

Minutes of Meeting

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison
Group**

Date of Meeting: 13 September 2018

Meeting Number 8

Attendees:

Name

Affiliation/Interest

Alistair Shanks

Facilitator/Secretary

Brent Evans

Watercare

Stephen Grace

Watercare

Michelle Horn

Watercare

Sonia Parra

Healthy Waters

Wendy John

Friends of Oakley Creek

Sean Kisby

Mt Albert Residents Association

June Cade

STEPS

Elizabeth Walker

STEPS

Sel Arbuckle

STEPS

Andrew MacKintosh

STEPS

Peter Brice

MAGS

Apologies:

Shayne Cunis

Watercare Executive Programme Director
- Central Interceptor

Bernice Chiam

Watercare

Pat Prescott

STEPS

Andrew Chin

Healthy Waters

Venue:

Taylor Room, Mt Albert YMCA

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1. Introductions

Brent Evans, the Watercare Manager for Local Boards and Stakeholder Liaison, and Sonia Parra from Healthy Waters were welcomed. Brent was involved with the project in the early planning and consenting stages and has recently stepped back into assist with stakeholder communications. Sonia is to be the Healthy Waters contact for the group.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 May 2018

These were approved as correct, subject to the amendment of item 5, third paragraph to read:

“Healthy Waters proposed that the Albert Eden, Waitemata and Puketepapa Local Boards fund the development of an Issues and

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Options report covering Motions and Meola Creek and the Three Kings Aquifer. Funding will hopefully be approved for this to occur in the 2018/19 financial year.

Funding is also being sought, through development offsets for naturalising Chamberlain Park.”

3. Action Items from the Minutes

From Meeting Number 3

Draft Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan - this is to be prepared and distributed for comment by the next meeting. This item is ongoing.

From Meeting Number 4:

Retention of top soil - top soil requirements have been included in the contract documentation as a sustainability item, but should remain as an ongoing item to be watched.

From Meeting Number 5:

- Ownership of land off Haverstock Road - this is ongoing. This land has possibilities for enhancement but is mostly outside of the Watercare construction area.
- Mana whenua consultation - this is ongoing through the Kaitiaki Forum and personal contact by Watercare.
- Kura Kaupapa to be engaged with - Is on going.
- Video on the Sharepoint Portal - the problems with the portal are resolved so this item can be closed off.

From Meeting Number 6:

Consultation with Healthy Waters. Sonia Parra from Healthy waters is committed to attending this group, so this item can be closed off.

From Meeting 7

- Engagement with Stakeholders. This is ongoing.
- Provide vision document and arrange enhancement site walks. This has been done.
- Agree enhancement prioritisation process with the community. This is ongoing.

4. Watercare Update

Project Update

It was reported that the Central Interceptor Project is well into the procurement phase. Four consortia have been shortlisted. These are made up of local and international contractors. The tenders

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close on 14th September. It is anticipated that a contract with the successful tenderer will be awarded in February 2019. Construction is planned for 2019 to 2025.

Factors in the tender evaluation will include price, and value offered for safety, stakeholder engagement and sustainability to minimise disruption to the community. The locations of where the works will start and how many work crews will be involved, will also be considered.

Two months will be taken for the tender evaluation. In December a preferred bidder will be identified and this will be announced in February when the contract is awarded.

Work is likely to start at the Mangere end. There could be work on multiple fronts. Most of the work will be underground with a number of shaft construction sites on the surface.

Brent will be responsible for overseeing communications with the community. Some of the companies which have tendered are international, however they will be partnered with a local company to ensure appropriate responses to matters in the NZ environment.

Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan Update

A presentation was given by Brent Evans. It was reported that Ramari Young has recently left Watercare.

The presentation outlined the specific requirements of the consent order to offset vegetation loss in the Treeway along with relevant consent conditions. Apart from the Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan this includes a requirement to minimise tree removal and a minimum of two to one replacement planting for trees removed. Open Space and Restoration Plans also need to be prepared including for the Lyon Avenue site.

Enhancement opportunities were discussed. The quantum of tree removal required was outlined. The Greenscene report identified aspirational opportunities for further discussion and prioritisation. The key is to be able to identify the opportunities that give the most benefit.

The Greenscene report was discussed at the 13 June Albert Eden Local Board Meeting. Watercare was asked to seek input from Parks to develop the plan. They met together on 4 September and are to report back together to the Local Board on 16 October.

There is not a fixed budget for proposed enhancement works, but

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priority works need to be identified. It was noted that a Healthy Waters project is starting to identify expected works in the Meola Motions catchment, not just those related to Watercare's role. Healthy Waters, Parks and Watercare need to work together. Watercare can only do a limited amount of enhancement. Healthy Waters has a wider catchment management role.

Projects such as the rock forest enhancement at Norgrove and Rawalpindi Reserves, pest control, privet removal and the MAGS farm tributary planting were discussed as priorities.

The group requested that Parks nominate a person to be part of the group. It was noted that the Council have people experienced in pest control and ecological enhancement who can work with communities.

The next stage is for Parks and Watercare to discuss the opportunities at a Local Board workshop on 16 October. Watercare will review the ideas and develop the enhancement plan and circulate it for stakeholder feedback in early November. This will be discussed at the next MSCLG meeting on 28th November. Watercare will respond to the feedback and submit the plan to Council by mid-December this year.

