

Avondale development

Update meeting

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Avondale Update Agenda

Avondale Community Action

- Update
- Survey results

Whau Local Board

- Local Board Plan / Council's 10 Year budget
- Facilities : swimming pool access in Avondale and replacement Community Centre
- Racecourse Parade
- Greenways – cycle alongside the rail line /Holly to Heron link
- Avondale Central Reserve activation

Questions

Avondale Update agenda

Avondale Community Action

- Update
- Survey results

Local Board Plan

- High level of support for the outcomes
- Plan updated after submissions
- Strengthened heritage, recreation, safety, youth and children
- Published in new year



10 Year budget development Mayoral Proposal

- The process

- Mayor proposes budget

Aug 2014

- Governing Body – Local Boards dialogue
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Sept - Oct

- Draft budget finalised

18 Dec

- Consultation

Jan – Mar 2015

- Final adoption

June 2015

10 Year budget development

- Current draft includes allocation for replacement Avondale Community Centre
 - \$2.3M 2016/17 and \$ 2.2M in 2017/18
 - Includes allocation for development of recreation facilities
 - Proposal to merge ACPL and Waterfront Auckland into an urban development agency
 - Avondale has potential to be a site of interest
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10 Year budget development

- Council is proposing a 3.5% average rates increase in the draft LTP
- Whau had higher than average increases in capital valuation which means we will face higher than average rate increases – around 9.7%
- LTP budget focus on managing debt and transport which means we will have to reduce operational costs and not borrow so much → meaning less new items can be built → impacts parks and delays in capital spend on facilities

Facilities: Avondale Community Centre

- \$4.5m in draft LTP for replacement of current facility
- Will investigate opportunity to make centre a multipurpose one so to also include spaces to enable leisure/recreation activities
- Design worked scheduled for 2015/16

Current Avondale Community Centre

- Reviewing fees and charges
- ACA accommodated temporarily
- Council staff aiming to be in the centre Mon/Wed.

Swimming Pool Access in Avondale

- No budget in Draft LTP for any new regional pool
- Whau Local Board are supporting the Avondale Intermediate with proposals to enable public access to their existing pool
- Supported applications to
 - Central Facilities Partnership Funds for a cover structure
 - Western Facilities Partnership Funds for heating
- Both have passed the first hurdle
- Funding has been allocated to school to develop a business case to support funding decision

(Also, Avondale tennis and netball courts got a grant.)

22-24 Racecourse Parade

Background

- Board advocated for retention
- Budget Committee resolved to progress to sale
- Auckland Council direction is a housing development

Update

- ACA and Whau Local Board input into preparation of “Expression of Interest” (EOI)
- Current tenants supported to find alternative venues
- Demolition of buildings

Note: EOI is a document which goes out to potential developers of site, outlining criteria.

Greenways

- First projects design is underway
 - Holly to Heron link
 - Riversdale Park perimeter
 - Rizal Reserve links
 - Whau Local Board allocated \$2m to build cycle bridge which will in turn access \$4m NZTA support for Avondale to New Lynn rail cycleway
 - Whau River Coastal Walkway
 - Community trust to be set up
 - Designs started
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Avondale Central Reserve activation

- Funding set aside by Whau Local Board
 - Immediate work over summer
 - Will not stop future development
 - Improve safety
- Preliminary designs focussed on restoring hard courts for ball sports, cycle / skate activities
- Ideas include fountain, seating, elevated mound and activities funding – gathering ideas now
- Spark “the Boroughs” high tech basketball court

Discussion



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