

Minutes of Meeting

Final

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison
Group**

Date of Meeting: 30 May 2018

Meeting Number 7

Attendees:

Name

Affiliation/Interest

Alistair Shanks

Facilitator/Secretary

Shayne Cunis

Watercare Executive Programme Director
- Central Interceptor

Stephen Grace

Watercare

Bernice Chiam

Watercare

Bojan Jovanovic

Watercare

Ramari Young

Watercare

Michelle Horn

Watercare

Pat Prescott

STEPS

Elizabeth Walker

STEPS

Sel Arbuckle

STEPS

Andrew MacKintosh

STEPS

Peter Brice

MAGS

Rebecca Barclay

Healthy Waters

Alan Matteucci

St Lukes Garden Apartments

Graeme Easte

Albert Eden Local Board

Apologies:

Christy Reynolds

Greenscene

Andrew Chin

Healthy Waters

June Cade

STEPS

Venue:

Taylor Room, Mt Albert YMCA

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1. Introductions

Ramari Young and Michelle Horn from Watercare, and Peter Brice from MAGS were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2018

These were approved as correct.

3. Action Items from the Minutes

From Meeting Number 3
Draft Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan - an outline of

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potential Meola enhancement projects from Greenscene is nearly complete. This item is ongoing.

From Meeting Number 4:

Retention of top soil - this item is completed as top soil requirements have been included in the contract documentation as a sustainability item.

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 Bernice.
- Kura Kaupapa to be engaged with - Is on going.
- Video on the Sharepoint Portal - the problems with the portal are nearly resolved.

From Meeting Number 6:

Consultation with Healthy Waters. This has been commenced with Rebecca Barclay attending this meeting and planning to nominate a Healthy Waters person to come to future meetings while she is on maternity leave.

4. **Watercare Update**

Stakeholder Engagement

Ramari and Michelle were introduced. They have joined the Watercare Central Interceptor (CI) team specifically for stakeholder engagement and communications. Watercare is wanting to take stakeholder engagement on the project to a new level.

Ramari has been the Acting Communications Manager for Watercare while the Communication Manager has been on maternity leave. Michelle has worked for Watercare for three summers as an events manager. Both Ramari and Michelle will now be focusing on stakeholder engagement and communications for the Central Interceptor project.

Project Update

Shayne reported that the Central Interceptor Project is well into the procurement phase. This has moved from expressions of interest to four consortia being shortlisted. These are made up of local and international contractors. The next stage, the request for tenders, was undertaken on 10th May. Tenders 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.

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The program is on time. It is important that the project is kept on time and to budget. Typically on large projects there is a cost overrun of in the order of 40%.

The four consortia selected are of top quality and will seek to minimise disruption to the community. The locations of where the works will start and how many work crews will be involved, is being considered by each consortium.

Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan Update

It was reported that there has been input from Greenscene. Enhancement could include exotic tree removal, weed control, riparian planting, construction of walkways and signage. The plan will show these activities.

The next stage is for Watercare to review the ideas and for the management plans to be developed. The plan is to be submitted to Council for its approval by December this year. It is important that the stakeholders give their support to the plan when it is submitted.

The stakeholders will include STEPS, iwi, local schools, AELB and the affected land owners.

Watercare will work together with the stakeholders, see what they want and consider what Watercare is able to do. Discussion will be held on the best way to deliver the enhancement works - by the main contractor, by Watercare or by others. The plan needs to be developed together. Volunteer labour needs to be considered.

Discussion

Watercare are aiming to leave the environment in a better state than when the project commenced. The amount and cost of enhancement to the environment must be defensible by Watercare to the public of Auckland. There needs to be balance. Not too much or too little. Watercare want to try to get this balance right. Watercare will do more than the minimum, but it has to draw a line as it cannot do everything.

The aim is to see the CI project as a game changer. It is to provide resilience for the wastewater collection system, to reduce wet weather overflows, and to enable continued growth in Auckland.

The group was reminded of the Oakley Creek enhancement works that were undertaken when the Waterview tunnel was constructed.

