

Brunswick Terminal Station Upgrade

Community Reference Group Meeting

6:00-7:00 pm, 23 August 2016

Sumner Park Soccer Club

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Apologies:

Kirsten Coster, Director, Planning and Economic Development, Moreland City Council
Denis McCrohan, AusNet Services

Attendees:

Bruce Turner, Chair
Ashlee O'Brien, Urban Planner, Moreland City Council
Phil Priest, Group Manager City Development, Moreland City Council
Sandra Nielsen, AusNet Services
David Grant, AusNet Services
Darren Camilleri, Planning Coordinator, Moreland City Council
Sam Taranto, resident
Jill Sanguinetti, resident
Dina Fadi, resident
Ray Radford, resident

Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair had circulated the Draft Minutes of the 21 June 2016 CRG meeting for comment. No comments were received relating to the record of the meeting so they were adopted as an accurate record and posted on the BTS project page on Council's website.

Actions from Last meeting

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

ACTION 8.2: Discuss the ramp at next meeting following review of the endorsed plans. David agreed to ensure the footpath shown on the endorsed plan would have no lip where it meets Alister Street. Jill said she was happy with this.

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. Discussed below.

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

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

Recent/upcoming activities

Sandra stated that a recent tour of the site was undertaken with CRG members. The CRG resident members that attended the tour were appreciative of the tour which helped their understanding of the works on site as well as the operation of the facility.

Sandra advised the following works were on-going:

- Road flattening.
- Screens over the buildings will be erected as per the plans within the next month or two. This included further visual works on the facades on the building, for example the 'twig and leaf' effects on the buildings in accordance with the endorsed plans. Jill was happy to learn that the cream facades at the north end of King Street will receive the screening that is already on other parts of the building.
- The large tower was originally to be removed after Christmas but this has been brought forward and will be removed in October. Some of the works need to be undertaken out of hours to ensure security of supply and will involve some noisy works. The noisier works will be undertaken in normal hours.
- Works to the underground cable to Richmond will be undertaken out of hours in October and November, but will be quite unobtrusive in terms of noise and activity. This work will be at the Merri Creek end of the site and will take approximately 6 weeks. A leaflet drop will occur informing people of this.
- Landscaping on King Street will continue.
- Shipping containers on Alister Street will be removed next year.
- On target for completion by June 2017, including landscaping.

Goats track

Darren explained the background that led to the development of the draft goats track plan that included the proposed Lilydale toppings and 1.2 m wide track. Darren also explained the concerns expressed by Council officers with the draft plan, particularly in relation to OHS and non DDA complaint risks. He said the response received from Council's Risk officers is that the draft plan would not be acceptable. The track would need to be altered to be concrete and be 2.5 m width with appropriate gradient. Whilst AusNet Services would cover the cost of constructing the path as per the draft plan (1.2 m width in Lilydale toppings) the revised upgraded plans add considerable expense that is not available. This is further discussed in previous CRG minutes (see June 2016 Minutes). This also threw into question the upgrade of the path behind the Zebras Building that forms part of the endorsed plans.

Given the above, use of the already allocated AusNet Services' funds (\$35-40,000 approx.) for alternative improvements in the area between the BTS and Merri Creek would be considered by the CRG.

Jill suggested an improvement would be to warn cyclists and walkers at the intersection of paths at the bridge with signage. Several members suggested “something of value to the local community” such as more equipment in the playground along with extra park benches and seating. Ray suggested that he could ask MCMC for ideas.

Darren also advised that Council’s Open Space Branch suggested AusNet Services’ voluntary funds could be redirected from the goats track to improving the children’s playground.

ACTION 9.1: Council to bring more info re: children’s playground and invite an officer from Council’s Open Space Branch to present on potential options re: the playground. Members of the CRG to bring to the next meeting any ideas for potential improvements in the area.

Heritage interpretation

Sandra advised that AusNet Services commissioned Biosis to undertake research for information to be placed on information displays. Sandra circulated the Biosis report which included information on the history. There was no recommendation on options to portray this information.

CRG members all stressed the location and design of the information display would be important to minimise graffiti. Ray said the sign in Bababi Djinang grasslands on Jukes Road, Fawkner was treated to prevent graffiti and was done successfully.

It was generally agreed that two signs would be appropriate: one that described the pre-European settlement history, and another that described the history of Sumner Park. Dina asked if descendants of the homestead residents needed to be contacted.

Bruce asked whether the existing gatehouse should be referred to, given it still exists. Dina noted that she resided in the gatehouse building until she was married and provided the CRG some interesting history of the site and the use of the mansion.

Sam asked for vistas at key points to be included on what it looked like before.

ACTION 9.2: Council to pass on the details of the treatment of the Fawkner sign to AusNet Services for consideration.

ACTION 9.3: AusNet Services to resolve the number, size, content and location of signs and present options for the next CRG.

Transfer of Merri Creek Land to Council

Darren advised of the history to the permit condition to hand back the path land into public ownership. A subdivision application to implement this condition has recently been lodged with Council.

Ray asked why the land to the north, currently on AusNet Services’ Title but not used, wasn’t also handed back to public ownership. David advised that AusNet Services, at this stage, were ready to hand over the public path land only and required retention of the remaining land.

Other matters

Ray reported that funds remaining from the community campaign against the BTS upgrade had been used for new plantings in Ida Street.

Sam raised the matter of Alister Street upgrade that occurred some time ago around 2008. Parking bays were replaced in concrete and toppings, not in bluestone and tar as had been specified in the plan that he saw (being an advertised plan).

David advised the footpath works on Alister Street are envisaged to take place in May next year.

ACTION 9.4: Council will investigate the Alister Street works, re: what was the final plan that was endorsed and report back.

ACTION 9.5: Council to advise AusNet Services what the standard of the footpath on Alister Street would be.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday 18 October 6 -7:15 pm. Sumner Park Soccer club.

Tuesday 6 December 6-7:15 pm. Sumner Park Soccer club