

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #9

Date: 2/12/20 Meeting began at 6.30pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Paul Hameister, Sally Irons, Justin Galligan, Brad Yudelman, Cameron Shekleton - Hamton (H)
- Georgia Willis, Rozalee Erceg - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Jenny Nola, Sarah Ambrogio – Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Allison Beaumont – (MV Families Facebook Group)
- Frank Dinoto – Office of Danny Pearson MP
- Cr Katrina Hodgson - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Colin Harris - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Meryn Pratt – Union Road Trades Association
- Matthew Bott, 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. MVP update – Tote Park
5. MVRC Projects – Tote Building, Track and Grandstand
6. MVP Works onsite - Feehan Row
7. MVP – B1 Revised Design
8. Community Activations
9. Community Survey
10. Questions
11. Next meeting

1 Introduction

1.1 Paul Hameister (PH) opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

1.2 PH welcomed Cr Katrina Hodgson, newly elected representative for Myrnong Ward.

1.3 PH also took this opportunity to outline the importance of the working relationship we have with the CRG members and thanked people for taking the time to attend the CRG meetings.

1.4 PH ran through the proposed agenda for the meeting.

2 Welcome and review actions from last meeting

2.1 Sally Irons (SI) advised the Construction Management Plan has been uploaded to the community website.

2.2 SI confirmed a meeting was held with the CRG members on 9 September to review the CMP in further detail.

2.3 SI advised the developer issued a letter to Camillo - builders of Stage A, expressing the importance of our relationship with the local community to which they acknowledged.

2.4 SI confirmed the annual community survey link was issued to CRG members for distribution on their social pages.

3 Status of Planning Permit Applications

3.1 Cameron Shekleton (CS) advised the Planning Permit amendment to amend the product mix for the southern portion for Stage A Feehan Row has been approved by Council, with endorsed drawings due by mid-December. This stage is now on market.

3.2 Justin Galligan (JG) advised Stage B Thomas St Planning Permit is in place however a secondary consent application has been made to Council which incorporates basement layout changes. We anticipate approval prior to the end of the year. This stage is now on market.

3.3 JG advised Stage B - B1 and B2 VCAT hearing application was declined. A Permit Application for B1 amending the design will be lodged prior to the end of the year and a separate application for B2 will be lodged late January next year. JG referred to agenda item 7 in which he will take the group through the revised plans in further detail.

4 Tote Park Update

4.1 Brad Yudelman (BY) and PH advised the group Tote Park was completed In November. PH thanked Matthew Bott (MB) for Moonee Ponds Primary School involvement in the opening where students planted the final tree to mark the occasion. PH advised MVRC will host a morning tea on Friday 4th December in the Park to which CRG members have been invited. PH reiterated delivery of Tote Park was an important first step in the project so new residents and the local community can enjoy the park's amenity as well as the project delivering on the MV2040 vision objectives.

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

5.1 Georgia Willis (GW) reiterated PH's point regarding MVRC hosting a morning tea in Tote Park and added the local community had also been invited via a letter box drop, as well as local dignitaries and MP traders. She expressed the Club is very proud of how the Club now presents with the Tote Park addition.

5.2 The Tote Building has been restored externally and the internal fitout will commence early 2021 and aims to be operational by mid-2021. Jenny Nola (JN) asked what the hours of operation for Tote Park will be and GW advised weekdays will be limited hours and weekends will open later, noting the liquor license was to 11pm. Once the operational program is confirmed the hours will be communicated.

5.3 The draft Masterplan for the Track and Grandstand is progressing by the Club in collaboration with Council with respect to the strategic planning requirements. A final draft form will be presented to Council prior to Christmas and then a community information session will be held in January.

It will not be a detailed design but will cover off on access movements and SUZ plans.

6 MVP Works Onsite Stage A Feehan Row and Tote Park

6.1 Brad Yudelman (BY) advised Camillo builders are progressing well on site.

Excavation is complete and structural works have commenced with the lower ground floor slab being poured. Once concrete works have been completed the lightweight construction (steel/timber) will commence which will change traffic movement. The Kenna Street extension is now also complete which provides additional access to site.

6.2 BY also updated the group that the trucking company engaged by the builders were not following protocol, brought to our attention by Michael Holtz (MH), which subsequently resulted in termination of their contract and another company engaged. MH thanked the developer for acting quickly to resolve the issue.

7 MVP – Revised B1 design

7.1 JG advised the plan moving forward was to separate the B1 and B2 building applications. The B1 application will be lodged in December and a separate application for B2 will be lodged in January. Plans for the B2 redesign will be shared in due course, however this forum will focus on the B1 redesign. JG stepped through the buildings orientation for those who were not familiar. He noted that Kenna Street has now been moved to the southern side of the stone pines and we may look to add in further open space on the other side of the Kenna Street extension.

7.2 JG noted specific changes made to the plans for B1 as raised at VCAT by objectors include –

- 7.2.1 Clear 10m break between the two buildings to allow for more natural light and break down mass and allow for further articulation
- 7.2.2 The floor plates generally remain unchanged given VCAT were comfortable with overall massing and height
- 7.2.3 The staging plan has changed, originally Thomas St and Buildings 1 and 2 would be constructed closer together however now this is further apart, more carparks will be included in the basement of B1 and B2, as opposed to these being delivered in Thomas St
- 7.2.4 The redesign now ensures limited views directly into other apartments
- 7.2.5 More greenery has been included from the ground floor to the upper built form to improve the façade design

7.3 Colin Harris (CH) asked if the height framework was within the DPO and JG advised the preferred height framework of 32 metres cuts through the top level which was considered to be an acceptable height by VCAT given the community benefit for affordable housing offered. CH asked if this would still trigger a Section 52 of The Act (application will require advertising) to which JG confirmed it would.

7.4 Sarah Ambrogio (SA) asked how the building would comply with setbacks and heights. JG responded by confirming it remained consistent with the original application based on VCAT acceptance in hearing.

7.5 PH offered to take anyone interested through the plans in further detail at another time.

8 Activations

8.1 SI advised a free health and fitness program, MOVE, was launched in November. MOVE is being delivered in partnership with local gym owners from Collective Fitness and will deliver Bootcamp, Stretch & Mobility and Running classes within Tote Park each week.

8.2 The activations program for 2021 is being developed and will be shared in due course.

9 Survey

9.1 SI advised the annual community survey closed on 18 November. Brickfields are collating the results and we will present at the annual update.

10 Questions

10.1 SA asked what the intention is for the Tote Park substation to which CH advised and PH confirmed that it was temporary and would remain until the Grandstand works were complete. PH advised we are exploring options including commissioning a local artist to install a mural.

10.2 SA wanted it noted that she believes it was hard to provide initial feedback on the B1 and B2 plans given the full documentation was not shared with the group, thus community comments were made at the VCAT hearing.

10.3 SA wanted it noted she thought it was unfair to frame the reason around Stone Pines Square being reduced in size was due to the fact the community had not seen a benefit in the additional heights being sought. She noted it would have been great to deliver on both.

10.4 CH noted it was terrific to see Tote Park delivered and have some community infrastructure delivered to which both SA and JN agreed,

11 Meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and the next meeting will be the annual update. The meeting concluded at 7.30pm. The next meeting is set for 21st February 2021.