



Te Hiku Community Board Chairperson's Report

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Date: 7 March – 23 March 2023

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting
7/03/23	Karikari engagement on concept planning
9/03/23	Council Meeting - virtual
10/03/23	Te Ahu Trust Meeting
14/03/23	Te Hiku Community Board Meeting
14/03/23	Cycle Trail workshop
16/03/23	Met with locals re beach access and boat trailer parking at Rangiputa
16/03/23	Rangiputa engagement on concept planning
20-22/03/23	IAP2 conference in Wellington
23/03/23	Extraordinary Council Meeting - virtual

Report:

The feedback on the Kaitaia Town Square was great and Arcline were able to tweak the plans to include the ideas shared. Now that plan has gone out to contractors to tender for this work.

Feedback included altering the back fence to have gaps for security & vision and perhaps theme it to go with the large 9m waka so it might represent the awa or waters it carries. Pedestrian access through the back fence from the remaining carpark was also important. A water feature was also a popular request and we are looking into the jets that don't pool and recycle the water as generally we usually suffer droughts over the summer period so water use needs to be taken into consideration. Preference is also to remove the entire concrete block walls and gardens and replace with contained planters of varying sizes so there is more pedestrian flow in and out of the town square.

Delays on the arrival of the right stain for the bus shelters and a slight change to the design has meant they too have not been finished but they are due to be completed in March; just in time before we head towards the Winter months.

Most of you have seen that the new welcome sign to Kaitaia has been blessed and unveiled fully and the feedback has predominately been super positive. We still don't have the lighting as we are patiently waiting to reach the top of the list for Top Energy who have been super busy sorting out post Cyclone works.

We are also in the process of gathering the artists stories for all the cultural artworks to put into QR codes that will be linked to the www.kaitaia.co.nz website. To start with the written stories will be available but we will be enquiring to have an audio version too.

We are also seeking funding to get the South Road Orongo repaired as the cuts into the carvings have compromised the structure as well as the carvers who poured in excess of 1500 hours of work to create the tumu whakarae want to get it rectified asap. The Orongo exemplifies unity and strength, strength based on the cohesion and support of those surrounding. We stand proud knowing we are from Kaitaia.

I was invited via FNDC to attend the IAP2 conference in Wellington this week to tell our Te Hiku Revitalisation Story. The presentation went well, thank you to Blair Houlihan of Northern Edge who works with our project working group on our procurement.