

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #11

Date: 31/08/2022 Meeting began at 6.00pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Matt Malseed, Justin Galligan, Chase Devereaux, Victoria Nutbean, Simon Lewin, Ashton Hardstaff - Hamton (H)
- Georgia Willis, Rozalee Erceg, Anthony Brown - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Sarah Ambrogio – Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Jenny Nola – Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Allison Beaumont – (MV Families Facebook Group)
- Cr Rose Iser – Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Matthew Bott – Moonee Ponds Primary School
- Colin Harris (MVCC)

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/housekeeping
2. Status of Planning Permit Applications
3. MVRC Projects – Masterplan
4. MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 1)
5. MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 2)
6. MVP – Thomas Street construction
7. Water Infrastructure works
8. Construction Management & Communication
9. Community activations
10. Other matters/Questions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Matt Malseed (MM) opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

MM ran through the proposed agenda for the meeting.

2 Status of Planning Permit Applications

- 2.1 Justin Galligan (JG) reaffirmed that the Planning Permit for Stage A Feehan Row north and south has been received, with construction on the north complete and construction on the south underway.
- 2.2 Stage B, Thomas Street. Planning Permit received and construction commenced.
- 2.3 Stage B, Stonepine House. Planning Permit received.
- 2.4 Stage B, B2, Trackside House, Planning Permit received. VCAT hearing for conditions' appeal is being held from 6-9 September 2022.

3 MVRC Projects - Masterplan

- 3.1 Georgia Willis (GW) noted that it was important to refer to the endorsed master plan as the reference plan for all SUZ planning matters.

- 3.2 GW confirmed that the early works to get the Infield ready for the new infrastructure are now complete, including the dam consolidation and civil works. The disturbed soil has been seeded (make good). Detailed design for the new racecourse and facilities has commenced.
- 3.3 GW confirmed that Building and Works permit applications for the racecourse infrastructure and maintenance buildings have been lodged with Council and that the MVRC has recently received RFI's from Council regarding the further information Council requires to assess the applications.
- 3.4 In response to a question from Allison Beaumont (AB), GW confirmed that the Infield lights are being used at night as staff park in the Infield and occasionally work quite late with the upcoming Spring racing event calendar in peak planning mode .
- 3.5 In response to a question from Sarah Ambrogio (SA), Colin Harris (CH) confirmed that the design of the Infield Precinct was being reviewed from a practical perspective as the land needs to meet the requirements of the primary use —Racing. Secondary / complimentary recreational uses (when in non-event mode) will continue to be discussed with Council.. There are no concrete uses for the Infield Precinct at this time, and when tangible plans have been developed, MVRC will make available to the community.
- 3.6 Information regarding the Moonee Valley Racecourse Redevelopment can be located here: [Moonee Valley Racecourse redevelopment \(Racecourse infield, Grandstand and associated racecourse infrastructure\) - Moonee Valley City Council \(mvcc.vic.gov.au\)](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au).

4 MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 1)

- 4.1 Chase Devereaux (CD) provided an update to the Stage A (North) Feehan Row construction. CD advised that the first settlements had occurred earlier today, with the first residents moving in over the next few days. Occupancy permits have been granted for all 36 lots. Recent focus has been dealing with external landscaping and rectifying internal defects in preparation for settlements.
- 4.2 The extent of Stonepine Drive (i.e. the extension of Kenna Street) which has been constructed has been handed over to Council.
- 4.3 Feehan Avenue intersection works are now complete and Greater Western Water infrastructure is now out of the area.

5 MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 2)

- 5.1 CD confirmed that the ground floor slab has been poured across the site with steel framing going up in stages.
- 5.2 In response to a question from Jenny Nola (JN), CD confirmed that Coats Street is the only access point for Feehan Row construction deliveries on to site. There is now site hoarding that separates the completed Feehan Row North from the construction zone, with Stonepine Drive providing resident access into the Feehan Row North basement.

- 5.3 The footpath along Feehan Avenue is being given back for public use at the end of next week once Greater Western Water are out of the area.

6 MVP – Thomas Street construction

- 6.1 CD noted that Camillo had “topped out” the structure in July.
- 6.2 The windows have been installed up to level 3 and the internal fit-out is progressing well up to level 3.

7 Water Infrastructure Works

- 7.1 CD confirmed that the works to major water infrastructure being undertaken by Greater Western Water in front of MVRC and the Feehan Row Townhouses has completed and is now progressing to the North of the Thomas Street roundabout.

For information regarding these works please visit:

<https://mvcc.vic.gov.au/pascoe-vale-road-water-main-renewal-project/>

8 Construction Management & Communication

- 8.1 CD confirmed Hamton’s new construction update newsletter would be issued in September for the next update. You can register for these updates by sending an email to mpcommunity@hamton.com.au
- 8.2 In response to a comment by AB, Cr Rose Iser confirmed that the Council website would be updated with Greater Western Water works information.
- 8.3 Hamton to add AB, JN and SMP to the distribution list for the regular community construction updates that Hamton (CD) issues.
- 8.4 CD noted that all updates from GWW received by Hamton were the same updates GWW sends to the community.
- 8.5 MM confirmed that the Valley of Tomorrow website was under review and would be updated in the near future.

9 Community Activations

- 9.1 VN confirmed that MV+ Health and Fitness would commence again in November and run for the duration of summer, which is free for the community and held in Tote Park on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
- 9.2 Rozalee Erceg (RE) discussed the MVRC 22/23 Summer Events program.

10 Other Matters/Questions

MM opened the meeting to questions.

- AB queried when the grandstand would be demolished. GW and MM noted the current plan is to begin demolition after the 2025 Cox Plate.

SA queried if the site sheds under the stone pine trees were within a protection zone. CD confirmed that the sheds remain under the trees and will be located there until January 2023. CD explained that there are several elements to be addressed in a protection zone, with no vehicle access permitted under the trees, and confirmed that this is achieved on site. CD confirmed that Hamton had not received any advice that the site sheds could not be positioned where they are

- MM noted Hamton would investigate and seek to ensure that the builder is complying with the Council-approved construction management plan.
- GW responded to an item raised in the previous meeting relating to the Legends Wilson St wall and its structural integrity. MVRC confirmed it has had a specialist review the wall to close out any concerns regarding its structural integrity. MVRC has now had the bubbling removed and the wall re-rendered to improve the aesthetics of the Legends building façade.
- SA queried if the Contract for Sale for the Feehan Row Townhouses prevented purchasers from joining the Community Reference Group. MM confirmed that there was no restriction placed on purchasers in the Contract for Sale which would prevent them from joining the Community Reference Group.
- AB queried if construction would stop during Cox Plate. GW responded that under the Development Agreement, there is a black-out period where no site works can occur for approximately 1 week.
- AB queried what the traffic management plan was for around Cox Plate. GW confirmed the MVRC is working through a plan, which involves locating most of the drop off / pick up activity into the Infield, with appropriate signage and traffic management personal being introduced to ensure the areas are secured and restricted in Feehan Ave and surrounds.
- SA queried when the community could be consulted about the design of the grandstand. GW confirmed that as previously advised design information will be made available when the design was further resolved, noting the Club is working through a design refinement exercise with its internal stakeholders at present.

MM thanked everyone for attending the meeting and that the next CRG Meeting will be held in another three months, on a Wednesday evening in December on a date to be confirmed by Hamton, with a calendar invitation to be issued shortly for that meeting.