

Meeting Notes of the Meeting of the CERA Community Forum
Thursday 1 September 2011, 7.30pm
Christchurch Boys High School Hostel, 70 Harakeke st, Riccarton

- Present:** Community Forum Members
CERA:
- Roger Sutton, Chief Executive
 - Benesia Smith, Chief Advisor to the Chief Executive
 - Mike Shatford, General Manager (Act.), Communications
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 - [REDACTED] **Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i)**
- EQC:
- Reid Stiven, Canterbury Event Manager
 - Mike Henstock, Communications Manager (Act.), Canterbury
- Mark Weldon, Christchurch Earthquake Appeal
- Apologies:** Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
Jane Bryden, Ministerial Advisor, Office of the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
Community Forum members:
- Richard Ballantyne
 - Wendy Gilchrist
 - Peter Jenkins
 - Ruth Jones
 - Trevor McIntyre
 - Deborah McCormick

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Benesia Smith welcomed everyone to the forum meeting. She also offered apologies from the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and Jane Bryden from his office for not being able to attend the meeting.
- 1.2 Benesia provided a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting.

2 Update from the CEO, CERA

Roger Sutton provided an overview of the key issues on CERA's work programme:

- 2.1 Land zoning issues:
- 2.1.1 red zone – an update on the offer transactions
 - 2.1.2 orange zone – an update on the orange zone timeframes and that CERA and key agencies like Tonkin and Taylor, and EQC are working as fast as we can on this.

- 2.1.3 white zone – likely to be an initial port hills announcement within two weeks. Key issue is rock fall risk, GNS Science working on this for CCC.
- 2.2 Land availability:
- 2.2.1 Undertaking work with the relevant local authorities and relevant developers to try and free up more land for people who need to move. Aim is to try and free-up a large number of sections for the market in next 18 months. We also want to ensure that whatever land is made available is suitable for residential property development
- 2.3 Insurance:
- 2.3.1 Working with insurers so they understand the seismic activity and what this means for their risk models.
- 2.3.2 Minister for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery going to Monte Carlo, Monaco to talk to reinsurers to reassure them New Zealand and therefore greater Christchurch is a place to reinvest in.
- 2.4 Communications:
- 2.4.1 Improving our communications at CERA to greater Christchurch. Is a work in progress. Your feedback on how we could improve would be appreciated.
- 2.5 Recovery Strategy:
- 2.5.1 The draft Recovery Strategy is currently being drafted, and has taken on board the comments / issues raised at the community meetings held in July. The draft Recovery Strategy may be publicly notified in early September. CBD plan fits within this. RS is an overarching strategy rather than a plan; it is about identifying key work streams and suggesting priorities, sequencing and who will lead these work streams. A key issue we have grappled with is “at what pace / speed should the recovery be at – fast vs. steady?”
- 2.6 CERA second tier appointments:
- 2.6.1 5 of the 7 General Managers have now been appointed at CERA, next level of recruitment to get underway.

3 Question and answer session

- 3.1 Zoning decisions and timeframes
- 3.2 Temporary Accommodation Assistance - ensuring that this assistance is available for red zone residents even if they have accepted the government's offer and received the deposit
- 3.3 Which agency or agencies are involved in the recovery and what are their roles and responsibilities
- 3.4 Working with communities – seeking information from CERA about how this process was working
- 3.5 Land availability and housing affordability- seeking information about what work CERA and councils have underway
- 3.6 Timeframes for release of land reports and information – seeking information on when CERA and/or the Minister will release land damage material
- 3.7 The relationship between the draft Recovery Strategy and the draft CBD Recovery plan

ACTION: CERA to provide a Presentation on recovery roles and responsibilities at the next forum meeting

4 Presentation on the Prime Minister's Fund

- 4.1 Mark Weldon outlined that the Prime Minister's Fund was set up to enable donations from local, national and international persons and organisations. In setting up how the trust would operate – Mark and his team learnt from lessons from the responses to recent natural disasters (eg Hurricane Katrina, Haiti).
- 4.2 At this stage, the distribution of the approx \$100m will be allocated along the following lines:
 - 4.2.1 Hardship: people injured, children of deceased, women's refuge (700,000)
 - 4.2.2 Sport and recreation: normal 'outside of school and work' activities i.e. playing fields, sports clubs, airport hanger to be built as indoor sports facility etc. Trying to create scaled solutions not fragmented under utilised infrastructure
 - 4.2.3 Youth and education: prospective Aranui Community Centre Project to start proactive contribution to do with youth. Also looking at one in Sumner around the surf club to provide a range of lost facilities back to the community
 - 4.2.4 Economic revitalisation: not many people wanted to give money to business. One would like to provide funds for youth (not in construction). Focused on post school danger zone for employment.
 - 4.2.5 Faith: 4 million to the cathedral, more will be given to faith based community institutions who do door knocking etc
 - 4.2.6 Environment: not going to do much on that as no donations given for that purpose

For any questions or feedback please contact Mark on: Mark.weldon@nzx.com

5 Discussion on role of Forum

- 5.1 The forum noted its discussions about how the forum is going to work and how much scope they have to be actively involved in the recovery effort.
- 5.2 The Forum indicated it is:
 - 5.2.1 seeking a more active involvement, for example to work as a reference group around the draft recovery strategy.
 - 5.2.2 has ideas/will obtain feedback about how the community want to shape the recovery and that they can put this to community meetings/events they attend.

6 Presentation from EQC

- 6.1 Reid Stiven provided an overview on behalf of EQC:
 - 391,000 claims spread across 3 exposures
 - Now the biggest single insurer issue in history

- Contents are a topical subject, 55,000 claims and 2, 274 still need to be settled, have paid a total of \$118m.
- Contents pose the biggest risk of fraud
- Port hills inspections underway in order to provide information to CERA to enable decisions on land damage zoning to be made asap.
- Are working on improving their customer focus, e.g. have EQC represented at the Avondale golf club community centre, (about 60 people a day)
- There is an emerging security innovation for safety of EQC employees in the community

7 Other issues:

- 7.1 Suggestion from the forum that donors to the Prime Ministers fund could be invited to Christchurch to see the context/ progress of their donations.
- 7.2 The Forum noted that a NGO coordinated body has been established and will be contacting CERA, contains specialist organisations with expertise, and wants to be involved in the recovery.

Action:	Agreed that full contact list /emails of forum members to be distributed. All forum members are to send their contact details to Jane Bryden/ Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i)
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Next Meeting

Currently scheduled for 6 October 2011

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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