

## Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Submissions Hearings Report

### 1. Pandora Pond Water Sports Project

Of the 700 submissions received, nearly eighty three per cent were in support of the Pandora Pond proposal.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	475	83.0%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	97	17.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>572</b>	<b>100%</b>

Considerable discussion took place regarding the submissions received, and it was agreed that there was a need for the onshore improvements. Napier City Council would be consulting with all groups involved in the Ahuriri Estuary including sports groups and protection groups.

Moving further up the estuary as suggested did not appear to be a good option, as the pond is already man made and is already a highly modified environment. It was considered that the rip under the bridge was unlikely to be a real problem. It was suggested that discussion with HBRC and DOC was important to gauge the feeling of the other organisations

**It was decided that subject to a positive outcome from discussions with HBRC and DOC, Council would then proceed with a full business case including an environmental impact report.**

### 2. Waverider

Of the 700 submissions received under half were in support of the Waverider proposal. This proposal received the lowest percentage support of the 10 key consultation topics

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	215	39.4%
B	Start this project earlier than 2020/21	118	21.7%
C	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	212	38.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>545</b>	<b>100%</b>

It was generally felt that the project did not find favour with Napier citizens and it was unlikely to fly in the future, because of on-going costs and maintenance costs and was best left to a private operator.

**It was decided that the Waverider project be removed from the Long Term Plan.**

### 3. Multi-use Velodrome

Of the 700 submissions received 78% were in support of the Multi-use Velodrome proposal.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	492	78.2%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	137	21.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>629</b>	<b>100%</b>

Considerable discussion took place regarding the location and construction style of the proposed velodrome. A Business case study would look into everything re costs, location and sustainability. Concern was expressed as to how it fitted in with the Regional Facilities Strategy. A request was made for the Terms of Reference to be brought back to Council for approval.

It was decided to go ahead with a full Business Case after the Terms of Reference were approved by Council.

#### 4. Destination Playground

Of the 700 submissions 71.3 per cent were in favour.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	376	71.3%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	151	28.7%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>100%</b>

Discussion included the approval of an eco-friendly playground and wheelchair friendly also.

It was decided to bring the Destination Playground project forward in the Long Term Plan.

#### 5. City-wide Reserves and Linkages

Of the 700 submissions received just over 90 per cent were in support of the proposal to develop and maintain city-wide reserves and linkages.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	477	91.2%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	46	8.8%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>100%</b>

There was wide spread support for this item.

This was given support by both submitters and Council.

#### 6. Economic Development

Of the 700 submissions received 84.8 per cent were in favour.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	425	84.8%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	76	15.2%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>100%</b>

Without funds put into Economic Development there would be no affluence in the community.

This was given support by both submitters and Council.

#### 7. Events Attraction

Of the 700 submissions received 70.6 per cent were in support. This proposal received the second highest percentage support of the 10 key consultation topics (second to Napier Cycle trails proposal). Of those that did respond 92.4% were in support of the proposal.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	493	92.3%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	41	7.7%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>100%</b>

This was given support by both submitters and Council.

## 8. War Memorial Conference Centre upgrade

Of the 700 submissions less than half supported the proposal as it was consulted on.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	329	64.6%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	180	35.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>509</b>	<b>100%</b>

At the Council meeting on 20 May 2015 Council considered a report of information coming to hand with respect to the assessment of the War Memorial Conference Centre building. The assessment is not yet complete but Council have received early indications from the engineers that strengthening work will be required to bring it up to a suitable strengthening threshold.

**Council resolved to:**

**Note that strengthening work will be required to be undertaken on the War Memorial Conference Centre to bring it up to a suitable strengthening threshold.**

## 9. Council owned buildings upgrade

The framing of the questions for this consultation point makes it difficult to draw conclusions from the results. 45.2 per cent of 700 submissions supported the proposal as it was consulted on but this was more than the other two options. However only 22% were against any costs being incurred.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	226	45.1%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	109	21.8%
C	Seismic strengthening to Memorial Square, Taradale Plunket Rooms and no Civic building upgrade	166	33.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>501</b>	<b>100%</b>

The Civic Building needs to be redesigned because it was like a rabbit warren. Amalgamation would have an effect on this in the Long Term Plan.