The MAGS development for agricultural education involves tributary planting and fencing on the MAGS property. Peter Brice from MAGS thought that if Watercare was involved in this project in some way it could be beneficial for both parties. Sonia Parra noted that if Watercare was to fund the start of some of the works it may act as a catalyst for offsetting mitigation contributions from other local developers looking for opportunities to offset effects outside of their immediate areas.

5. Update by Healthy Waters

Sonia gave an update.

It was reported that there is Healthy Waters commitment to the daylighting Meola Stream pipe along Haverstock Road after the Central Interceptor project.

The consultant 4Sight is now starting on a project to outline restoration opportunities in the Meola Motions catchments, and is sponsored by the Albert Eden, Waitemata and Puketepapa Local Boards.

Offset works from mitigation requirements for development projects

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elsewhere could be used for the MAGS farm tributary planting. However this is complex because of costs, effects and the need for approvals. Sonia noted it would be helpful if Watercare could help fund the tributary planting with MAGS.

Sonia offered to look within Council for a biosecurity/pest person who could present to the group on community trapping initiatives and for a representative from Parks who could join the meeting to work with the group and help facilitate outcomes and Council input.

6. STEPS Update

STEPS provided an update as attached in Appendix A. This included the following:

- 1) STEPS monthly working bees.
- 2) STEPS Plantings in 2018.
- 3) Presentation on Management Plan proposals to Local Boards.
- 4) Update on Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan
- 5) Lyon Avenue CI Design - Control room

The following was noted:

- people were invited to join future walks organised by STEPS. These are the second Saturday each month.
- planting in the wetlands is continuing
- STEPS is concerned about the control room height above the ground in the area of Roy Clements Treeway (RCT) owned by MAGS at the Lyon Avenue site. STEPS were informed all CI shafts would be underground, and found out later that in the Lyon Ave/ RCT area there will be 2-3 m high shading. STEPS sees an additional 2-3 m high control room on top as unnecessarily high and prominent and asked for its relocation. This has been discussed with Stephen Grace.

7. Other Matters

Stakeholder Approvals for Control Rooms

There are to be four control rooms. These need to be functional and designed so as not to encourage inappropriate public lurking. They also cannot be underground. It was noted that Watercare has to work with Council as the landowner for its approval. The Local Board asked that the Council's Public Arts section be involved in the final look of the control rooms, while considering operational and safety constraints.

It was noted that in addition to the community Watercare has to work with many stakeholders for approval such as:

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- Council as the landowner in most public parks. The Council Public Arts section want control rooms to stand out as a form of art. Local Boards control many parks.
- Other landowners such as MAGS, and Plant and Food.

8. Next Meeting

This will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 28th November.

Link to Meola Stream CLG Minutes and Agenda

https://www.watercare.co.nz/about-watercare/Projects%20around%20Auckland/Central_Interceptor/Pages/Central-Interceptor.aspx

Appendix A

STEPS UPDATE – MEOLA FORUM September 2018

1. STEPS Monthly Working Bees

This year we have been walking the mountain to sea path – from Owairaka to Te Tokaroa.
<https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.meolacreek.org.nz%2Fmeola-waititiko-mountain-to-sea-walk%2F> We have now walked from Owairaka to Chamberlain park in 2 sections, and had other weeding and planting sessions. All welcome – watch the web site or facebook for the next stage. Usually second Saturday in the month.

2. STEPS Plantings 2018:

The ‘meadow’ or ‘ephemeral wetland in Roy Clements Treeway has remained constantly wet since 19 May planting. We had 2 more plantings there including a ceremonial planting of 5 kahikatea donated by Wendy John of Friends of Oakley Creek, on 1 September. In June we planted the Alberton entrance and in July some sedges. Thanks to volunteers, AELB and AC Parks.

3. Te Tātua-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. Healthy Waters is assisting with progression of this. We are pleased all three local boards have funded it and we await its start.. Watch this space!

4. Meola CI – “Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan”

STEPS and friends carried out two walks of restored areas with Ramari Young and Michelle Horn of Healthy Waters. We are expecting the prioritization process and the draft plan next, and offered more site visits for new team members. We look forward to providing input to the management plan later this month followed by its approval this year by AELB and Auckland Council.

5. 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 the control room be moved back a few meters so it is not visible from nor shading the RC Treeway.

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

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Action List

Meeting Number	Action	Responsibility	Response	Status
3	Draft Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan to be developed and distributed for comment	Watercare	Ongoing.	Under action. Due at Dec 2018 meeting
4	Retention of top soil especially at Lyon Ave	Watercare	Request included in contract documentation.	Monitor final contract
5.	Identify enhancement possibilities for Ahurangi land and area by boundary of 98-136 Haverstock Rd SHA	Healthy Waters	Healthy Waters to consider in development concepts.	Ongoing
5.	Mana whenua consultation timing, process to be reconsidered.	Watercare	Bernice to liaise through Kaitiaki Forum	Ongoing
5	Kura Kaupapa o Nga Maungarongo as tangata whenua also need to be engaged at the right time	Watercare	Added to mailing list. Will contact in person.	Ongoing
7	Engagement with local landowners	STEPS to arrange once prioritisation process is clear.	Watercare and STEPS	Ongoing
7	Agree enhancement, prioritisation process with the community.		Watercare STEPS	Ongoing

8	Identify works that could be expected for enhancement and complete RCT Enhancement Plan		STEPS, Parks, Watercare	
8	Parks to nominate a person for the MSCLG group		Council Parks	
8	Elevated site at Roy Clements Treeway – community request to move control room back to avoid further shading and building visibility from Treeway.		Watercare	