

Minutes of Meeting

Final

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison
Group**

Date of Meeting: 12 June 2019

Meeting Number 11

Attendees:

Name

Affiliation/Interest

Alistair Shanks	Facilitator/Secretary
Brent Evans	Watercare
Alice Hausia	Watercare
Stephen Grace	Watercare
Jonathan Bordogna	Ghella Abergeldie JV
Nick Vigar	Healthy Waters
Theresa Pearce	Healthy Waters
Hayley Dauben	Auckland Council - Parks
Elizabeth Walker	STEPS
Sel Arbuckle	STEPS
Pat Prescott	STEPS
Graeme Easte	Albert Eden Local Board
Rudi Gabor	Hobanz

Apologies:

Peter Brice	MAGS
Tame Te Rangi	Chair, Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum
Philip Johansen	Auckland Council
Lesley Hopkins	CIJV Relationships Manager
David Abbott	SASOC
Andrew MacKintosh	STEPS
Margi Watson	Albert Eden Local Board

Venue: Garlick Room, Mt Albert YMCA

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
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1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2019

These were approved as correct subject to:

- Section 6 Norgrove Area, 4th paragraph first sentence amended to read: "The locations of the structures have been through the resource consent and landowner approval process and their detailed appearance is to be considered further by Auckland Council Arts and Culture as part of the Auckland Council Regional Public Arts Programme."

- Section 6 Chamberlain Park, 2nd paragraph remove sentence "14 hectares has been taken from the golf course in the past for the motorway interchange."

This was moved by Liz Walker and seconded by Sel Arbuckle.

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
2.	Action Items from the Minutes	
	<p>From Meeting Number 4 Retention of top soil - this is to be left as an ongoing item and will be part of the restoration plans.</p>	
	<p>From Meeting Number 5: Mana whenua consultation - this is ongoing through the Kaitiaki Forum and personal contact by Watercare. An update will be given at each meeting.</p>	
	<p>From Meeting Number 8 Control room on an elevated site at the RC Treeway. This is discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
	<p>From Meeting Number 10 Structure at Norgrove site. This is discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
3.	Watercare Update	
	Project Update	
	<p>It was reported that the Ghella Abergeldie Joint Venture has appointed a stakeholder liaison manager, Carol Moffitt who will report to Lesley Hopkins. Additional stakeholder liaison staff are also currently being sought for the project.</p>	
	<p>A copy of the final approved Waititiko -Meola Creek Enhancement Plan was tabled. Alice explained various aspects of the plan.</p>	
	<p>It involved plans for the Roy Clements Treeway, the Norwood Reserve lava rock forest, the MAGS Farm stream, and the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Maungarongo tributary. Schedules for work in these areas were shown.</p>	
	<p>It was thought that plants eco-sourced from local lava flow areas would be the most suitable. Sel has had years of experience working with plants in lava flow areas in Auckland. Liaison is to be undertaken with Richard from Te Ngahere.</p>	
	<p>Concern was raised that the planting lists on the site plans used for the construction works are not the same as those in the Enhancement Plan. It was requested that Watercare ensures that the Contractor refers to the Enhancement Plan for the correct species list.</p>	Watercare
	<p>There is a MAGS planting day on 16 June. A flyer for this was distributed at the meeting. Watercare will be present providing</p>	

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	<p>refreshments.</p> <p>Plant Rooms</p>	
	<p>The plant rooms are required for operating gates to control the connection points into the tunnel. The tunnel will have 400,000m³ capacity, but if it overfills, it could create surges which may cause air and wastewater geysers.</p>	
	<p>In the early concept stage, the plant rooms were shown below ground. But as detailed design was considered, it was an operational issue to have these below ground because of the health and safety access issues with gas and hydraulic systems. The control rooms are now required to be above ground. Access and health and safety issues related to their use are critical for Watercare.</p>	
	<p>Approval has been given from Parks and the Local Boards who have asked that Council Public Arts come up with appropriate cladding and treatment of the facade for the plant rooms located in Council reserves. A conflict between landscaping and art promotion was highlighted as an issue. Graeme Easte indicated he was keen to minimise the visual features of the rooms which was generally supported by the group. The land owner (Local Board) requirement to follow a public arts process was reiterated noting that the process involved community input and involvement.</p>	
	<p>Kim Martinengo from Public Arts at Auckland Council, is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss this further.</p>	Watercare
	Lyon Avenue Plant Room	
	<p>This will be seen as a prominent structure from the walkway. The size of the construction area designated was reduced in response to community concerns and has now left little area for the plant room to be moved. The proposed building at this site is not subject to the same landowner approvals requiring public arts as per the Council Reserves and the building could be screened by planting.</p>	
	<p>It was asked if the building could be moved back a little from the edge of the crib wall, as this would reduce its visual effect from the walkway. Watercare will investigate if a small movement is possible and report back at the next meeting.</p>	Watercare
	<p>As this is a site not owned by Auckland Council it was questioned if Council Arts and Recreation needed to be considered as part of the process.</p>	

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Rudi considered that trees to screen the area from the adjacent apartments would be helpful.

