

Mapua Livability Working Group

Inaugural Meeting Tuesday March 3rd, 2021

Present:

Marion Satherley – MDCA Chair

Wayne Chisnall – MDCA Exec

Paul McIntosh – MDCA Exec

Bruce Gilkison (host)

David Mitchell

Dave Briggs

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Roundtable – Key Community Concerns

- Trees in general - coverage and historical preservation
- Maintaining a "village feel"
- Need for network of walk and cycle ways
- Aranui Park protection
- Proliferation of large fence and retaining wall structures
- Lack of local green spaces available for community use

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Unifying Themes:

- Sustainability
- Inclusiveness
- Connectiveness
- Value of Natural
- Future Focus
- Resilience

Umbrella Theme = Livability

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Roundtable - Challenges

- Undue influence of Developers
- TDC <--> Developer relationship often excludes MDCA
- TDCs vision/strategy vs policy implementation disconnect
- TDCs regulatory role dominates need for overarching regional vision
- TDCs practice of deflecting and delaying of responsibility for key issues
- Mapua residents being vocal and engaged in issues impacting our community
- Engagement with TDC to better influence decision-makers vs bureaucrats
- Identifying over-arching issues that encapsulates the majority of sub-issues
- Consider how best to pitch TDC around how this vision can be achieved

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Priority Actions:

- Review National Policy on Wetlands
- Promote Wetlands / Reserves as enabler of a connected cycle/walkway network
- Review existing Mapua Plans and refresh our Vision of “Future Mapua”
- Understand current vs future National vs Regional urbanization policies
- Develop measurable objectives of progress towards a more Livable Mapua

QUESTIONS ?