

Community Forum
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Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 16 August 2012, 6.00pm
Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Avenue

Present:

Community Forum members:

Lynne Ball, Richard Ballantyne, Ross Brereton, Leah Carr, Weng Kai Chen, Leanne Curtis, Gill Cox, Peter Jenkins, Ruth Jones, Deborah McCormick, Jocelyn Papprell, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Bruce Russell, Patricia Siatage, Emma Twaddell, Brian Vieceli, Rachel Vogan, John Wong, Darren Wright

Apologies

Marty Braithwaite, Belinda Charteris, Joseph Chamberlain, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Paul Lonsdale, Tom McBrearty, Lesley Murdoch

Chair

Trevor McIntyre

In Attendance

Lynn Smith, Secretary for the Community Forum
Jacinda Lean, Manager, Ministerial and Chief Executive Support, CERA
Benesia Smith, General Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA
Jane Bryden, Advisor, Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee
Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i)
Roger Sutton, Chief Executive, CERA

1. CERA's Current Position, Roger Sutton

1.1 CCDU

- The launch has gone well and received a positive reaction
- CERA are now working with landowners and investors
- The groundwork has been laid however there is still much work to be done with infrastructure being just as important as the big ticket items
- The Avon River and the Eastern Frame are two of the first priorities
- Residential development is also a priority and the aim is to make the central city an attractive place to be and entice people back in.

1.2 Red Zone Update

- A large number of people have moved out of these areas
- One quarter of those have taken Option 1 (rateable valuation for land, building and fixtures), with the majority taking Option 2 (rateable valuation for land and the insurance payout for buildings and fixtures)
- Re the first tranche of red-zone Crown offers that are due to expire, CERA are following up on those very few red-zone landowners they have not yet heard from
- There will not be any extensions given to the 19 August deadline
- Nearly 500 properties have been cleared

- Temporary housing at Rawhiti village is 30% occupied, while Kaiapoi and Linwood villages are at capacity
- There are fewer families receiving Temporary Accommodation Assistance than anticipated however this is expected to increase as Temporary Accommodation Claims Cover ends
- Demolitions are ongoing and the cordon reductions continue
- CERA are working hard to get more roads open
- Public meetings with Port Hills residents are going well and more announcements on white zone properties are to be made tomorrow
- Community support is ongoing

1.3 Insurance

- EQC has lifted the cash settlement threshold to \$15,000
- The apportionment process is speeding up
- The drilling programme is rolling out with 15 rigs now in operation, and CERA are confident this will be picked up by all insurance companies
- CERA have been working with all parties to encourage them to clear blockages in the insurance system
- The Community Forum should think about what society's expectations are for the behaviour of insurance companies in these circumstances

1.4 TC3 Land

- Community meetings are currently being held and are proving a valuable experience

1.5 Suburban Plans

- The CCC is the lead party on assisting with the development of suburban plans

1.6 Immigrant Workers Programme

- The Department of Labour are responsible for this
- CERA would like to see a wide range of accommodation types being considered, including billeting in homes
- It is essential to involve these workers in the community and various ideas are being looked at
- There are plans for trade skills development for our youth but this programme needs to be looked at carefully to ensure a sustainable future for these workers, as some trades will not be required beyond 3 years (the length of an apprenticeship)

Roger left at 6.45pm

2. Overview from J Bryden

2.1 Role of Forum

- The Minister is pleased with the work being done by the Community Forum, appreciates the information and advice received from the Forum to date, and wants to strengthen its role and determine how CERA can provide further support
- The Forum is seen as a strong and credible group

2.2 Role of CERA

- CERA is looking at ways it can increase its level of support to the Forum:
 - **Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i)** has recently been appointed to a new role of Senior Advisor, Ministerial and Chief Executive Support in the Office of the Chief Executive. She will act as a liaison point for the Admin Secretary to the Forum from now on.
 - Ensuring the Forum receives more regular feedback on the information and advice it provides to the Minister and the Chief Executive of CERA
 - Updating and maintaining the Forum website – meeting notes should be published within the next fortnight

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2.3 Annual Report

- J Bryden outlined a proposal to develop an “annual report” from the Forum to the Minister and agreed to prepare a first draft for Forum consideration.

2.3 Communication Plan

- J Bryden will advise on the Communication Plan at a later date

2.4 Youth Forum

- CERA has collated some information to share and will discuss with J Chamberlain prior to the next meeting

ACTION: L Smith to add Youth Forum Discussion to the next agenda

2.5 Port Hills

- Announcements are being made tomorrow for 163 properties in the white zone (5 will turn green, 158 will turn red), and approximately 37 properties will remain in the white zone as further work is required
- CERA are endeavouring to make personal contact with the property owners tonight, by email and/or phone (where they have the contact details)
- CERA have actively looked at a range of protection measure options for the Port Hills, and taken into account a range of issues including where:
 - *annual individual fatality risk associated with residential dwellings in the area is higher than 1 in 10,000 at 2016 risk levels;*
 - *an engineering solution to mitigate the life risk is judged not to be desirable, as it would (amongst other factors) be uncertain, disruptive, not be timely, not be cost effective, and the health and wellbeing of residents is at risk from remaining in the area for prolonged periods.*

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- The Crown and the CCC are sharing financial costs 50/50 in relation to rock roll.

