

Grafton Residents Association Annual General Meeting 2023

DRAFT Minutes

Date: 20 August 2023		Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm	
Location: Outhwaite Hall, 53 Carlton Gore Road, Grafton, Auckland 1023			
Committee Members	Christiane Pracht (Chair) Kathryn Osborne (Treasurer) Sascha Bailey (Secretary)	Gabrielle Caesar (apology) Rajeeva Gooneratne Peter Onneweer	
Community Member Attendees	Jacqui Callaghan Kay Orr Gavin Frost Catherine Buchanan Anne Mouat Robert Monaghan Emily Reeves	Martin Dunlop Karen Halley Susie Collier Matthew Buchanan Stephen Mouat Valerie Clapham	
Guests in attendance	Desley Simpson – Deputy Major of Auckland Allan Matson - Waitematā Local Board member Bevan Chuang – Specialist Advisor – Community Delivery Central East, Auckland Council Luke Niue – Parnell Community Committee		
Apologies	Jonathan & Susan Judd Rosie Armitage Bill Farmer Vonnie Berry Margaret Skinner	Cushla Brown Eddie & Indra Edwards Gabrielle Caesar Dr R Edwards & Dr A I Edwards Dianne Northcott	

Item #	Agenda Item & Discussion
1	Welcome / Apologies
2	<p>Allan Matson Address</p> <p>Allan has been on the board since October and is a first term board member. Has been engaged as a community advocate for ~15 years, mainly with heritage concerns. Allan has lived in the central suburbs over the years and understands the areas. Grafton is an isolated suburb, very diverse with students, the hospital and businesses. With the work programme at the local board, there is provision for community engagement. Next funding round closes on the 15th of August. Suggestion that GAR might like to apply for further funding.</p> <p>Grafton is not in the local board plan. If not there by name, it is easy to slip by attention.</p> <p>Alan is open to hearing from the community and the association on matters relating to Grafton.</p> <p>Planned Change 28 – awaiting the outcomes. A panellist has recently been replaced.</p> <p>Questions were asked : about heritage designations.</p> <p>Drainage upgrades in the area – answer may come out of the review the council is conducting. Consultation is out now: Making Space for Water. The public can make submissions for this.</p>
3	<p>Confirmation of minutes Special General Meeting, October 2022</p> <p>No questions or comments raised about the SGM minutes.</p>

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	<p>MOTION: <i>Motion that the minutes of the AGM 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.</i> Christiane Pracht / Peter Onneweer Motion carried</p>
4	<p>Matters arising None</p>
5	<p>Report from Chair Chairs report shared via email and on the GRA website prior to AGM.</p> <p>Question were asked and answered about the subscription increase.</p> <p>MOTION: <i>Motion that the Chair's report be accepted.</i> Kathryn Osborne / Peter Onneweer Motion carried</p>
6	<p>Finance Report from Treasurer Report is for period ending March 2023. 13 membership subscriptions. Money spent on the website domain and email domain. We have two pools of money, part for the Grafton Vision Project and the rest sits in the GRA account.</p> <p>MOTIONS: <i>Motion that the Financial Statements be accepted as a fair reflection of the Association's operations for 2022/23</i> Kathryn Osborne / Christiane Pracht Motion carried</p> <p><i>Motion that Grafton Residents Association do not appoint an auditor for the 2023 period due to the expense.</i> Kathryn Osborne / Christiane Pracht Motion carried</p>
7	<p>Election of Committee Members Five nominations were received and accepted. Emily Reeves put her hand up to be the 6th committee member.</p> <p>MOTION: <i>Motion to accept the late nomination for Emily Reeves as a Committee member of the Grafton Residents Association.</i> Christiane Pracht / Peter Onneweer Motion carried</p>
8	<p>Proposal to change membership subscription rates Discussion about raising the household subscription from \$20 to \$25.</p> <p>MOTION: <i>Motion to increase household subscription from \$20 to \$25 from 1 September 2023.</i> Christiane Pracht / Rajeeva Gooneratne Motion carried</p>

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9	<p>Spring Community Clean up Proposing a clean-up of the neighbourhood. Sunday September 10th being the first clean up. Council can support with the provision of gloves. Volunteers asked to put their name on a sign-up sheet.</p> <p>Noted that Downer has been sweeping drains. Would be good to find out the schedule.</p>
10	<p>2023 GRA Christmas Party Committee Sunday 3rd of December. Held at Outhwaite Hall. 2-4pm. Volunteers asked to put their name on a sign-up sheet.</p>
11	<p>Community Facebook Page GRA FB page is a formal communication channel. We provided links to example pages. Volunteers asked to put their name on a sign-up sheet.</p>
12	<p>Other matters</p> <p>Luke Niue from Parnell Community Committee: Luke suggested – it would be good for the GRA Committee to keep involved and provide input to The Domain Committee. Next meeting will be held on 28 August, 3:30pm. Agenda will be posted a few days prior. Can request a spot and speak on behalf of the committee. Pearson House – Titoki St. 11-13 story building. Consent application is in process. Trying to find out the decision timeframe. This one cannot be stopped but it is something to be aware of. Invitation extended to the Parnell Easter Egg Hunt. *Could do this at the Domain. Invitation extended to the Parnell Rose Festival. Luke moved a motion of thanks to the GRA Committee.</p> <p>Desley Simpson, Deputy Major of Auckland: Desley emphasised the importance of community organizations such as the Grafton Residents Association and encouraged participation in Council consultations. Desley added her thanks to the committee for their work on behalf of the community.</p>
13	<p>Meeting closed 2:56pm</p>