- a. That the project remains in the Long Term Plan unchanged
- b. That Council officers evaluate and assess the priorities for earthquake strengthening and upgrades for Council facilities and report back to Council
- c. That following the decision on amalgamation, Council officers prepare designs and costings for the Civic Building upgrade

## 10. Napier Cycle Trails

Of the 700 submissions received, over 91 per cent were in support. This proposal received the highest percentage support of all the 10 key consultation topics.

Response Option		No. of submissions	Percentage
A	As proposed and costs would be as listed	538	91.7%
B	Not do it - no additional costs incurred	49	8.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

The committee and submitters were behind this growth.

**This was given support by both submitters and Council.**

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The Napier City Council is currently working on the City Vision project. Comments put forward on the Long Term Plan that relate to the CBD and Ahuriri are also being considered as part of this project.”

### **Funding Requests**

Decisions were then made as to which Funding Requests would be agreed to.

#### **1. Te Matua A Maui Voyaging Trust**

**The Committee agreed to allocate \$5,000 to this organisation**

#### **2. Basketball HB**

A feasibility study into establishing the best venue location and size for an indoor sport facility in Napier or the region.

**This will be done in conjunction with Hastings District Council**

#### **3. EIT Students Association**

**Request for funds declined. The Committee supported this proposal in principle but agreed not to allocate any money.**

#### **4. Ahuriri Business Association**

Some discussion took place regarding the funding of this organisation. It was suggested that the levy via the rates should go ahead. **It was decided not to fund this organisation.**

#### **5. Film Hawke's Bay**

**Request for funds declined. Creative New Zealand Scheme is the appropriate place to go for funds. The Committee will write to them and refer them to the Economic Development Manager and Business Hawke's Bay for further advice.**

#### **6. Asthma HB**

**NCC agreed to the signage request.**

#### **7. Eskview Tennis Club**

Napier City Council has contributed historically to the sports grounds, and are happy to help with the drainage issues. NCC is reluctant to contribute \$200,000 to such a small club but is happy to put aside \$20,000 to contribute when the club has made applications for further grants from various local organisations.

**It was decided to help with \$20,000 if further funds could be raised, and NCC to help with drainage problems.**

#### **8. Bledisloe School and Fairhaven**

The main discussion was around the use of Council land for a school project, with the issues of maintenance and weed spraying etc.

**The Committee decided not to allocate funds, as Napier City Council's contribution was the use of Council land.**

#### **9. Pettigrew.Green Arena**

**This has been covered in the Velodrome proposal.**

#### **10. Waiohiki Marae Trustees**

As Waiohiki is situated in the Hastings District Council area, they are to be directed to the HDC. However Lance Titter to visit and help out with “in kind” support in drainage etc.

**The Committee agreed to provide “in kind” support.**

### **11. Cinzah Merkens**

The committee were impressed with Mr Merkens initiative and were happy to allocate \$30,000 for art around the city to the Arts Advisory Panel to allocate to various proposals.

**The Committee decided that \$30,000 be allocated to the Arts Advisory Panel for proposed art around the city.**

### **12. Juliet Greig**

The committee were impressed with Ms Greig's presentation and suggest that she get a group together and approach the Council, there is a possibility that the Anderson Park equipment could be reused in a small development at the Rose Gardens.

### **13. Art Deco Trust**

Discussions covered the huge "in kind" contribution made to Art Deco events during Art Deco Weekend, and **the committee was concerned that there were no financial plans, or justification for the large sum of money requested.**

**It was decided to fund the Art Deco Trust the usual \$59,000 in the service contract but fund an additional \$41,000 specifically for events. This would bring the annual funding to \$100,000.**

### **14. Te Mata Park Trust Board**

**It was decided that the money allocated for this project be kept in reserve and reallocated when Te Mata come back with a new proposal.**

### **15. Horse of the Year**

Some discussion took place around the benefit obtained from this event. **It was decided to contribute \$10,000 the same as last year.**

### **16. Creative Arts Napier**

Some discussion took place regarding their request of \$1.50 per head of population in Napier. It was felt that this was excessive. Creative Napier could certainly have an article in Proudly Napier explaining their presence and function. **It was decided that \$1.00 per head was probably more appropriate.**

### **17. Destination Napier Inc**

Some discussion took place as to the place this organisation had in the scheme of Tourism, and the committee were concerned as to the anti HB Tourism/purely Napier bias of their interests.

