

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #8

Date: 12/08/20 Meeting began at 6.30pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Paul Hameister, Sally Irons, Justin Galligan, Tim Oman, Brad Yudelman, Cameron Shekleton - Hamton (H)
- Georgia Willis, Rozalee Erceg - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Jenny Nola – Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Allison Beaumont – (MV Families Facebook Group)
- Cr Nicole Marshall - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Colin Harris, Katherine Davis - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Cr Jim Cusack - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Meryn Pratt – Union Road Trades Association
- Michael Holtz - Moonee Ponds Primary School (MPPS)

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/housekeeping
2. Review of Actions from last meeting
3. Status of Planning Permit Applications
4. MVRC Projects – Tote Building, Track and Grandstand
5. MVP – Works onsite - Tote Park and Feehan Row
6. Community Activations
7. Community Survey
8. Questions
9. Next meeting

1 Introduction to new members

- 1.1 Paul Hameister (PH) opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
- 1.2 PH introduced Cameron Shekleton (CS) Development Manager at Hamton. Colin Harris (CH) introduced Katherine Davis, Strategic Planning Coordinator at MVCC. Meryn Pratt (MP) introduced herself as representative of Union Road Traders Association.

2 Welcome and review actions from last meeting

- 2.1 Sally Irons (SI) advised a separate meeting with SMP was held in the previous quarter to run through Building 1 and 2 plans in further detail
- 2.2 A Construction Management Plan (CMP) will be advertised on the community website upon distribution of meeting minutes
- 2.3 Thomas Street Planning Permit Amendment was circulated to the group.

3 Status of Planning Permit Applications

- 3.1 Planning permit amendment for Stage A Feehan Row is currently with Council for southern portion to amend product mix (smaller size units to meet market).
- 3.2 Stage B Thomas St – notification from Council drawings have been endorsed and should be received this week.
- 3.3 Stage B - B1 and B2 VCAT hearing was held in June to consider the application and a response is anticipated end August, early September. The decision on the point of law, raised by Council during the hearing, as to whether the application is in accordance with the Integrated Traffic Plan (ITP) was found in favour of the developer. Michael Holtz (MH) expressed concern that given an ITP had already been agreed to are there any other items we have all agreed to that we expect to dispute later. PH advised it is a difficult question to answer however there is nothing we immediately envisage we are planning to dispute however the project is fluid and we are responding to market conditions. As a side note, various members of the group discussed how the hearing was conducted in an online environment, from duration to technological issues, costings etc
- 3.4 Pylon Sign application was approved by Council in August.

4 MVRC Projects – Tote Building/Masterplan (SUZ), Track and Grandstand

- 4.1 The Tote restoration and building works are close to completion and are on schedule to be delivered mid-September. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the associated restrictions the Club has paused its operational program for the Tote building. The operational fit out is now due to commence in early 2021.
- 4.2 The draft Masterplan for the Track and Grandstand is progressing by the Club but behind in program given priorities dealing with COVID-19. Workstreams are progressing on infrastructure requirements as well as consultation with architects, an events group and traffic engineers to ensure the different uses and modes of operation are considered. Likely to have a draft masterplan late Q3, early Q4 this year to present. The Club is seeking advice from Council as to how the Club seeks feedback given this is a Strategic Planning process. Cr Nicole Marshall (NM) advised the draft plan would be advertised on Council website engagement page for comment. Alison Beaumont (AB) asked that when Council ask for 'your say' feedback that they be mindful of community events coinciding to ensure consultation timeframes are adequate. MH asked why the masterplan is only prepared for the grandstand, track and infield as opposed to the entire site. GW advised the areas fall into a separately zoned land parcel which relates to racing and its special use operations and the activity centre zone has its own planning controls and approvals are sought in stages.

5 MVP Works Onsite Stage A Feehan Row and Tote Park

5.1 Brad Yudelman (BY) confirmed Camillo Builders, subsidiary of Crema Constructions (large tier 2 commercial building company), have been appointed as Stage A (Part 1) Feehan Row Builders.

5.2 Site establishment works are currently underway.

5.3 A Construction Management Plan (CMP) with respect to traffic management, parking, hours of operation and dust and noise management has been approved. The CMP will be published on the community website. MH asked when practical completion is expected. PH responded we are dealing with COVID-19 restrictions which will effect the program, however the construction program is 20 months upon formal commencement. Jenny Nola (JN) expressed concern over enforcing parking restrictions for contractors. PH advised that the builder will be responsible for this and they are aware how important the relationship we have with the community is and they need to respect the integrity of that relationship and be proactive in managing this process. NM motioned for all CMP's to also be available on Council website which Colin Harris (CH) will action. NM wanted further detail around how road closures and site operating hours would be managed. PH responded by advising he would write a letter to the builders outlining the items that are of key importance to the community. Cr Jim Cusack (JC) wanted to ensure the CMP took into consideration the childcare centre and schools with respect to foot traffic movements. It was determined that an additional meeting to discuss traffic management in further detail will be scheduled.

5.4 JN asked if there was a plan for Cox Plate for 2020 and GW advised the Club are preparing for a broadcast event which will not include spectators.

5.5 Tim Oman (TO) updated the group on the Tote Park works which are progressing well and remain on schedule for completion in September 2020 with final key site activities taking place, such as soft landscaping, playground equipment, sculptures and the new turnstile entry point. A Safe Workplace plan has been implemented to manage the current COVID-19 restrictions. The Tote Park was a feature story run in the Herald Sun last month. The official opening will be deferred in the hope we can invite guests post COVID-19 restrictions to allow for ministerial and school children to attend.

6 Activations

6.1 Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to deliver any community activations at present, however we look forward to delivering our program when we can.

7 Survey

7.1 Brickfields have been engaged to carry out the 2020 community survey and we will circulate a link for the group to share on their social media pages.

8 Questions

8.1 JN asked how sales are progressing and PH advised that we are chipping away at them and given current circumstances this is a credit to the offering and our sales team.

8.2 Noted that Council will be going into caretaker mode prior to elections.

9 Meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and the next meeting will be the annual update. The meeting concluded at 7.40pm. The next meeting is TBC.