

Brunswick Terminal Station Upgrade

Community Reference Group Meeting 8

6:00-7:00 pm, 21 June 2016

Sumner Park Soccer Club

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Apologies:

Kirsten Coster, Director, Planning and Economic Development, Moreland City Council

Denis McCrohan, AusNet Services

Phil Priest, Group Manager City Development, Moreland City Council

Attendees:

Bruce Turner, Chair

Ashlee Obrien, Urban Planner, Moreland City Council

Sandra Nielsen, AusNet Services

David Grant, AusNet Services

Darren Camilleri, Planning Coordinator, Moreland City Council

Sam Taranto, resident

Ray Muir, resident

Jill Sanguinetti, resident

Dina Fadi, resident

Ray Radford, resident, Friends of Merri Creek

Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all members, especially new resident representatives, to introduce themselves.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair had circulated the Draft Minutes of the 15 April 2016 CRG meeting for comment. No comments were received so they were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting and uploaded to the BTS project page on Council's website.

Recent/upcoming activities

Sandra advised all walls have been completed. In the next couple of months the visual perforated screens outside the building will be installed. Jill and Dina commented that they like the perforated screens.

Most activities are now inside the buildings.

David advised the site still needs to be levelled which will generate some noise. He said early next year the large transmission tower on King St will be removed. David advised the steel will be recycled or re-used.

Sandra advised that the new main gates will soon be installed at the corner of King and Alister Streets. Landscaping topsoil has been laid for the southern end of the Merri Creek frontage. Some landscaping on King Street has been planted and will be bolstered up in accordance with endorsed plans. Alister Street landscaping will occur in 2017.

Jill requested a footpath ramp to be installed at corner King & Alister streets. David said this can be done.

Sandra advised that no particularly noisy works are anticipated in the next few months. Noisier excavation works on Alister Street will take place in 2017, and will require removal of shipping containers that currently act as a noise barrier. Noisy rock breaking will continue to be limited Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm.

Sam asked about the relative locations of the new palisade fence and the existing cyclone and security fences. David indicated that the existing fences will be removed. The final treatment involves vegetation up to the palisade fence with the electric fence inside the latter.

Sam asked about plans to maintain the site and frontages once established. David said that an initial 5 year maintenance program was mandated as part of the approvals. After this time, maintenance of the landscaping inside the title boundary would remain AusNet Services' responsibility but all planting outside the title boundary/fence (dependent upon location) would be Council's responsibility.

Sandra advised that due to resident feedback extra attention and inspections would occur on Glenlyon Road to ensure it was kept clean.

ACTION 8.1: Council to send members a link to endorsed plans on Council's website and bring copy to next meeting.

ACTION 8.2: Discuss the ramp at next meeting following review of the endorsed plans.

Goats track

Darren explained the background behind the goats track proposal. Darren said that the draft plan produced by AusNet Services was a result of a meeting last year with all parties concerned. However, early this year questions were raised by Council's Open Space and Maintenance officers in relation to long term maintenance, risk etc.

Council's OHS officer, public open space officer and transport officers met to discuss the goats track in May. Further investigation will be taking place and advice will be provided in relation to the acceptability of risk of the track and costs needed to formalise the path to an acceptable standard.

The track and design options were discussed at length by the group. Ray Radford asked if it could be made for pedestrians only, or whether there was a way to avoid club users inadvertently walking into the path of cyclists. Many commented that the track is used by cyclists now. Jill and others said they were in favour of not encouraging bikes to use the track since there was an existing path nearby along the creek.

David clarified that the path directly between BTS and the pavilion would be improved as part of the approved works AusNet Services is undertaking. Darren suggested that these improvements be deferred until plans for the whole path were finalised.

ACTION 8.3: Council to report to the next CRG on the findings of Council's Open Space and OHS assessment of the goats track plan.

Information Displays

The notice boards have been erected. The one on the Merri Creek path has unfortunately been constantly covered with graffiti. David reported that AusNet Services has decided, in consultation with Council, that the latter one will be removed.

ACTION 8.4: Creek side notice board to be removed (Alister St notice board will remain).

Heritage interpretation

Sandra advised that AusNet Services has commissioned Biosis to undertake research for information to be placed on information displays. They will prepare options for printing and installation.

A key issue will be to minimise chances for the signs to be damaged and graffitied. Ray referred to signage protection used at Bababi Djinanang grasslands on Jukes Road, Fawkner, as an example of a signage treatment that may be appropriate.

Jill suggested that any heritage information also be put on Council's website.

ACTION 8.5: AusNet Services to provide Biosis options at next meeting.

King Street planting on nature strip

Ashlee advised that Council's arborist assessed the existing plantings towards the southern end of King Street and recommended they be removed and replaced in accordance with the endorsed plan. Jill advised that the person who was maintaining the existing landscaping had moved, so it made sense to replace it. She was concerned that too many trees could make it difficult to walk dogs down to the dog park. David said the planting of new trees would be relatively sparse. Dina supported the notion of not having too much vegetation so as to be able to have a clear view along the side of the road.

It was agreed the existing planting could be removed with plantings in accordance with the endorsed plans. (NB link to be sent to CRG members by Ashlee as per Action 8.1 above).

Other matters

Loud night noise from May

Jill advised that really loud noise was heard late at night. Jill said she and David eventually worked out that it was fireworks and not associated with the BTS site. Remnants of fireworks were found. Jill said that, as a result of this incident, it would be helpful to have a 24-hour contact number residents could ring. Sandra provided 1800 4636 287 as the number to contact (and this is promoted in BTS update bulletins and site signage).

Email

It was agreed all CRG communication can be via email from Council and/or Bruce.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 23 August. 6 -7 pm. Sumner Park Soccer club.