Community Forum
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Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 7 November 2013, 6:00pm
Canterbury Club, Cambridge Terrace

Present:

Community Forum members:
Richard Ballantyne, Weng Kei Chen, Gill Cox, Leanne Curtis, Martin Evans, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Lesley Murdoch, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Patricia Siataga, Emma Twaddell, Brian Vieceli, John Wong, Darren Wright

Apologies

Leah Carr, Deborah McCormick, Trevor McIntyre, Jocelyn Papprill, Lynn Smith
Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Chair
Darren Wright

In Attendance
Lewis Holden, Chief Executive, Ministry for Culture and Heritage (Item 1 only)
Peter Richardson, Principal Advisor, Ministry for Culture and Heritage (Item 1 only)
Rob Hall, General Manager Southern, New Zealand Historic Places Trust (Item 1 only)
Catherine Nesus, General Manager, Effective Government Services, CERA (Items 1 and 2 only)
Withheld under section 9(2)(a)
, Advisor, Effective Government Services, CERA (Items 1 and 2 only)
Viv Smith, Manager, Planning, Strategy and Governance, CERA (Items 1, 2 and 3 only)
Marcus Langman, Senior Advisor, Planning, Strategy and Governance, CERA (Items 1, 2 and 3 only)
Amanda Shaw, Acting Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA
, Advisor, Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA
Withheld under section 9(2)(a)

Agenda

1. **Heritage Buildings and Places Recovery Programme – Lewis Holden and Peter Richardson, Ministry for Culture and Heritage; and Rob Hall, New Zealand Historic Places Trust**

Lewis Holden and Peter Richardson (MCH), along with Rob Hall (NZHPT) gave a presentation on the draft Heritage Buildings and Places Recovery Programme.

- MCH is working with the following agencies to develop the draft Heritage Buildings and Places Recovery Programme:
    1. NZ Heritage Places Trust
    2. CERA
    3. Ngāi Tahu
    4. Territorial Authorities – Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council, and Christchurch City Council
- The objective is to strike a balance between retaining heritage buildings as an important part of Christchurch's identity and the need for wider earthquake recovery to proceed as quickly as possible, and within available funding.

- While a number of heritage buildings have been lost, it is important to recognise that many still remain. For example, 65% of heritage buildings in Christchurch remain (including 53% of the central city's heritage buildings), 95% in Selwyn and 90% in Waimakariki. Note: these numbers include buildings that are still to be demolished/repaired/strengthened.
- The draft Heritage Buildings and Places Recovery Programme aims to coordinate different agencies' approaches to heritage recovery, with shared objectives.
- The draft programme is currently being presented to particular groups such as the Community Forum. The broader consultation period is expected to begin in mid-February 2014.
- Lessons learned from the Canterbury Earthquakes have informed the wider NZ context. For example, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Bill is currently before Parliament, which will include a National Historic Landmarks List. This List will be used for prioritising funding/strengthening works for buildings deemed to be important. Further, the Bill will formalise the part that NZHPT plays in local and national emergencies.

Discussion:

- The Forum asked for clarification around the definition of a heritage building. Heritage buildings are not necessarily old buildings – they include buildings of significance as well.
- The Forum asked about funding and funding sources. A key concern was the willingness and ability of private property owners to strengthen/repair their heritage buildings. There was a concern that 'demolition by dereliction' will occur when property owners are unwilling, or unable to undertake necessary strengthening. The Forum noted that Government-owned buildings are more likely to be strengthened/repaired.
- The Forum recommended that registration of buildings should also record which buildings are accessible (for people with disabilities, pushchairs etc). This would benefit both users and property owners who have invested in ensuring their properties are accessible.
- The Forum asked about creating future heritage, and ensuring that what is built in greater Christchurch is worth preserving in the future. It was noted that there is no formal MCH process for this, and this is the role of the design guidelines set by the Territorial Authorities. For example, Waimakariri District Council is working on retaining Rangiora town centre's character with the design of new buildings.
- The Forum asked how much influence MCH can have over private owners' decisions regarding their buildings, citing an example of a relocated dwelling. It was noted that MCH will engage with the owners of listed buildings, but not if the building is not listed.
- Further discussion on 'owners' willingness' took place. It's important that all sides share the same goal of heritage recovery, but the willingness of the owner is particularly vital.

