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Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 4:48 PM
To: Sarah Ingram; Brodie Stubbs
Subject: FW: Erebus memorial

FYI

From: 9 (2) (a)
Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 3:57 PM
To: Pippa Coom (Waitemata Local Board) <Pippa.Coom@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Erebus memorial

Hello Pippa

Yes, there are still some Parnellites who aren't happy. I was bailed up on Tues morning and said I wasn't really the appropriate person to comment as obviously biased towards TEAL/Air NZ.

Yes, feel free to pass onto Ministry.

Thanks

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From: Pippa Coom (Waitemata Local Board) [<mailto:Pippa.Coom@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 1:44 p.m.
To: 9 (2) (a)
Subject: RE: Erebus memorial

Dear 9 (2) (a)

Thank you for your email and sharing your views with me. It is very helpful to be in the loop.

Your article is really informative.

I was sceptical originally about the location too but do think the memorial is going to be striking as you say. I hope we get to a point where the whole community will welcome it 9 (2) (g) (i)

Let me know if you would like me to forward on your email to the Ministry as an FYI

Best wishes

Ngā mihi | Regards

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From: 9 (2) (a)
Sent: Saturday, 20 July 2019 3:55 PM
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Subject: FW: Erebus memorial

Hello Pippa

Further to Bernard Orsman's article in last Saturday's Herald re above, please note that members of Parnell Heritage were not consulted by the executive committee if they wished to object or support the planned work being sited at the Rose Gardens.

I was surprised to read the article as it was the first time that I/other members were aware that Parnell Heritage was even considering objecting to the placement.

As below I have been in touch with 9 (2) (a) and had a reply confirming that the executive members made the decision and with no consultation with myself and other members of the organisation. Because it is such a sensitive and personal matter I am uncertain how many of the members would be for or against the site. As below, I have a strong personal connection/interest in the memorial. I know that they cc you and Mike in on the letter to the Min of Culture.

I am uncertain if anyone approached Ports of Auckland to check if TEAL Park would/could be the site for the memorial? That would have been a very appropriate location due to the significance of Air New Zealand having its origins there, via TEAL flying boats, and it would be easy access for people.

The decision to place the work in the Rose Gardens was made without any consultation with local residents or effected parties.

As per my accompanying article on the Rose Gardens, there has not been the due recognition to either the early Maori or European owners or Sir James Parr, who encouraged rate payers to buy the ten acres in 1914 and create a "lung" for future generations to enjoy. Over the years there have been monuments or names attached to the park even though they had no prior association or owned the land eg Korean War and resistance fighters and Dove Myer Robinson. Sadly there is no acknowledgement to Sir James for his/others efforts in securing the land or to the historical personalities that owned the land.

If you are dealing with the media/Parnell Heritage or effected outlets please keep in mind the below and above observations and that some members of Parnell Heritage are supportive of the site. I think it is going to be a striking artwork facing "out to the horizon" as though TEAL flights were leaving along with the wooden piles in the harbour reflecting the link back to the pioneering TEAL days.

I know that you weren't aware of the synergy of the site to early TEAL days until I told you. Uncertain if the Ministry officials did either?

Just to keep you in the loop.

Best wishes

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From: 9 (2) (a)
Sent: Sunday, 14 July 2019 9:00 a.m.
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Subject: RE: Erebus memorial

Hello again

Another day, another thought. I haven't seen anything sent to PH members about your letter/approach to the Ministry - on behalf of PH. Was it just an executive decision? In which case that needs to be spelt out until you get approval/non approval from members.

Can you please clarify who made the decision.

Thanks

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From: 9 (2) (a)
Sent: Saturday, 13 July 2019 10:36 a.m.
To: 9 (2) (a)
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Subject: Erebus memorial

Morning

Interesting to see coverage in today's paper of PH/memorial at Rose Gardens. 9 (2) (a) has been covering same and I have been in two minds about the placement. Though as the Govt has already decreed it is going to be constructed there I don't think anyone/anything is going to change their stance.

Initially I was not for it, as already there hasn't been any monument for Waiohua, Ngati Whatua (via conquest rights), Mrs Hobson, Mr Swainson, J L Campbell and Gillies family having ownership of that piece of land.

9 (2) (a) is strongly against it being located there - as classed it as a monument/shouldn't be taking up space in a public area - yet there are other monuments/artworks in the park which relate to people/incidents which had nothing to do with that piece of land eg Korean war, Dutch fighters, Dove Myer Robinson. To my knowledge there has never been a strategy/management plan for the park. Over the years items/plants have just been added without any appropriate long term planning. I was involved with others to stop the Chinese monument going up on top of where J L Campbell had his house and that work eventually/fittingly ended up in grove of palms near Museum/Glass house - as more appropriately linked there to nearby Chinese involvement with early settlement/managing market gardens along Stanley St.

The more I thought about it the more I realised it is a fitting location. As I explained to Pippa after the news came out - it is perfect in being near where Air New Zealand had its origins, via TEAL, and you can still see the marker poles in the harbour which crew taking off/landing in the flying boats used as guidance as no radar in early days. Ports of AKL would probably never allow the monument to be on TEAL Park, which really would/should be an appropriate site so for it to be located nearby/sculpture facing out to the horizon/marker poles, like so many flying boats did in the early days, then it is ideal in recalling not only those lost at Erebus but linking to airline's early days being based nearby.

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It was a horrible period for everyone in the country. Both of us were down in WLG for the Air New Zealand Shell Golf Open and had to carry on managing that while Morrie Davis flew back to front media and later investigations. The worst day of my life knowing that people 9 (2) (a), and staff and inflight crew 9 (2) (a), had died. Hence I am delighted that at long last there will be a suitable monument/artwork and very happy that the site has a “nod” towards TEAL. When I mentioned this fact to Pippa she had no idea about the TEAL link and possibly others don’t as well.

That is why I am in support of the artwork being at that particular site, rather than any other in the country. Even though it clashed with my earlier thoughts on there not being recognition to other historic personalities associated with the ownership of the land.

Just a thought for you.

Regards

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