenfields development as the default norm.

Housing and urban development

- o) support a transition to a high quality, compact urban form but is concerned about the current focus on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development on increasing housing stock with little regard for quality of housing.
- p) support a strong, directional and aspirational approach to urban development and town planning is critical for supporting quality high density urban environments, noting that Aotearoa/New Zealand has an unfortunate history of

ad hoc, low-quality infill leading to poor social, aesthetic, and environmental outcomes.

- q) request that staff consider what more could be done in respect of waste minimisation and focus on the circular economy, in particular waste associated with the construction industry.
- r) support incentivising the retrofitting of heritage buildings to meet modern standards, noting that there are relatively few heritage buildings remaining in the Whau Local Board area.
- s) support in principle council staff working with Kāinga Ora and other agencies to enable housing solutions to respond to economic deprivation and inequality.
- t) note that there needs to be a shift in our understanding housing to be an integral part of our social fabric and more than just an investment asset, and support development of housing to meet diverse needs rather than housing that achieves the highest yield for developers.
- u) note its support for the development of new, fit-for-purpose, social housing but at the same time express its concern about the pace of development by Kāinga Ora without the involvement of local government in respect of open space and community/recreational facilities planning.
- v) support local government moving towards a much stronger and more formalised relationship between Auckland Council and Kāinga Ora to ensure that community and green open space infrastructure are planned for proactively and in a strategic way rather than having infrastructure developed by multiple agencies in a piecemeal or reactive way.

Transport

- w) support, strongly, intensive development focused around key transport hubs but note the need for a focus should be on proactive provision of transport infrastructure and services to brownfields areas where growth is already taking place, including feeder buses to areas of intensive development that sit outside walkable catchments.
- x) support, strongly, improved walking, cycling and micromobility connections that are safe, accessible and appealing.
- y) support small improvements to key corridors like planting more trees within the road reserve (thereby creating green corridors) would create incentives to uptake of active modes but this would also in itself assist in mitigating carbon emissions.
- z) support an increase focus on technical innovation, including the development of new and innovative approaches to demand management, to reduce carbon emissions.
- aa) support the development of new and innovative approaches to demand management, to reduce carbon emissions including more investment in high-speed broadband and telecommunications tools to reduce the need for travel.
- bb) note its concern about the impact of parking reductions (both off-street as a result of the provisions of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and on-street as a result of Auckland Transport proposed parking strategy) in our neighbourhoods and town centres, particularly New Lynn.
- cc) reiterate ongoing advocacy for a park and ride in New Lynn, noting the critical and increasing shortfall in parking in and around the town centre and the fact that New Lynn serves a population from parts of the Waitākere Ranges and its foothills which are not accessible by walking, cycling, or public transport.

- dd) express its concern that its advocacy on this matter has been ignored, and that the only advice provided by Auckland Transport is to note that the Waitākere Ranges is not a future growth area, noting that this is not an adequate response, and the logical conclusion of this approach is that people living in the Waitākere Ranges will drive the whole way into the city due to inability to park at local Western Line train stations.
- ee) reiterate ongoing advocacy for the wider implementation of the New Lynn Urban Plan 2010, noting its Notice of Motion of 22 June 2022 (Resolution Number WH/2022/62) requesting advice on why this important legacy plan was never formally or explicitly incorporated into Auckland Council's planning framework.
- ff) support incentivising uptake of not only EVs but also micro-mobility devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters provided that they are safe, and that regulation keeps pace with innovation, noting that access to private EVs is out of the question for many (probably most) people in the Whau Local Board area.
- gg) support expansion of the Rapid Transit Network to ensure access to the places people need to travel but is concerned about lack of public transport connection between the southern and western parts of the Auckland Region, which are at risk of severance.
- hh) support completion of the Southdown Rail Link between Onehunga and Avondale to address this and take pressure off the Western Line when it reaches peak capacity after the completion of the CRL.
- ii) support investigating opportunities for public education around the carbon emissions associated with freight supporting the moving of discretionary consumer goods and encouraging people to consider the environmental impact of their purchases and to find greener ways of fulfilling consumer demand.

CARRIED

14 Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WH/2022/83

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) note the records of the workshops held on 1, 8 and 15 June 2022.

CARRIED

15 Governance Forward Work Calendar

Resolution number WH/2022/84

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) receive the governance forward work calendar for July 2022.

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16 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

6.22pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....