

Devonport Heritage Incorporated

Minutes of Meeting held 23.06.09 in the Library Meeting Room

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present:

Margot McRae, Sylvia Emm, Claudia Page, Ann Allen, Richard Joughin, Scott Barnett, Graham Nixey, Judy Cook, Ruth Combes, Peter Goldsworthy

Apologies: Trish Deans, Sue Yoffe, Dianne Hale, John Duder
Minutes from last meeting accepted by Ann, seconded by Scott

Correspondence In:

1. Letter from NSCC dated 04.06.09, acknowledging Margot's letter requesting information on Victoria Wharf.
2. Letter from NSCC dated 08.06.09, acknowledging Margot's letter regarding heritage buildings in Devonport.
3. Letter from Simpson Grierson setting date of 02.07.09 for Masonic mediation copied to the Environment Court.
4. Letter from NSCC dated 22.06.09, supplying information on Victoria Wharf and Plan Change 33.
5. Letter from Lane & Associates advising Masonic mediation to be held on 02.07.09. APPEAL ENV-2009-KL-000225

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter to John Brockles, NSCC, dated 29.05.09 regarding the lack of protection for heritage buildings in Business Zone One on the North Shore.
2. Letter to Devonport Community Board dated 29.05.09 requesting that action be taken to remove the green paint from the cycle lane on Calliope Road.

General Business:

Membership

We need to catch-up on membership issues. Sylvia explained why this was necessary to comply with our rules.

Ann Allen moved 'that all our present supporters/members up to this date who have not attended a meeting, or filled out a membership form will be members, and any person who registers as a supporter/member, but who does not pay a subscription, is considered a member'.

Seconded by Scott Barnett.

Victoria Wharf

Margot reported that the letter received from NSCC confirmed that the budget for safety and minor improvements to the wharf has been increased by \$2m to \$5m over years five and six of the City Plan 2009-2024. This means the wharf is no longer facing demolition. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Plan Change33 – Commercial Heritage

NSCC's letter of the 22.06.09 states that deliberations on Plan Change 30 have to be finalised before finalising a draft of Plan Change 33 as Plan Change 33 relies in part on Plan Change 30. It is planned to notify the change in September 2009.

Masonic History

Susan is to collate the history of the Masonic site. She met with Peter Weeks and Diana Atkinson from the Devonport Museum to obtain information on the history of the Masonic. Peter has done a lot of research but nothing has yet been written. Diana will help with the research, and Robyn Langwell has agreed to edit the history for the appeal.

Auckland Governance

Margot provided the committee members with a copy of Devonport Community Board's draft submission. This was discussed and it was agreed we would use this as the basis for our submission. However, we will make more of the importance of planning being done locally and the importance of NSCC's heritage rules. We agreed we would make no comment on Maori representation.

Margot will write the submission and email it to the committee members for comment.

Raising Funds for Masonic Appeal

Claudia had heard from Brian Putt regarding mediation on 2nd July. Paul Cavanagh will be away on that date and he recommends that the mediation is not to go ahead without his attendance. More local residents have registered as Section 274 parties, as well as the Historic Places Trust. The Auckland branch of the HPT has offered to send letters of support. The ARC is not joining but has offered support behind the scenes.

Margot has received verbal replies from our expert witnesses and needs now to have written quotes from them. Paul Cavanagh QC will be our legal counsel and Brian Putt our planner.

Margot asked that we make a list of houses that we think are suitable for a Devonport House Tour to be held around February 2009. Margot also pointed out that this will take a lot of organising so we will all need to be involved. Claudia talked about sponsorship and that the Devonport estate agents should be approached. The idea is to have all the periphery costs covered by the sponsors. Claudia also suggested that a black and white ball could be held at Duders.

Other Business:

Queens Wharf

Claudia mentioned that she was concerned that the sheds on Queens Wharf are being perceived as having no value. Margot may write a letter to the Herald stating DH's position on retaining heritage buildings.

Film at Rose Centre

Peter Goldsworthy mentioned to us that there is film to be shown free of charge at the Rose Centre. This a Canadian film about the retention of a village.

Finances:

In

Membership Subscriptions	10.00
Interest Earned	.47
Total in	10.47

Out

Withholding Tax	.17
Total	.17

Funds Held

Current Account	184.19
Deposit Account	1,029.94
Petty Cash	2.20
Stamps	3.00
Total	1,219.33

The next meeting will be held on the Wednesday 29th July.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.