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**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Deliberations on Submissions to the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan**

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

**On Tuesday 2 April 2013, commencing at 12.55pm**

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw, and M Ward

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), and Administration Adviser (L Laird)

**Apologies:** Councillors E Davy, P Matheson and J Rackley

**1. Interests**

There were no updates to the Interests Register.

**2. Confirmation of Order of Business**

There were no changes to the Order of Business.

**3. Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan**

Document number 1454967, agenda pages 3-31 refer.

The Council discussed the process that had been undertaken in developing the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan (the Plan).

The Executive Manager Regulatory, Mr Johnson said the Council had not received or formally deliberated on the submissions, which may affect the Plan. Therefore, he said, Council was required to make those decisions at this meeting before adopting the Plan.

**Attendance:** the meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.02pm and reconvened at 1.30pm.

There was agreement that the Council should consider the submissions individually before discussing any changes to Plan. The Council progressed through the submissions and discussed areas of concern as they arose.

The Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Andrew Petheram and Planning Adviser, Britta Heitz joined the meeting.

### 3.1 Tennis Courts

The Council expressed concern that the concept plan did not have provision for any extra tennis courts. The Chief Executive said that at this stage it was not possible to make any changes outside of what was specified in the submissions.

### 3.2 Existing tenants

A view was expressed that provision within the Plan needs to be made to ensure a facility lease for groups including Community Arts, the Rifle Club, the Pipe Band and Citizens Advice Bureau.

### 3.3 Central pedestrian spine

Concern was raised over the central spine and many Councillors felt it split the area, especially for the Croquet Club as the greens were separated by this pedestrian spine.

Mr Petheram emphasised that the pedestrian spine provided access to the Parks and a clear line of sight, which were important to the Park's overall usage and to encourage people in to the Park.

The Council agreed that the pedestrian spine needed to both encourage people in to the Park but should not limit the ability of users like the Croquet Club. It was agreed that this issue could not be decided on at this meeting and that it should come back to Council for further decision.

Some Councillors mentioned that they would like to see how the Maitai Walkway and the earthquake prone issues with the Trafalgar Park progressed before adopting the draft Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan. It was recognised that there were wider issues at hand when making decisions about this Plan.

Concern was expressed that this Plan had been consulted on and that many residents had spent time contributing to the process and would look for action from the Council. In response to a question, the Chief Executive advised the Council against adopting the Plan in part, or in principle only.

The Chief Executive advised the Council to leave the item for debate at another meeting. She said that would allow her the time to provide a draft Plan for approval that had sufficient clarity to allow a decision to be made.

She said at that point the Council could reply to submitters with a definitive answer.

Resolved

***THAT the item be left to lie on the table and be reported back to the Council in a timely manner.***

Collingwood/Reese

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.27pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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