The Forum noted their support for the draft Heritage Buildings and Places Recovery Programme but emphasised that the risk of demolition by dereliction needs to be considered. Should Forum members have any further questions CERA can help with seeking this information from MCH and NZHPT.

2. Overview of Planning and Community Tool – PaCT Map – Catherine Nesus, General Manager, Effective Government Services

Catherine Nesus gave a presentation on the Planning and Community Mapping Tool Set (PACT) which is available on the CERA website (www.cera.govt.nz/pact).

- Since the earthquakes, a great deal of information has been collected by a number of different agencies, however accessing it is difficult. The PACT Tool brings together this information, and makes it more accessible to those who need it.

- The information currently available on the PACT includes:
  - Ministry of Education decisions
  - Census data (from 2006 Census, but 2013 data will be added when it is available)
  - NZ Fire Service – where new stations will be located
  - CCC Service Centres and Facilities
- The Tool allows people to access information about what is happening, as well as what is not happening, so that they can make decisions. The Tool will assist communities and NGOs in their planning.

Discussion

- The Forum asked whether the tool includes the master-planning process around the city. It does not currently, but it is planned that it will.
- The Forum expressed its concern that Community Profile data would be used for the Tool. It considers that this information is inaccurate, and out-of-date. The Forum suggested that Community information is useful for the Tool, but the information needs to come from a wide range of groups, and needs to be validated.
- Forum members provided some suggestions of additional information/data which it would be useful to add to the toolset (for example, accessibility), and CERA will look into this.
- Forum members noted that the toolset should be audited for accessibility for people with disabilities.

Forum members were invited to explore the tool in their own time, and come back to CERA at any time with any suggestions and questions.

Action Point:

Forum members to test the Planning and Community Mapping Tool Set online, and to provide any feedback to CERA on what they would like to see in the Tool, and how it can be improved.

3. Possible Revocation of Proposed Change 1 – Marcus Langman, Senior Advisor, Planning, Strategy and Governance, CERA

Marcus Langman gave a presentation on the request from Environment Canterbury regarding the possible revocation of Proposed Change 1 (PC1) to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement:

- ECan considers revoking PC1 is necessary to avoid confusion, and has asked that the Minister consider using his powers under section 27 of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 for this purpose. The draft LURP proposes a new chapter for the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (Chapter 6), which is very similar to Chapter 12A of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.
- It was noted that Chapter 12A is currently before the Environment Court – with a number of appeals on hold. If PC1 is revoked, those appeals will essentially be extinguished.

Discussion:

- The Forum asked if the whole Canterbury Regional Policy Statement would be reviewed by 2028 (the period specified in the LURP, and the period for which recovery and rebuilding is provided for in the new Chapter 6). It was noted that the Statement is to be reviewed every 10 years; therefore, it is expected that it will be reviewed in 2023.
- The Forum supported the proposal to revoke PC1 so that everyone has clarity about what policies apply and can make decisions about development on that basis.
- The Forum queried the territorial authorities' views on revoking PC1, and the Minister's use of section 27 powers to do so. The Forum asked CERA to ensure that the

Christchurch City Council, in particular, has been consulted, so as to ensure that central and local government are taking a joined up approach.

- The Forum, while not in a position to comment on the legality of the use of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 to enforce this revocation, support the proposal to revoke PC1 to provide greater certainty, subject to confirmation of the position of the Christchurch City Council.

Action Point:

CERA to report back to the Forum on whether the relevant territorial authorities have been consulted on the use of section 27 of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 to revoke Proposed Change 1.

CERA, in coordination with the Chair, to provide members with more information about the powers under section 27 of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 at an upcoming meeting.

