

Community Forum
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**Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 24 January 2013, 6.00pm
Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Avenue**

Present:

Community Forum members:

Joseph Chamberlain, Weng Kei Chen, Leanne Curtis, Martin Evans, Ruth Jones, Tom
McBrearty, Trevor McIntyre, Lesley Murdoch, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Patricia Siataga,
Emma Twaddell, John Wong

Apologies

Lynne Ball, Richard Ballantyne, Leah Carr, Belinda Charteris, Gill Cox, Wendy Gilchrist,
Maria Godinet-Watts, Peter Jenkins, Paul Lonsdale, Deborah McCormick, Jocelyn Papprell,
Bruce Russell, Suzanne Vallance, Brian Vieceli, Rachel Vogan

Chair

Darren Wright

In Attendance

Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Jane Bryden, Advisor, Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee

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Ingrid Gunby – General Manager, Development Services Unit, CCDU
Jacinda Lean, General Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA

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Lynn Smith, Secretary for the Community Forum

1. Discussion on CF Feedback on draft Accessible City Chapter

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- Ingrid Gunby and [redacted] gave a presentation on the draft Accessible City chapter which is focused on how people travel into and around the city, and how the streets will look as the central city redevelops. The following points were noted:
 - The consultation period has been extended until 1 February 2013, with feedback from a wide range of user groups.
 - In excess of 50 pro forma submissions, and 10 written submissions, have been received to date
 - A number of very good synergies have been identified
 - Feedback will be reviewed and amendments made to the draft Accessible City chapter.
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Ingrid Gundry and left at 7.10pm

2. Update from Weng Kei Chen – Ethnic Community and Christchurch City Council

- Through his work as President of the New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Council from 2000-2003 Weng Kei was invited to be an Advisor to Human Rights Commissions project on National Plan of Action.
- The Migrant Centre should be the first port of call for ethnic groups requiring assistance
- Language Line provides an interpretation service
- Ethnic groups have been hard hit by a loss of students post earthquake
- Ethnic communities often react differently from others in a natural disaster. Greater emphasis on family and community networks and less reliance on central and local government services
- Immediately post earthquake Weng Kei worked in a Civil Defence emergency operations centre
- As a Civil Engineer with the CCC he has found repair of utilities and infrastructure to be the biggest challenge, among a number of other challenges.

3. Update from Martin Evans – Canterbury Property Investors Association

- CPIA has 650 members in Christchurch
- 35% of the population are housed in rental accommodation
- With a shortage of housing, rents have increased thus providing opportunities for property investors
- Market rent for furnished accommodation has increased as these are generally short term rentals and there can often be long gaps between tenants
- There is an urgent need for more social housing, or for greater progress with the repair of existing but damaged social housing, and for those tenants to be looked after
- The two biggest providers of social housing have large stock in Christchurch
- In some cases the tenants' own Contents Insurance will cover their accommodation costs when repairs being undertaken which necessitate them moving out for a short period
- Information about market rents is available from the Ministry of Building, Innovation and Employment website:
 - Market Rent 1 July 2012 – 31 December 2012
<http://www.dbh.govt.nz/Utilities/marketrent/market-rent.aspx?CategoryId=258&SubCatId=6&SubCat1Id=63&SubCat2Id=71&SubCat3Id=72&ArticleId=53&Version=1.2>
 - Key Indicator Reports: analyse sector trends for people interested in the building and construction and housing sectors
<http://www.dbh.govt.nz/key-indicator-reports>

ACTION: CERA to forward the weblinks for market rent information to L Smith for distribution to members.

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4. Notes Of The Last Meeting

Moved:

That the notes from the meeting of 6 December 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record.
Carried

5. Other matters arising

- Thank you to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery for announcing prior to Christmas the extended settlement date deadline for the Crown offer to residential red-zone property owners

ACTION: J Bryden to forward to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery thanks for extending the Crown settlement date deadline for residential red-zone property owners

- More recent meeting notes have not been posted on the CERA website

ACTION: J Bryden to follow up meeting notes being posted in the website

6. Next Meeting – Thursday 7 February 2013, Christchurch Netball Centre

- Included in the agenda for this meeting will be a discussion on the proposed approach to consultation on the Land Use Recovery Plan.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

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