

Brunswick Terminal Station Upgrade

Community Reference Group Meeting – Meeting #7

7:00-8:00 12 April 2016

Sumner Park – Brunswick Zebras Soccer Club

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Apologies:

Kirsten Coster, Director, Planning and Economic Development, Moreland City Council
Ray Radford, resident, Friends of Merri Creek
Phil Priest, Group Manager City Development, Moreland City Council

Attendees:

Bruce Turner, Chair
Denis McCrohan, AusNet Services
Ashlee O'Brien, Urban Planner, Moreland City Council
Sandra Nielsen, AusNet Services
Darren Camilleri, Planning Coordinator, Moreland City Council
David Grant, AusNet Services

Guests:

Sam Taranto (Alister Street resident)
Jan Voss (Alister Street resident)

Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief history of the CRG for those new to the forum.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair had circulated the Draft Minutes of the 1 December 2015 CRG meeting in accordance with the Terms of Reference for comment. No comments were received so the draft was confirmed as a reasonable record of the meeting (to be posted on Council's website).

Advisory Committee

Darren summarised the findings of the Brunswick Terminal Station Advisory Committee. This included the findings that Council process followed legislative requirements And that consultation and the revised proposal resulted in a better outcome. A key criticism was that the process took too long, due in part to the electricity regulator process not consulting with key bodies (i.e. Council) early on in process. Darren indicated that the Advisory Committee report would be posted on Council's website.

Recent/upcoming activities

Sandra advised that the BTS upgrade is on track to go on line late 2016. Some works will continue into 2017 –i.e. removal of structures on King Street, fencing and landscaping.

The buildings were now almost complete, but some fit out still occurring.

There is still excavation occurring for services i.e. connection to Citi Power cables at the gateway at corner of King and Alister Street. Noise mitigation measures are in place. AusNet Services will communicate to surrounding residents about these works shortly. Sandra advised that door knocking occurs monthly.

David noted that Citipower will be replacing poles at the northern end of the site on the shared path. This was expected in the next couple of months.

Some trees will be removed, consistent with the endorsed plans.

AusNet Services have been talking with Glenlyon Road residents about street cleaning processes. AusNet Services will be trialling a person on Glenlyon Road to police behaviour of trucks.

Denis advised that as of today, the project is 75% completed. Aiming for 100% completion by July 2017.

Goats track – Stage Two (discretionary work)

Darren explained that a request from Ramon Collodetti had been received for the goats track stage two to be concrete. Darren had a discussion in April 2016 with Luisa from the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) in April following this request. She advised that MCMC would not be concerned if the path was concrete or lilydale toppings. Darren has also canvassed this with Transport, Open Space and Maintenance officers of Council where the preference was clearly for a concrete path. Further questions were raised by Open Space and Maintenance Staff in relation to long term maintenance, risk etc. Darren acknowledged that the draft plan produced by AusNet Services was a result of a meeting last year with all parties concerned and that these latest issues appear not to have been raised. Minutes of the onsite meeting held 13 Aug 2015 to discuss the plans for the goats track appear not to have been taken.

Darren advised that Council officers would be meeting to discuss this matter as soon as possible and would report back to AusNet Services and the CRG.

AusNet Services advised that they had committed only to a lilydale topping path – as per the agreed draft plan of 2015. They advised that a concrete path would add considerable extra expense that they would not proceed with.

Other opportunities for AusNet contribution (i.e. providing equipment for a children's playground to the north) could be explored if further analysis meant the goats track stage two would not be followed through.

ACTION 7.1: Council to report to the next CRG the findings of its meeting to discuss the goats track stage two plan.

Footpath on Alister Street

Darren advised that on the BTS side of Alister Street, the footpath is not constructed. This was raised as a concern by Sam Taranto (resident). A new path is shown on endorsed plan. Darren advised that this means AusNet Services will be required to construct the footpath within the timeframe of the permit. AusNet Services agreed.

Information Displays

The notice boards have been erected. The one on the Merri Creek path has unfortunately been graffitied. AusNet Services would monitor the boards for graffiti and vandalism. AusNet Services advised that if they continually are vandalised, they may be taken down. Darren noted that Ramon had asked for the goats track stage two draft plan to be on the boards and be open for comment. It was agreed the matters noted in these minutes related to the goats track should be resolved before considering placing a plan for the track on the notice board.

Heritage interpretation

Sandra advised that AusNet Services are still in the process of obtaining quotes for a plaque for heritage interpretation. Darren asked for a timeframe, noting this has been on the CRG agenda for some time and from his experience with similar matters the obtaining of quotes usually takes a few weeks. Sandra said AusNet Services did not have a timeframe.

ACTION 7.2: AusNet Services to provide an update at the next CRG meeting.

Future of CRG

Council had mailed out expressions of interest letters to the surrounding area inviting them to contact Council and/or attend a drop in session that was held before the CRG. The purpose was to gauge the level of resident interest in the CRG and ultimately, whether the group would continue.

Ten residents attended the drop in session held today between 5:30 and 7 pm. Eight of the ten people that attended did not wish to be part of the CRG. Sam Taranto (Alister Street) along with Ray Muir (White Street) expressed interest in being part of the group. In addition, Jill Sanguanetti (King Street) who was unable to attend today's session also expressed an interest and Ray Radford would continue as a CRG member. The Chair also noted that it would be appropriate to give past members Fatima, Craig and Anne an opportunity to consider whether they wished to attend future meetings if the group is continuing with a refreshed membership. He undertook to follow-up with these members.

Given that 4-5 residents expressed an interest to be part of the group, it was agreed to continue the CRG.

It was agreed that generally only one hour would be needed for future meetings. Sumner Park Soccer club was seen as a preferable venue given its proximity to residents.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21 June. 6 -7 pm. Sumner Park – Brunswick Zebras Soccer club.