4. Committee for Canterbury Update – Gill Cox

Gill Cox gave a presentation on the "Committee for Canterbury" initiative:

- Thought leadership is about long term issues of wellbeing and prosperity, and stimulating informed debate on a range of topics.
- The Committee for Canterbury initiative is not solely related to Christchurch, and is not specifically related to earthquake recovery.
- Guiding principles:
  - Apolitical
  - Independent
  - Long term in view
  - Research informed.
- Committee for Canterbury have:
  - engaged with other Thought Leadership organisations (in NZ and overseas)
  - established a charitable trust
  - established operating plans and budgets
  - begun wide-ranging discussions – engaging Universities of Canterbury and Lincoln.
- Challenges include: seeking funding; appointing an executive director; establishing membership; and deciding on initial workstreams.

The Forum requested that Gill keep them updated as to future progress of the initiative.

5. Flood Focus Group Outcomes – Leanne Curtis

Leanne gave a presentation on the CanCERN flood focus groups:

- Mayor Dalziel and CCC to take leadership role with flood issues. Flooding was an issue pre-Earthquake.
- CERA is assisting with a coordinated flood management area communications plan, and is looking to make sure that the conversations happen with the right people and organisations.
- A wide range of communications materials and messages need to be developed – affected residents include people who don't understand floods at all, to the people who want in-depth, technical explanations of the issue.
- There was a concern that people are delaying settlements with their insurer as they do not understand the flood issue.

- Concerned that EQC does not have the information to provide about Category 9 areas (with an increased risk of flood). Policy work needs to be done around flood risk areas, and land settlements are still some time away.
- Future use of the RRZ could provide some solutions for flood mitigation.

Discussion

- The Forum asked for a detailed presentation on flooding and Category 9 areas. As this information does not exist, the presentation is not yet possible.
- The Forum supported the idea of an integrated communications plan, so that the different thinking on this issue could fit together.

The Forum agreed to advise the Minister for Earthquake Recovery that it encourages the Minister to recommend EQC and other relevant agencies provide more clarity to property owners about Category 9 issues and options.

Action Point:

Leanne to forward examples to the Chair of properties below sea level in flood-affected areas.

Chair to schedule a presentation by EQC and CCC on flooding issues for an upcoming meeting.

6. Notes of previous meeting

Moved

That, subject to the amendments discussed below, the meeting notes from 17 October 2013 meeting be confirmed as an accurate record.

Carried

Matters arising

- The Forum agreed that the previous meeting notes need to record that:
  - current transport planning does not seem to link with the draft LURP
  - the Forum has strong concerns to ensure that any intensification is combined with increased and adequate sport and recreation facilities and green spaces.

The Chair advised that due to timing constraints for providing feedback to the Ministers, he sent a letter to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery on 5 November summarising the Forum's feedback on the proposed intensification measures for the Land Use Recovery Plan. The feedback summary was taken from the draft meeting notes for the 17 October 2013 Forum meeting and the Chair noted in the letter that this summary was yet to be formally confirmed by the Forum members.

Action Point:

Chair to circulate a copy of the letter to the Minister, regarding the draft LURP to the Forum.
CERA to confirm the number of netball courts proposed for the Metro Sports Facility Anchor Project.

7. Other matters

- The Forum requested that CERA provide an update on the number of netball courts planned for the Metro Sports Facility – following the Minister's comment at the Public Forum on 4 November 2013 that 8 courts would be provided.

- The Forum asked for an update on the Sport and Recreation programme from John Ficelle.

Action Point:

CERA to confirm the number of netball courts currently proposed for the Metro Sports Facility at the next Forum meeting.

CERA to schedule a presentation from John Ficelle on the draft Sport and Recreation Programme in early 2014.

8. **Housekeeping**

The Chair noted that the final meeting of the year on 5 December will finish at 7:30pm to allow the Forum to meet informally afterwards for a Christmas Function.

