

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #11

Date: 14/07/21 Meeting began at 6.30pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Paul Hameister, Justin Galligan, Brett Halkyard, Lily Quinn - Hamton (H)
- Georgia Willis, Rozalee Erceg - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Jenny Nola – Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Allison Beaumont – (MV Families Facebook Group)
- Cr Katrina Hodgson - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Colin Harris - Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Matthew Bott – Moonee Ponds Primary School

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/housekeeping
2. Status of Planning Permit Applications
3. MVRC Projects – Tote Bar and Dining
4. MVRC Projects - Masterplan
5. MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 1)
6. MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 2)
7. MVP – Thomas Street construction commencing July
8. Community activations
9. Other matters/Questions

1 Introduction

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

1.2 PH ran through the proposed agenda for the meeting.

2 Status of Planning Permit Applications

2.1 Justin Galligan (JG) advised that the Planning Permit for Stage A and Stage B Thomas Street is in place. Endorsed drawings have been received and construction is anticipated to commence on site this month, July 2021.

2.2 Stage B, Building 1 received planning officer's support with a recommendation that Council issue a Notice of Decision (NOD) to grant a permit. The Council meeting was held on 13 July, where Councillors supported the recommendation adding a condition to set back the building from Kenna Street.

2.3 Building 2 lodged in April 2021. Since the last CRG meeting in March, a Request for Further Information (RFI) has been received from Council and responded to. We are currently waiting to receive confirmation from Council our response was acceptable and the application can progress to advertising.

3 MVRC Projects – Tote Bar and Dining/Masterplan

- 3.1 Georgia Willis (GW) discussed the photographs of the Tote Building presented on the slide. The first photo of the Tote Building from the 1970's and the second photo showing the refurbished and current Tote Building.
- 3.2 GW advised that MVRC are very excited to be on program to deliver and officially open the Tote building on 1 August 2021. The opening of the Tote building will connect and link directly to Tote Park's terrace and outdoor spaces, indoor seating options with private dining and the Tote bar.
- 3.3 GW handed over to Rozalee Erceg (RE) to explain the opening event for the Tote building. RE explained that 1 August is known as the 'horse's birthday' in which every horse has their birthday, and MVRC believed this date would be a great opportunity to hold a community engagement event which perfectly coincides with the first day of operation of the new Tote Bar and Dining.
- 3.4 RE continued to explain the free community engagement event which is to be held in Tote Park, which will run between 10:00am and 12:00pm on 1 August 2021. Activities that have been organised for the day include:
- Kids sporting activities including create your own horse shoe, games, relay races however no activities that use balls will be allowed to avoid havoc in the gardens.
 - Pony Rides up and down Tote Park
 - A membership tent will be set up for people to make enquiries regarding anything to do with the Racing Club.
 - Moonee Valley Park Activation sites.
 - Apache Cat - equine living legend present to sing Happy Birthday to.
 - Children's give away
 - 200 pieces of beautifully wrapped catering to be gifted to the first 200 people (Dean McPherson gift)
 - Live duo set up and perform in Tote Park.
- 3.5 This coming Monday, MVRC will be letter box dropping to 2000 residents homes in the close proximity to the Valley and this will also be promoted through all socials. Hamton will be providing the same information to their database. MVRC is also looking into advertising in the local paper.

4 MVRC Projects - Masterplan

- 4.1 GW discussed the consultations that have occurred through the 'Have your Say' community engagement process and after the Community information session that was held on 12 May at Council. This proved to be highly advantageous in addressing all concerns and queries in relation to the Masterplan.
- 4.2 GW advised that MVRC has now received all submissions to the Masterplan exhibit which are currently under review by Council officers and MVRC, who are working through the concerns that have been raised. MVRC will be providing a response to the key issues in the revised Masterplan documentation which will be re-submitted to council by the end of the month (July).

- 4.3 The next step after the documentation has been re-submitted will be to wait for advice from Council about the strategic process moving forward and to address anything else outstanding for the Masterplan to be ready for approval from Council.
- 4.4 Colin Harris (CH) thanked GW for her involvement in the consultation process which proved to be very worthwhile. CH advised that a wide range of responses were received, some raising concerns and some responses of support for the MVRC Masterplan documents. Council will wait to receive the response from MVRC and then will work internally and with MVRC and consultants to work through the matters and work. Confirmed all matters are now 'out on the table' and the Club is in the process of responding to each.
- 4.5 GW discussed the advantage of having the Masterplan evident on the 'Have your Say' platform and the collaborative discussions that have occurred on all levels which have provided meaningful conversations regarding the Infield redevelopment. Further detail will be provided in the design phase of the Infield redevelopment.

5 MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 1)

- 5.1 Brett Halkyard (BH) provided an update to the Stage A Feehan Row construction. BH advised that construction over the last quarter has progressed very well and moving along at a steady pace.
- 5.2 BH further explained that the 11 townhouses along McPherson Street, known as Sub-stage 1 & 2, have progressed the most. Within these town houses the structural steel and timber framing is now complete and the internal framing and services works has commenced. The next step for these Townhouses is for the plaster to be installed into the walls and ceilings.
- 5.3 For the remaining Townhouses, Sub-stage 3 & 4, the structure is almost complete and the service works have commenced.
- 5.4 For the final Sub-stage 5 & 6, the structural works are due to commence next month (August). Works in the basement carpark and in the external areas are continuing.

6 MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 2)

- 6.1 BH continued to discuss Stage 2 of the Feehan Row Townhouses. BH confirmed that Camillo Builders have been appointed as Head Contractor for this next stage.
- 6.2 All Pre-Commencement planning conditions have been satisfied and the CSMP (Construction Site Management Plan) has been issued to Council for Endorsement.
- 6.3 The initial site establishment works are due to commence in July with the main construction works anticipated to commence in August 2021.
- 6.4 The construction works on site are anticipated for completion at the end of 2022.

7 MVP – Thomas Street construction commencing July

7.1 BH explained that Thomas Street will consist of 69 apartments and Camillo Builders have also been appointed as Head Contractor.

7.2 All Pre-Commencement planning conditions have been satisfied and the CSMP has been issued to Council for endorsement.

7.3 A new crossover on Thomas Street will be constructed prior to the removal of the Gate 10 crossover.

7.4 Thomas Street construction works are due to commence this month (July) and are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022.

8 Community Activations

8.1 JG discussed the MVP Health and Fitness program will re-commence in November 2021 once the weather improves to host outdoor bootcamps as the program was temporarily put on hold through the winter months. A new class timetable for the program will be released prior to the program recommencing. All classes are free and will be run by Moonee Ponds fitness professionals in Tote Park.

8.2 The Bean Bag Cinema is an event that has been planned for a long time however with COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, the event has had to be rescheduled to the first quarter of 2022.

9 Other Matters/Questions

PH opened up the meeting to any questions.

- Jenny Nola (JN) asked RE how far out the leaflets would be distributed. RE responded that it would be distributed to 2000 residents in the proximity of the Valley.
- RE further advised that she has anticipated a 5% turnout, with an average family of around 3 plus local traders. Confirming that posters and postcards would be distributed to the local schools and on social media. It will also be promoted at the Race Meeting to be held on 31 July on the big screen and in the race book and RE anticipates a very good attendance at this meeting. Around 4000 flyers will be printed and distributed and the Club is very excited to see everybody at the event.

PH thanked everyone for attending the meeting and that the next CRG Meeting will be held in another three months.