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**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee  
to hear submissions to the Draft Urban Environments Bylaw**

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,  
Nelson**

**On Thursday 12 March 2015, commencing at 9.02am.**

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Present: Councillors B McGurk (Chairperson), I Barker, R Copeland, K  
Fulton (Deputy Chair), M Lawrey, M Ward and Ms Glenice  
Paine.

In Attendance: Group Manager Strategy and Environment (C Barton),  
Manager Planning (M Heale), Manager Community  
Partnerships (S Hermsen), Kaihautu (Geoff Mullen), Manager  
Communications (Paul Shattock), Manager Administration (P  
Langley), and Administration Adviser (F O'Brien)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillor E Davy

**1. Apologies**

Resolved

***THAT apologies be received and accepted from  
Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Davy.***

McGurk/Lawrey

Carried

**2. Confirmation of Order of Business**

There were no changes to the order of business.

**3. Interests**

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with  
agenda items were declared.

**4. Submissions**

4.1 Youth Council

Youth Councillors thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and  
discussed the results of the survey they carried out (A1314974).

In answer to a question, Youth Councillors clarified that they did not cover the subject of cat desexing in their survey but focused on registration.

In answer to a further question, Youth Councillors said that the survey was conducted in late February and information was collected in person, online through survey monkey and Facebook.

#### 4.2 Nelson Police

Stephen Savage, Sergeant of the Nelson Police gave a presentation (A1327108) and spoke to his tabled document (A1327105).

Sergeant Savage clarified that calls for service during the day were substantially higher than the evening as there was no daytime liquor ban in place.

He discussed that there were clear side loading areas within the liquor ban area which resulted in bottles and debris being left behind and increased risk for business owners. He suggested that there be an extension to the area and hours in which the ban was valid for.

In answer to a question, Sergeant Savage advised that if a 24 hour liquor ban was implemented in Victory Square alone, then the issue would most likely migrate to Wigzell Park.

In answer to a question Sergeant Savage clarified that there were very few measures the Police could take if those drinking alcohol were not committing an offense. He confirmed that officers educate those drinking when caught for a first time but would issue a fine if caught a second time. He added that the Police wished to promote responsible drinking and each situation would be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Sergeant Savage highlighted the extended areas that he suggested the liquor ban cover.

#### 4.3 Carolyn and Raymond Necklen

Mr and Mrs Necklen, as new residents bordering Wigzell Park, described the prolonged daytime sessions where drinking alcohol and antisocial behaviour occurred, often resulting in litter problems.

#### 4.4 Brian Say and Amanda Stevens

Brian Say and Amanda Stephens, on behalf of Blind Citizens New Zealand, spoke in support of the proposal to widen footpath clearance to 2 metres.

Mr Say suggested that sandwich boards were not moved to kerbsides as proposed but instead to focus on the issue of clutter on footpaths. Mr Say noted that in the last 5-7 years, there had been additions to the footpaths such as seats, trees, food outlets and bicycle racks. He

questioned the benefit of moving sandwich boards if tables and chairs would remain outside cafes.

Mr Say suggested that a small working group be established to include Council and Blind Citizens New Zealand to move towards the elimination of sandwich boards and discuss other path related issues.

Ms Stephens described various cities which she believed promoted high quality pedestrian environments and emphasised the importance of accessibility to all. Regarding sandwich boards she noted that the most accessible cities had removed sandwich boards or demanded registration so rules could be enforced around them.

Ms Stephens discussed Standard 4121, cited in the New Zealand Building Act 2004 which related to access to buildings. She noted that obstacles on footpaths cause undue stress on shoppers and greatly affect the retail environment. She suggested bus stops and car parks as an alternative advertising medium to sandwich boards.

In answer to a question, Ms Stephens noted that her preference would be for sandwich boards to stay where they were as movement would require additional adjustment for the visually impaired.

## **5. Councillor Queries**

Councillors requested clarity and additional information in advance of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting to deliberate on submissions to the Urban Environments Bylaw 2 March 2015.

- 5.1 Councillors queried whether consultation would need to take place if the CBD liquor ban was extended.
- 5.2 A clear map was requested of the suggested liquor ban area following Sergeant Savage's submission.
- 5.3 It was also queried whether the Victory Square area should cover the surrounding shops and streets and how far into private property the ban extended.
- 5.4 It was requested that other councils' approach to sandwich board advertising subject be considered.
- 5.5 It was also queried what penalty was in place for business' positioning sandwich boards in the middle of the footpath and if fines were indeed implemented, then whether this could be publicised.
- 5.6 Councillors queried whether all roads would be able to comply with the 2 metre footpath proposal.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.19am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date