



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITEMATA HARBOUR FORESHORE RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 4 September 2007 **TIME: 5.30 pm**

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to hear submissions made to the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

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29 August 2007

Carmen Fernandes
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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(Quorum 3 members)

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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Subcommittee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Subcommittee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Friday, 25 May 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee held on Friday, 25 May 2007, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



**4 DRAFT WAITEMATA HARBOUR FORESHORE RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN
HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

GLOSSARY

Draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan	(draft Plan)
Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee	(the Subcommittee)
Reserves Act 1977	(the Act)
The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves	(the Reserves)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is for the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) to hear the submissions made to the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan (draft Plan) and to provide a forum for individuals to speak to their submissions.

BACKGROUND

A Reserve Management Plan process has been underway in order to guide the management of local reserves that lie adjacent to the Waitemata Harbour. The process of preparing this Reserve Management Plan has involved research and analysis of the numerous reserves values, iwi consultation, extensive consultation with communities and an ecological assessment.

In November 2005, the Subcommittee was established with delegated authority to oversee the process of preparing the draft Plan.

An Advisory Group was established to oversee the development of the draft Plan in October 2005.

The intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the local reserves along the Waitemata Foreshore was publicly notified in February 2006.

In April 2007, the Advisory Group recommended that the draft Plan be presented to the Subcommittee for approval to publicly notify the draft Plan for the second round of submissions.

At the Subcommittee meeting, held on Friday, 25 May 2007, it was decided that a submissions hearing be scheduled in September 2007. This is outlined in the following resolution from that meeting:

"2. That the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee approves a change to the draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan process to have:

- a hearing of submissions to the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee in September 2007;*
- an Advisory Group Meeting in September to discuss issues raised in the submissions; and*
- a Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee meeting at the end of September 2007 to confirm amendments and adopt the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan."*

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The submission period for the draft Plan closed on Monday, 20 August 2007.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The draft Plan is being prepared within the context of The Waitakere City Council's Strategic Priorities and Platforms. The Strategic Platforms particularly relevant to the draft Plan are the Green Network, Urban and Rural Villages, Strong Communities and Three Waters.

The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves (the Reserves) provide a significant opportunity to implement the Green Network along one of the Waitakere's major Harbours, through the development of ecological corridors. Public access to existing outstanding vegetation areas and access to the coastline will be provided through the Reserve Management Plan.

The Reserves provide areas of green open space, which are an important part of the enhancement of the overall fabric of the Waitakere. They also provide for physical and visual access to the coastline. The reserves are therefore important to the Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Platform.

The Reserves are of importance to the Strong Communities Strategic Platform as they have the potential to provide for a community focus and offer recreational opportunities. The Reserves can reflect community identity, to contribute to sense of place, as well as providing an opportunity for community stewardship of reserves.

The Reserves are important to the Three Waters Strategic Platform as they carry stormwater into the harbour environment, and offer an opportunity for designing innovative management approaches in regard to stormwater, and outfall structures.

The draft Plan is being prepared in the context of the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy (update of the 1999 Parks Strategy), which provides guidelines on the management of parks within Waitakere. The objectives and policies outlined in the draft Plan are guided by the objectives of the Open Space Strategy. The Open Space Strategy aims to improve the quality of parks and provide parks services in a fair and equitable way for Waitakere communities within financial constraints.

The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan is also being prepared in the context of the Waitakere City Council Leisure Strategy.

ISSUES

The issues raised in the submissions resulting from the second round of submissions are briefly summarised below. A total of 13 submissions have been received.

- The majority of Whenuapai Reserves are not able to be accessed, reserves are not defined as public land, and there are issues with late night partying at Waimaire Beach;
- The NZ Motor Caravan Association has requested that independent overnight parking be designated at formed carparks in reserves along the foreshore;
- All foreshore reserves should be treated as public land, and coastal walkways are important;
- Taipari Strand is contaminated and more design proposals should be undertaken in this reserve in regard to this;
- Waitakere needs a park designated for off leash exercise for dogs and their owners, like the park in Auckland City, named Meola Reef;
- The reserves are underutilised, and should be promoted and advertised;
- Six or Seven years ago, this submitter put forward ideas for the redevelopment of Chapman Strand, in Te Atatu Peninsula which the submitter would like to resubmit. Spinnaker Strand also in Te Atatu Peninsula needs more development;
- Residents neighbouring West Harbour Esplanade would like to see amendments to the Reserve Management Plan for that Reserve, in regard to planting proposals;
- The draft Plan should reflect the significant development that will occur within and adjacent to the esplanade reserve, in the Hobsonville area;

- The draft Plan is supported, with particular regard to policies around weed control, eco – sourced species for revegetation, planting to reduce erosion, and planting to retain viewshafts. The submitter attached a species list for plants that are indigenous to Herald Island, and the submission suggests having a group of council officers working with the community to ensure the correct implementation of the Reserve Management Plan, in regard to the above issues;
- The draft Plan is supported, and the submitters commend the Council on its objectives that provide for both the natural and human environments, the submitters propose that the easement to Harbour Reserve, Glendene, at 10 Avenger Place is not required for public access. The submitters would like to offer to purchase this piece of land. Council access for reserve maintenance would be maintained along this area of land, if this proposal is granted;
- Auckland Regional Council supports the preparation of this draft Plan. Auckland Regional Council has provided a detailed submission with comments to assist in the preparation of the draft Plan.

A1-A35 Full copies of the submissions received are attached at pages A1 to A35.

A36-A48 A table summarising the main issues raised in submissions and comments in regard to the issues are attached at pages A36 to A48.

RESOURCES

\$110,000 has been allocated in the Annual Plan 2007/2008 to continue the Reserve Management Plan programme for Waitakere, which includes the draft Plan and associated professional reports and preparation costs.

Funding for development works suggested within the Reserve Management Plan will be established through future Long Term Council Community Plans.

CONCLUSION

This report presents a summary of the submissions received through the first and second round of submissions for the draft Plan. Submitters are provided an opportunity to present their submissions to the Subcommittee for consideration prior to recommendations being made for amendments to the draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Hearing of Submissions report be received.
2. That the issues raised in submissions are heard and discussed further at the Advisory Group meeting, and that a meeting of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee be held at the end of September 2007 to confirm amendments and adopt the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan, be approved.

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