

Community Forum

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Meeting notes for the meeting of the Community Forum

29 January 2015, 6pm

Main Dining Hall, Canterbury Club, Christchurch

Present:	Community Forum members: Richard Ballantyne, Weng Kei Chen, Martin Evans, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Trevor McIntyre, Lesley Murdoch, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Patricia Siataga, Brian Veceli, Rachel Vogan, John Wong, Darren Wright
Apologies:	Leah Carr, Gill Cox, Deborah McCormick, Jocelyn Pappill
Chair:	Darren Wright
In Attendance:	Hon Nicky Wagner – Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Benesia Smith – Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Governance, CERA (second item only) Sheridan Smith – Ministerial and Executive Services Director, CERA Craig Mallett – Recovery Plans Manager, CERA (first item only) Victoria Caseley – District Planning Manager, Waimakariri District Council (first item only) Cameron Wood – Team Leader Strategy and Policy, Selwyn District Council (first item only) Craig Friedel – Land Use Recovery Plan Programme Implementation Manager, Selwyn District Council (first item only) Vanessa Scott – Programme Manager, Environment Canterbury (first item only) Kristine Bouw – Principal Advisor, Environment Canterbury (first item only) Keith Tallentire – Implementation Manager, Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (first item only) Andrew Hammond – Principal Planner, CERA (first item only) Treena Davidson – Senior Advisor, Recovery Plans, CERA (first item only) James Wigzell – Private Secretary, Office of Hon Nicky Wagner s9(2)(a) – Advisor Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA s9(2)(a) – Graduate Advisor, Recovery Plans, CERA (first item only)
Agenda	
Land Use Recovery Plan Actions	

Craig Mallett, Andrew Hammond and Treena Davidson, CERA

Victoria Caseley, Waimakariri District Council

Cameron Wood and Craig Friedel, Selwyn District Council

Vanessa Scott, Environment Canterbury

Keith Tallentire, Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy

Discussion:

- The Forum noted they had a night to review the report from the Recovery Plans team.
- CERA explained the Land Use Recovery Plan (LURP) and the actions it directs councils to make. With respect to the actions the Minister's primary role now was to determine an appropriate public process. Accordingly, the focus for any comments from the Forum to the Minister should be on the adequacy of the consultation.

Action 26

- The Waimakariri District Council (WDC) explained that Action 26 directs the rebuilding of town centres including zoning for Key Activity Centres and implementing redevelopment plans for Rangiora and Kaiapoi. The WDC explained that while it also extends to Woodend it is not being considered at present.
- The Forum asked about the delay at Woodend. The presenter explained it is currently zoned sufficiently and that there is still room for development at Pegasus and Ravenswood. The WDC did not want to designate one area as a Key Activity Centre only to see growth constrained at the other location.
- The WDC spoke about the public consultation process for Kaiapoi and Rangiora. Kaiapoi's process had been reasonably straightforward because a comprehensive redevelopment plan was not necessary. There was little response from the public to the consultation process and no changes were made as a result.
- The plans for Rangiora were complex and the public consultation process reflected that. The WDC notified the public by letter, newspaper and on the WDC's website. They had five drop in sessions as opposed to the usual three. There was considerable response to the design plans and changes were made based on the comments received.
- The Forum asked how the WDC had been helping with land ownership issues surrounding strengthening of the Rangiora town centre. The WDC said that they had approached all land owners to contribute to the design process and constructed purchasing agreements by negotiating and mediating. They were positive about the way things were coming together. The WDC noted that the response from land owners had changed. At the start of the process, change was met with resistance but now land owners were seeing opportunities, especially around carparking and maximum land use. There are still some individuals who are not convinced and the presenter acknowledged that the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 (CER Act 2011) provides for Ministerial intervention in those cases. The WDC hopes it will not get to that point and is still negotiating.
- One Forum member noted that developers have recognised that there is an asset in

keeping the character of High Street, particularly when it comes to street facades.

- The WDC has a good agreement with the developer regarding the carpark and the Forum acknowledged that the whole process had been quite successful.

Action 27

- The Selwyn District Council (SDC) explained that Action 27 directs the Council to amend the District Plan to provide for the rebuild of existing business areas, town centres and greenfield priority areas in Rolleston and Lincoln.
- The Forum asked about the locations of the Innovation Hub in Lincoln and the Port of Lyttelton and Port of Tauranga sites in Rolleston. The SDC pointed the locations out and noted that considerable thought is going into connecting pedestrians and cyclists between the Innovation Hub in Lincoln and the town centre.
- The Forum asked about recreation and how it fitted into the planning of Key Activity Centres, if at all. The SDC said that they look at the requirements of the location and what already exists. For example in Rolleston there is a recreation site about one kilometre away from the Key Activity Centre and various parks close by.
- The Forum asked when the public consultation would begin for Lincoln. The SDC said it would begin once the Minister made a decision on the sufficiency of the process.
- A Forum member asked about industrial zoning in Lincoln and the SDC mentioned the existing zoning in Lincoln. He also said the demand for industrial zoning in Rolleston is much higher than in Lincoln.
- The Forum asked the SDC to explain about the Innovation Hub. The presenter said it would bring many researchers to one place and organisations were moving staff from around the country to the Hub.
- The Forum was concerned that the four week timeframe for public consultation would be too short. The SDC said that they believed it would be sufficient. The presenter mentioned that SDC gave the process six weeks when the Master Plan was consulted on. It was a long timeframe to sustain and there was a final two week lull where not much comment was received. The SDC noted the proposed timeframe had been used and worked well before.
- The SDC will use the newspaper (including advertising and articles), word of mouth, community radio and schools to get the message out about public consultation. The Forum acknowledged the use of schools and radio as community hubs and good ways to get the word out. The presenter mentioned using social networking was not yet an effective method of public consultation but the proposed changes to the Plan had been on the SDC's website since they went to the Minister.
- The Associate Minister asked if there is a database of people who have previously been consulted with or provided comment during public consultation and the SDC confirmed there was one they used.