There was discussion about how much weight should be given to the concerns of the land owners compared to neighbours and the land users (the community).

STEPS noted that MAGS, the Local Board and St Lukes Gardens had been consulted but that STEPS had not initially been part of the process. They had concerns about two process issues, one that options were not presented for discussion, and two, that there has been a lack of process in liaison with this forum. It was thought the focus should now be on the way forward.

Watercare will work with SLGA, STEPS and others on options for landscaping and the treatment of the above ground building at Lyon Ave.

Norgrove Plant Room

The plant room is planned for above ground away from the stream and near the boundary fence line. There are various rocky outcrops and stone walls already in this area and Watercare had originally envisaged the structure being further camouflaged with stones. The structure is subject to the same public arts process as above ground structures in other Council reserves.

The site layout plans and original Boffa Miskell visuals are to be sent out with the minutes.

Secretary

4. Update by Healthy Waters

Nick Vigar and Theresa Pearce tabled parts of the draft catchment management plan for the Lower Meola Creek, being the section downstream from the motorway to the estuary. This included areas of proposed planting by the Pasadena Intermediate School, Western Springs College, Te Mahurehure Marae, by the Motorway(called the Blue Greens group), the Scouts Group, and the Rasheed Memorial Trust.

Work will include weed and pest control and planting. Volunteer groups have been working in the area for the last four or five years.

Concern was raised that a cohesive overall plan is needed for the stream. The draft report presented focused on activities rather than plans and showed where various groups are at work.

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Hay bales have been used at the head of the saline wedge to encourage egg laying by inanga (whitebait). The scout group are growing ecosourced plants.

Healthy Waters are planning an open day on 10 August at Motions Rd Reserve which will involve education and demonstration planting. There is an opportunity for this to be coordinated with the STEPS open day which is on the second Saturday of each month.

Graeme Easte reported that for Chamberlain Park a consent will be applied for before 2020, with work programmed for starting in 2020-21. Chamberlain Park has about 1000m of area adjacent to the creek. Some of this is close to the motorway and will involve planting. North of Rawalpindi Reserve the aim is to restore this to a natural area.

Theresa was thanked for presenting to the group and for the holistic view she presented for the stream

5. STEPS Update

STEPS provided an update – see Appendix. Requests were noted for action points as follows:

1) Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan

STEPS would like to see an update on this at each Meola Stream CLG meeting.

2) Proposed structures in the Meola Stream.

STEPS would like more transparency on design options and site layout plans to be published with the minutes from each Meola Stream CLG meeting.

3) Meola Stream flows after the CI is operational.

STEPS would like more information on the effects of the reduced flows on the stream health.

4) Springs at the Haverstock Road site.

STEPS would like to see these returned to the natural environment rather than going into a piped system. Watercare, Healthy Waters and STEPS agreed to meet on site to discuss this.

5) Plant lists.

It was requested that Watercare ensures that the Contractor refers to the Enhancement Plan for the correct species list.

6. Other Matters

There were no other matters reported.

7. Next Meeting

NO.

ITEM

ACTION

This will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019.

Link to Meola Stream CLG Minutes and Agenda

<https://watercareserviceslimited.sharepoint.com/sites/External/MSCLG/MSCLGDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

APPENDIX:

STEPS UPDATE – MEOLA FORUM 12 June 2019

1. Te Tatua-a-Riukiuta Aquifer and the Waititiko - Waiateao Creeks Management

Plan:

In August 2017 STEPS presented a concept to Albert Eden LB, Waitemata LB and Puketepapa LB

for an integrated plan for restoration of Meola Creek / Motions Creek including Chamberlain

Park and all the Central Interceptor sites. We were pleased all three local boards funded it after Long Term Plan Consultation. Healthy Waters was co-ordinating progression of this. Budget was set aside in 2018-19 but the community was not consulted or engaged.

On 23 May 2019 AELB and Healthy Waters explained that while money was set aside for an Oakley Creek plan and a plan produced for the community, Healthy Waters proposed instead to spend the Meola money on monitoring the aquifer. Local Boards refused this as the aquifer is already monitored and the money was withdrawn. STEPS wrote to Local Board asking that AELB “recover or set aside the money to produce a landscape vision and restoration plan in 2019-2020 for Waititiko Meola Creek in the coming year, to honour the commitment made in the AELB three year plan.”

