

GRAFTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (GRA)

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.00pm at the Ouitwaite Park Hall.

Present

R Gooneratne, S Bailey, C Pracht, P Onneweer, M Harris, L McLeay, J Hayes, S Catherside, J Callaghan, B Farmer, G Caesar, S Collier, G Frost, D Northcott, K Osborne, M Dunlop (arrived late)

Apologies

B Lack, K Orr

Meeting Chair

It was agreed that Kathryn Osborne, act as chair for the meeting.

Meeting Business

1. The future of the Grafton Residents Association

Discussion took place around the four proposed options that had been agreed on at the AGM and circulated amongst the community for comment.

Option 1 – The Association continues with a new committee.

Option 2 – The Association seeks to combine with a neighbouring area. Either assisting to create a resident association, where one may not exist or combining with one that does. The areas suggested are

a) Uptown – The new urban neighbourhood being created around the Dominion Junction and the City Rail Link (CRL) and the Maungawahu / Mount Eden stations.
Has a business association but no residents association

b) Parnell. Has both a business and residents association.

c) Newmarket. Has a business association but not a resident association

This option still requires individuals to represent Grafton in whatever form this becomes.

Option 3 – We allow the Association to remain dormant until the new financial year being the 1st April 2023. The hope being that another group of Grafton residents will come forward to lead the Association.

Option 4 – The Association is wound up and the funds are distributed as per the constitution.

The wishes of those present were for Option 1.

Election of Committee

Nominations were received for the following positions

The following people were elected to be the committee til the next AGM in 2023

Chair Person - Christina Pracht

Secretary - Sascha Bailey

Treasurer - Kathryn Osborne

Committee – P onneweer, G Caesar, R Gooneratne

It was moved that that "The above nominations be elected"

S Collier / L McLeay

Carried

A vote of thanks was given to the incoming committee.

Other Business

1. With the formal part of the meeting over time was allowed for general discussion with the following suggestions made from the floor for the incoming committee to investigate.

- Better communication with the community
- Christmas / December gathering in Outhwaite Park
- Creation of annual Grafton boundary walking event
- Community composting

2. A vote of thanks was given to K Osborne for taking the initiative that has delivered this outcome for GRA.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm