

20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

**Thursday
20 February 2014
1.00pm**

Committee of:
Council

Committee
Cr P R Halse (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor
Cr S J Bell
Cr C M Hermon
Cr G C Innes
Cr B L McLachlan

OPEN MEETING

APOLOGIES

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded to indicate any items in which they might have a conflict of interest.

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1. Naming the Looped Walkway and New Bridge and Planning for Opening

Reporting officer Paul Dell (Group Manager District Living)

Date of meeting 20 February 2014

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement as it promotes close engagement with the community on a Sense of Place Project.

1. Introduction

With construction of the Looped Walkway and Bridge over the Waiarohia Stream programmed for completion at the end of May 2014, it is timely to consider naming of the Walkway and Bridge and also planning for the opening.

2. Walkway and Bridge naming

As with Te Matau ā Pohe it is recommended that names for both elements of the project (Walkway / Bridge) be sought from the Community, including Iwi. Guidance for naming would be the same as for Te Matau ā Pohe;

“An inspirational name, one that fits the area, the aspirations of the people of our District, our history and Culture”

Those proposing names would be asked to indicate the story linked with the name. The public would be given a month to make submissions which would then be assessed by the Committee members and appropriate staff. Following the assessment recommendations would be made to full council.

3. Planning for Opening

It would also be appropriate to start planning for the opening of the Walkway / Bridge. Members might like to suggest ideas for the official opening which will then be developed into a proposal by the Communications Team prior to sign-off by the Committee.

Recommendation

1. That the report be received.
2. That a public process be undertaken to seek names for the Looped Walkway and Bridge.
3. That the Committee and appropriate staff assess the names submitted and make recommendations to Council.
4. That staff work with the Committee to develop an Official Opening Programme.

2. Review of Sense of Place Project Funding

Reporting officer Paul Dell (Group Manager District Living)

Date of meeting 20 February 2014

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement as it supports the creation of a vibrant and sustainable District and City through the allocation of funding to Sense of Place enhancement.

Introduction

In the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, funding has been identified for the delivery of a number of specific projects that will enhance Sense of Place in the District and City. Currently work is progressing on Stage 1 of the Looped Walkway project which involves the construction of a walk / cycleway from the Town Basin, over Pohe Island and back through the Port Road area to Hihiaua.

This project is expected to be completed by the end of May and also includes a connecting walk/ cycle link from Te Matau ā Pohe to Riverside Drive. At this time it is estimated that the project will require an additional \$150 – 200 k to be completed.

Detailed planning for the CBD Laneway is at a stage where tender documents are close to finalisation awaiting approved funding.

Planning for the conversion of the carpark next to the Canopy Bridge to a Park is still at an early stage with broad elements being identified for further evaluation and design. No detailed work on services required, has yet commenced. It is expected that the final design including preparation of tender documents will be advanced over the next 18 months.

Review of Sense of Place Project Funding

In the 2013/14 Annual Plan \$2.549 m was allocated for the Looped Walkway / Bridge project. This project will also deliver the Walk / Cycleway connection from Te Matau ā Pohe to Riverside Drive. Funding for this section will come from the walk / cycling budget.

The following outlines the estimated funding requirements and proposed funding sources.

Walkway (includes link to Riverside)	\$1.160 m
Waiarohia Bridge (includes professional fees)	\$1.737 m
	<u>\$2.897 m</u>
LTP Funding	
Walkway and Bridge	\$2.549 m
Walk / Cycleway	\$0.140 m
	<u>\$2.689 m</u>

A redesign of the fender piles may result in an additional \$50 k therefore the maximum additional funding required will be in the order of \$200 k.

The following table details the LTP funding allocation for Sense of Place Projects over the next 3 years and this current financial year.

Projects	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Looped Walkway (includes Bridge)	\$2.549 m			
Walking / Cycling (Riverside link)	\$0.140 m			
CBD Upgrade	\$0.633 m	\$0.800 m	-	\$1.390 m
Carpark to Park		\$1.091 m	\$1.685 m	

The total funding available is \$8.288 m. It is recommended that the funding be adjusted over this year and the next 3 years to allow the Looped Walkway shortfall to be covered and to allow the CBD laneway to be completed in one year (2014/2015). The adjustment in funding does not result in any funding demand being brought forward.

The following table identifies the proposed changes.

Projects	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
CBD Upgrade [reduced (CF)]		\$0.433 m		
CBD Upgrade (LTP)		\$0.800 m		
CBD reallocation (Carpark to Park)		\$1.091 m		
Carpark to Park (LTP)			\$1.685 m	
Carpark to Park (CBD reallocation)				\$1.390 m
Looped Walkway Bridge / Riverside	\$2.889 m			

The total expenditure is still \$8.288 m.

This reallocation of funding also aligns more closely to the timeline for design and tendering of the previous projects. It is noted that any of the new expenditure will be dependent on the property sales and Annual Plan allocation.

Summary

A reallocation of Sense of Place project funding is recommended to cover the additional expenditure to complete the Looped Walkway and to allow the CBD Laneway project to be completed as a single project. If approved, this will also assist the development of funding for the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

Recommendation

1. That the report be received.
2. That the proposed funding reallocation be approved.