2. Central Interceptor and Meola

- “Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan”

This document relates to the 4-5 Meola Central interceptor sites. Now renamed the “Waititiko Meola Creek enhancement plan” the document was emailed to MLG Forum attendees on 29 May 2019. STEPS thanks Watercare and we look forward to the work commencing soon.

REQUEST: We trust there will be formal reporting on progress at each Meola CLG meeting.

- Lyon Avenue CI Design

*STEPS’ understanding and expectations were not met when we discovered very late that this is the only CI site which is **not** underground. Instead will be 2-3 meters high where it bulges 7 m across the Roy Clements Treeway, breaking the continuity of the forest remnant. In addition an unexpected control room has been placed on top abutting and further shading the treeway. STEPS has spoken with Morningstar Apartments and has written to Watercare to request that it be moved back a few meters so it is not visible from nor shading the RC Treeway. Sketches of the design in 2013 and 2018 show the differences.*



Lyon Avenue 2018 Plan showing 3 m high wall plus 2-3 m high control room to north.

Lyon Avenue 2013 plan – shows Central Interceptor entirely underground.



Watercare met STEPS on 30 May 2019 and explained their decision and their consultation process with AELB, MAGS and SLGA. Consideration was given to the apartment owners who look down on the MAGS/ public land where the building is sited, rather than to the local community who use that land, and no options were provided. We remain disappointed with the original process/ decision, and with the lack of formal process around issues raised both directly with Watercare by email and through the Meola CLG forum action list. (We wrote asking for options on 14 June 2018).

Watercare now advised that “More work would be done on the look and feel of the building engaging with STEPS and others.”

REQUEST: We look forward to more transparency in relation to **design options for all the Meola buildings**. We also request that **site layout plans be published** together with the minutes and hard copies be available at Meola Forum CLG meetings so the public can give feedback.

3. Monthly Working Bees and STEPS Plantings 2019:

We have held further volunteer weeding days at Kanuka Ave Pt Chev (access behind MOTAT). Healthy Waters has promised professional contractors to remove noxious weeds. Next planting will be July 2019 for Roy Clements Treeway with Albert Eden Local Board and Parks Department. Thanks to volunteers, AELB, Healthy Waters and AC Parks.

4. Meola Creek restoration

REQUEST:

1. Meola Creek flows. Meola Creek flows are low, especially in summer. We would like to discuss the flow regime in more detail with Watercare and Healthy Waters, as we are concerned **that if all flood waters are removed into the interceptor then the creek flows may be lower and there will be no cleaning and flushing to maintain the health of the creek.** We request advice on monitoring and modelling the creek to ensure the Central Interceptor enhances Waititiko Meola Creek. This work needs to be focused on the creek rather than viewing it as simply a “receiving environment” for stormwater.

REQUEST:

2. Springs

The plans for Haverstock Road site currently show the underground pipe with the permanent base flow in it, being reinstated as is. We wish to seek a specific **action to return that base flow to above ground as the point that the pipe leaves Plant and food land**, and reinforce the general action to have piped springs returned to overland, whenever they are disturbed by land works. We propose a meeting with appropriate Watercare team and Healthy Waters to brief them.

REQUEST:

3. Plant lists: STEPS notes that the Plant lists on the site plans we have seen are not correct. In both Watercare’s reports [Greenscenenz & the final Meola Enhancement plan by AECOM] there are plant lists for:
 - Rock forest (eg Lyon Ave)
 - Wetland
 - Streamside/ riparian

The intention is that these plant lists would be used as the basis for not only enhancement but also Meola mitigation plantings as well please (additions etc by specific agreement). **Please can Watercare make sure your contractors know to refer to the enhancement plan documents for plants.**

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc.

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Action List

Meeting Number	Action	Responsibility	Response	Status
4	Retention of top soil especially at Lyon Ave	Watercare	Include in restoration plans.	Monitor restoration plan
5.	Mana whenua consultation updates to be reported at each meeting.	Watercare	Liaison with the Kaitiaki Forum	Ongoing
11-1	Contractor to refer to Enhancement Plan for Plant Species	Watercare		
11-2	Consideration of visual appearance of plant rooms	Watercare	Kim Martinengo to be invited to the next meeting Further discussion with parties	
11-3	Consideration to move slightly plant room at Lyon Ave	Watercare	Watercare to report at next meeting	
11-4	Update on Enhancement Plan to be given at each meeting	Watercare		
11-5	Plant room layout plans to be sent out with minutes of each meeting	Watercare		
11-6	Effects of reduced flow in stream to be considered	Watercare		
11-7	Springs at Haverstock Rd - explore option to return to natural		Parties to meet on site to consider	

	environment		possibilities	
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