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	<p>The Central Interceptor project is seen as a once in a lifetime opportunity for enhancement works in the Meola area. Watercare are seeking to bring sustainability into the project. This is included as part of the contract documentation. An increase in public visibility is sought by Watercare for the project. Watercare would like to see a reputational gain from the project and show leadership in sustainability through it. Health and safety and environmental enhancement will be key parts to this.</p> <p>The opportunity to develop Mountain to the Sea signage was raised. Graeme Easte shared his vision of seeing the Meola Stream considered as one in spite of it being piped in the middle near the New North Road. He would like to see the stream by Chamberlain Park opened to the public and link up different communities on the creek.</p> <p>STEPS agreed and is willing to help Watercare by assigning value/ priority to the enhancements from community and landscape perspectives. STEPS offered to provide Meola documents and walk the Watercare team and others over potential enhancement sites.</p> <p>Action 1. Watercare (Ramari) to contact STEPS re site walkovers. Action 2. Watercare to work with the community to agree the prioritisation process.</p>	
5.	<p>Update by Healthy Waters</p> <p>Rebecca Barclay gave an update.</p> <p>Healthy Waters (HW) plan to have a representative from HW catchment planning group at future meetings.</p> <p>Healthy Waters proposed that the Albert Eden, Waitemata and Puketepapa Local Boards fund the development of an Issues and 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.</p> <p>Funding is also being sought, through development offsets for naturalising Chamberlain Park.</p> <p>Healthy Waters and Watercare are working together on these plans.</p>	<p>Watercare</p> <p>Healthy Waters</p>
6.	<p>STEPS Update</p> <p>STEPS provided an update as attached in Appendix A. This included the following:</p> <p>1) STEPS monthly working bees.</p>	

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- 2) STEPS Plantings in 2018.
- 3) Presentation on Management Plan proposals to Local Boards.
- 4) Update on Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan

Discussion was held on possible ways to make the streams where they are modified less linear. It was thought that Healthy Waters need to take the lead on this as stream alignment is outside of the Watercare area. Further discussion is needed on this. This could be part of the Issues and Options above.

STEPS

Curves in boardwalks and in the vegetation planting can give the visual effect of curves in the streams.

STEPS AGM is on 14th June 7pm at Alberton. All are invited.

7. **Other Matters**

The following was noted:

- people were invited to join future walks organised by STEPS
- the creek tributary into MAGS property is part of the enhancement plans
- STEPS wants to assist engagement with local landowners once the prioritisation process is clear.

The deck on the bridge in Kerr Taylor Park to MAGS is to be replaced.

Last year there were students from MAGS who worked with STEPS on stream enhancement. This has not occurred so far this year though STEPS has approached the school.

8. **Next Meeting**

Ramari and Michelle will take the lead for Watercare for the next meeting. The meeting is likely to be in two to three months time. Notification will be sent out once a date is determined.

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 May 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%](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.meolacreek.org.nz%2Fmeola-waititiko-mountain-to-sea-walk%2F)

The first stage from Owairaka to Ahurangi was very successful with several families joining in the walk with strollers and a few refreshment breaks. All welcome – watch the web site or facebook for the next stage. Usually second Saturday in the month.

2. STEPS Plantings 2018:

- The 'meadow' in Roy Clements Treeway was transformed on 19 May (from buttercup, kikuyu and dock) to 'ephemeral wetland' which has been constantly wet since then. Thanks to volunteers, AELB and AC Parks. We plan to complete the Alberton entrance and some sedges in early June.

3. Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta Aquifer and the Waititiko - Waiateao Creeks Management Plan

proposal: 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 were pleased that Albert Eden LB and Waitemata LB included it in their 10 year plans. Watch this space!

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

STEPS has worked closely with Bernice Chiam and Christy Reynolds since October 2017 to outline enhancement opportunities for Meola Creek. We thank them both, along with Rebecca Barclay of Healthy Waters and Graeme East. We look forward to approval of the management plan later this year by AELB and Auckland Council.

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc.

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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 31 Dec 2018
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
5	Video of Lyon Ave site model to be put up on the planned portal	Watercare	Portal issues being resolved	Ongoing
6	Consultation with Healthy Waters	Watercare and STEPS	Underway. Need name of new representative	

7	Engagement with local landowners	STEPS to arrange once prioritisation process is clear.	Watercare and STEPS	
7	Provide Meola vision document and arrange enhancement site walks		STEPS and Watercare	
7	Agree enhancement, prioritisation process. with the community.		Watercare STEPS	