**It was decided not to fund this organisation.**

### **18. Taradale Marketing Association**

Some discussion took place regarding the funding of this organisation and it was probably more appropriate to increase the levy through the rating system. **It was decided not to fund this organisation.**

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### **Further discussion items raised by Committee members:**

**Sallie Dunford and Chris Dunn:** Should both be referred to Creative Communities New Zealand for funding for their projects.

**Margaret Gwynn:** The Chief Executive was asked to report on the implications of paying a living wage across the Council. This involved analysis of the NCC Remuneration Policy. Mrs Gwynn was to be informed that when non-compliant fires were removed from NCC accommodation, energy efficient heat pumps were installed.

**Philip Ward:** Regarding the request for Rates Remission for those living in a retirement villages, it was pointed out that the individuals did not pay the rates. For those living independently there was the government sponsored Rates Rebate scheme.

**Barrie Browne:** There was very little enthusiasm for renaming Pandora Pond.

**Napier City Business Inc:** regarding parking of 90minutes free like Rotorua, a parking investigation is being done. As Grey Power have suggested 9.00am to 11.00am free for Gold Card Holders. There are financial reasons why parking is paid for in Taradale it was to fund the Taradale Upgrade.

**HBRC –Regional Transport Committee:** The committee encourage HBRC and Grey Power to identify which stops and which routes are the most important to concentrate on.

**Richard Karn:** It was agreed that some of the local playgrounds required some TLC. Some discussion took place regarding the trees outside the Council building and solutions for the bird problem and it was suggested the parking underneath should be free. Richard is to supply his comments on the various steps on the Napier Hill.

**Westshore Residents Association:** There was money in the plan for erosion control. Council was awaiting information from the Coastal Committee and it would be in the 2018 LTP.

**Robin Gwynn:** The issue of the widening gap between rich and poor was seen more as a Social Welfare issue. The Historic Plaques would be part of the City Vision.

**Grey Power:** Elders Forum, this was being looked at with the Age Friendly City initiative.

**Bob Sheldrake:** The Aquatic Strategy was still in draft form and work is still be done on this. It was generally felt the cost of building and maintaining a 50 metre pool was prohibitive.

**Noeline Pannett:** The problems regarding walking and cycling at the Estuary are to be solved by Department of Conservation. As far as NCC was concerned cyclists were not allowed on the estuary and all dogs should be on a lead.

**Jude Minor:** It was suggested that there could be an article in Proudly Napier explaining how rates were made up.

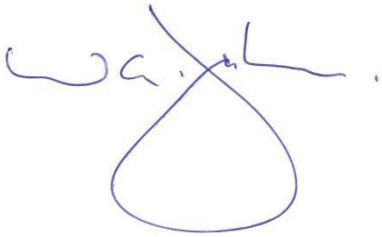
**Rosemary Marriott:** There is a draft Smokefree Policy being developed at the moment in conjunction with HDC and will go out for consultation in the near future.

**Robert Thompson: Fishermen’s statue:** The committee felt that it was a good idea to light the statue at night. The project is now underway.

**Christine Scott: Municipal Theatre:** There was no appetite for a change of name for the Napier Municipal Theatre.

**Donna Lavery :** Dog Waste Bags at Westshore/Pandora: There was some surprise from the Committee that dog waste bags were provided elsewhere.

**Don Alexander - Beacons Project:** This appeared to be a project that everyone thought was a good idea, but no one wanted to pay for it. Possible cost over \$100,000. NCC thought that it was more of a Port of Napier Project as the beacons were of historical significance to the port and shipping.



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