3. Forum Plan For The Next Few Months

- The Community Forum will draft a plan from:
 - Issues they would like to see addressed
 - Community groups or action groups that may be of value to either attend a Forum meeting or for a Forum member to provide feedback from
 - Any interest/community groups they are involved with
- Priorities will be gathered and a timeline will be drawn up
- Some issues may be ongoing or may need to be rolled over

4. CCC Communication Review

- The Forum sees its role as a watchdog therefore its role is to see if the action plan, to be put in place by the Council, is working
- Forum members requested a copy of the Review

ACTION: J Bryden to forward a copy of the Executive Summary from Felicity Price's report to Community Forum members

5. Annual Calendar

- Deferred until the Community Forum Plan is finalised

6. General Business

6.1 Social Function

- Invitations are to be extended to the Minister, Associate Minister and Roger Sutton
- Thank you to E Twaddle for arrangements

6.2 Earlier Meeting Time

- It was noted that the earlier meeting start time created a challenge for Ministers to attend – they must seek Leave from the House in order to attend.

6.3 Advocacy Service

- CanCERN have met with CERA regarding the establishment of an advocacy support service around insurance. Further work required.
- CERA is facilitating meetings with insurers and EQC

6.4 Youth Representation

- Along with youth, the Forum needs to consider how to encourage emerging leaders in the 25-40 year old age group to be involved in the redevelopment of the city

6.5 Compulsory Land Acquisition in the "Frame" within the Central City

- Some members raised concerns that there are some landowners who are concerned about the land acquisition process and the compensation that they might be paid.

- CERA noted that Landowners in the Eastern Frame have all been sent Notices of Intention, and discussions are being encouraged for a willing seller/ willing buyer negotiation.
- CERA noted that using the compulsory land acquisition powers in the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act will be used as a last resort
- CERA is identifying what type of wrap-around support it might provide to both landowners and tenants
- CERA noted that it is essential that two of the key priorities set out in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan (developing the Avon River and land acquisition of the Eastern Frame) need to get underway as soon as possible in order to provide confidence to the community and private sector that recovery of the central city is underway.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday 30 August 2012

Meeting closed 7.50pm

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Overview of Presentation

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- Residential Red Zone Progress
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Central City Announcement

- Christchurch Central Recovery Plan launched Monday 30 July
- Extremely positive reception overall – seen as a bold, exciting vision for central city
- Important to understand the Recovery Plan in context of city and region-wide recovery programmes
- A lot of work to do going forward
- www.ccd.govt.nz



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Settlement Update

- 7560 red zone properties
- 6488 offer letters sent
- 5572 Sale & Purchase agreements signed
- 4297 (S&P signed) selected Option 2
- 1275 (S&P signed) selected Option 1
- 4402 have settled to date
- Following up on homeowners we have not heard back from



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Property Clearances

- 480 properties now cleared
- Working in Zone programme has 23 staff
- More than 1500 properties attended to



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Housing

- Rawhiti Domain temporary village complete. Six residents have moved in so far, more scheduled over the coming months
- Kaiapoi and Linwood villages continue to go well, unit availability has tightened in recent weeks - 136 households have used them so far
- 1299 families on Temporary Accommodation Assistance (CETAS)
- Over 6000 temporary accommodation claims (Insurance Council NZ)



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Operations

- 25 demolitions currently underway
- 9 due to start hard demolition
- 1286 buildings either full or partial demolitions now completed
 - 870 in the CBD
 - 429 in the suburbs
- Newstalk ZB building was demolished by implosion Sunday 5 August – high public turnout and media coverage
- Cordon reductions continue – last Friday (10 August) Hereford St, to the Ibis Hotel



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Port Hills

- Public meetings well attended. Joint approach with CCC, EQC, and insurance companies has worked well, especially discussion booths
- A number of questions asked that we've not heard before
- 166 properties remain in the white zone due to life risk issues (158 rock fall, 8 landslip)
- Working to resolve those as soon as possible – announcement expected shortly



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Community Support

- Community based meetings
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- Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service
- Temporary Accommodation Assistance
- Earthquake Support Service
- Avondale Earthquake Assistance Centre - people attending a total of 7,717 meetings with onsite agencies since September 2012
- Kaiapoi Earthquake Hub – people attending a total of 1,824 meetings with onsite agencies



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Insurance

- EQC lifted cash settlement threshold to \$15,000
- CERA attends working group meetings between EQC and insurers:
 - developing tools for apportioning damage to different events
 - resolving differences in damage estimates
- We are urging EQC and insurers to find ways to make decisions quickly so claimants get clarity



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TC3

- CERA has encouraged insurers and EQC to work together on developing a drilling programme as soon as possible
- Encouraged EQC to share land damage reports with insurers as soon as possible so that, in the first instance, house repairs can proceed where land damage is not a hold-up
- We are coordinating a series of community meetings for green zone property owners – late August through early September
- TC3 information booklet released



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Looking Forward

- Increasingly moving to rebuild & recovery phase
- SCIRT work continues to ramp up
- Many Recovery Strategy workstreams – inc Education, Heritage, Labour Market, Sports & Rec, Economic Recovery – in the pipeline
- Looking at Temporary Worker Accommodation and other support systems



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