It was decided that because the first Thursday of February 2014 is Waitangi Day, the first Forum meeting for 2014 will be held on 30 January and the second meeting will be on 20 February.

Next Meeting – Thursday 21 November 2013, Canterbury Club, Cambridge Terrace

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Geospatial Mapping Tool

Planning and Community Tool (PaCT)

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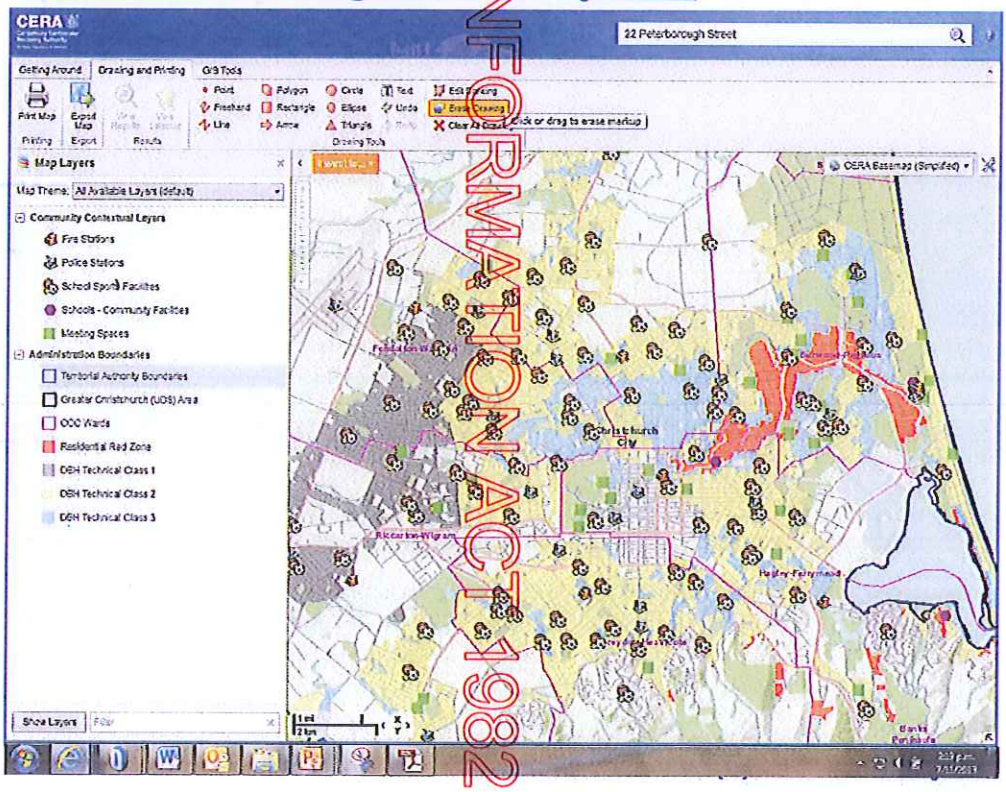

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THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

An Update

October 2013

PURPOSE:

To identify, research, and encourage informed debate about issues critical to the well-being and prosperity of all who live, work and do business in Canterbury.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Independent/Objective
A- political
Long term in view
Research Informed/evidence based
Focussed always on improving prosperity and well-being

"Advocate for the debate, not necessarily a position"

ACTIONS TO DATE (1):

- Contact with other Thought Leadership organisations
  - Committee for Auckland
  - NZCID
- Contact with Committees for Cities and Regions movement
  - Attendance at Annual Meeting
- Established Trust
  - Chartable in purpose
  - Initial Trustees
  - Capable of having membership

ACTIONS TO DATE (2):

- Established operating plans and budgets
- Agreed on name – "Committee for Canterbury"
- Wide ranging discussions/socialising the concept

CHALLENGES:

- Establishment Funding
- Executive Director Appointments
- Membership – Business
  – Community
- Initial Work streams
- Involvement across Canterbury and sectors