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Decisions

taken:

- The Forum agreed to recommend to the Minister:
 - That there did not need to be further public process with respect to the Waimakariri District Council's response to Action 26;
 - That Selwyn District Council's proposed public process for Action 27 is sufficient;

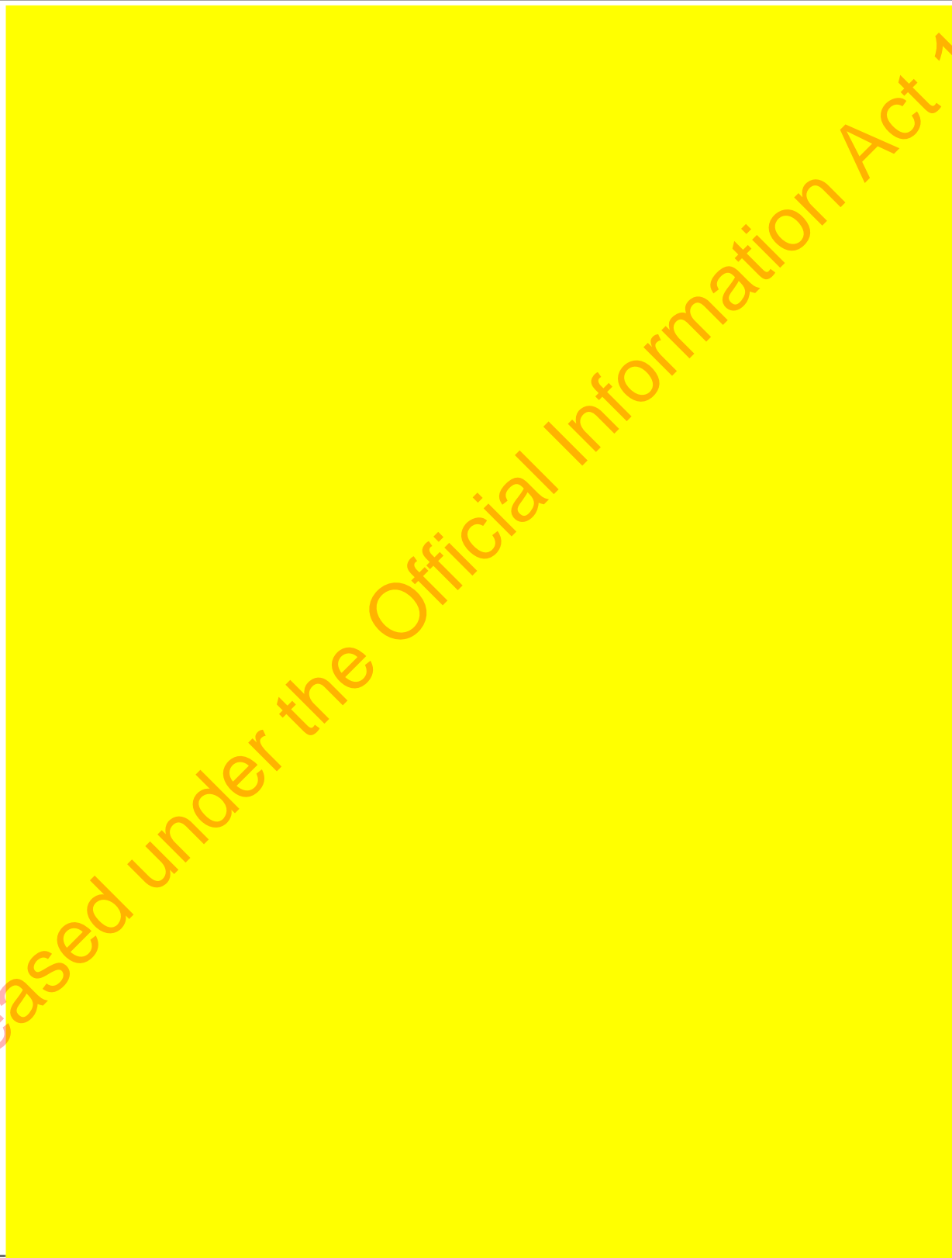
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Community Forum Report and Discussion

Benesia Smith – Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Governance, CERA

Discussion:

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Meeting closed:

8.15pm

Next meeting:

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