

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #19

Date: 29/5/24 Meeting began at 6.00pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Matt Malseed, Erin Boyd - Hamton (H)
- Anthony Brown, Rozalee Erceg - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Jenny Nola - Save Moonee Ponds (SMP)
- Matt Bott – Moonee Ponds Primary School
- Michael Holtz
- Erica Moloney - Neue Media

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/housekeeping
2. MVRC Projects – Masterplan
3. MVP – MVP Project Planning Update
4. MVP – Feehan Row construction (Stage 2)
5. MVP – Stonepine & Trackside House
6. Community activations
7. Other matters/Questions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Matt Malseed (MM) opened the meeting and welcomed all members.
- 1.2 MM notes apologies of Allison Beaumont and Sarah Ambrogio.

2 MVRC Projects - Masterplan

- 2.1 Allison Beaumont raised concern (in an email) about some community members not receiving the mail-out regarding the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed infield at the racecourse.
- 2.2 AB confirmed that MVRC mailout was distributed to 1500 local homes, excluding any that have 'no junk mail' listed on their mailboxes. AB confirmed that MVRC would reactivate the community survey for feedback and circulate to CRG Members and also list on community website. The survey will close on 17 June 2024.
- 2.3 AB reported that the community survey issued to gather opinions on the infield development had closed on 10 May 2024.
- 2.4 AB reported that an EOI for the infield land parcels has been sent to national and local sporting organisations and potential entertainment partners. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to find suitable uses for the infield that align with community interests.
- 2.5 AB emphasised that the final design solution for the infield will be influenced by survey feedback.
- 2.6 Jenny Nola brought up the article written in 'The Age' suggesting that the infield was earmarked for the AFL, causing concern among local residents about the transparency and direction of the infield development.

- 2.7 AB confirmed that no decisions have been made regarding the AFL's involvement. The community consultation process is ongoing.

3 Status of Planning Permit Applications

- 3.1 MM confirmed that the permit application for Flora East and West was issued on 20 May 2024. There were no appeals received in the process.
- 3.2 MM reported that the permit application for North South Road is still pending with Council. Hamton has responded to two rounds of RFI's and are anticipating a decision in the coming months.
- 3.3 MM confirmed that early design for subsequent stages (beyond Flora) is underway. MM noted that more details will be provided in future CRG meetings, when Hamton is in a position to do so.

4 MVP – Feehan Row South construction (Stage 2)

- 4.1 Chase Devereaux (CD) provided an update to the Stage A (South) Feehan Row construction.
- 4.2 CD confirmed that the south section of townhouses were completed and settled in December 2023 and Camillo have recertified majority of defects. They will continue to attend to defects as they arise.

5 Stonepine House & Trackside House

- 5.1 CD reported that construction of Trackside House and Stonepine House are progressing well, with structural works on schedule.
- 5.2 CD confirmed that regular inspections are being conducted by an arborist to monitor the health of the Stonepine Trees.
- 5.3 In response to Allison Beaumont's concern about the crane lighting, CD confirmed that crane light operations hours have been reduced. These measures are in response to feedback from Council.
- 5.4 In response to question from MM, CD reported that Greater Western Water completed part of an upgrade, including road works and the extension of the water main down Thomas Street. While further works are expected in the next 18 months, the current works in from of Thomas Street apartments are complete with no issues raised from our perspective.
- 5.5 In response to Michael Holtz, CD confirmed that the Hamton team was notified of a residential gas leak affecting one private residence, which was undocumented, according to the contractor. The Developer's builder Icon confirmed this issue was unrelated to the Developer's works.

6 Community Activations

- 6.1 Erin Boyd (EB) confirmed the success of the MV+ Health and Fitness classes summer season. There was an average of 23 participants per class. These classes continue to be well received and contribute to the community's wellness.
- 6.2 EB confirmed the success of the Annual Beanbag Cinema event, which attracted over 700 attendees. The event featured a screening of Toy Story 4, along with character appearances and various activities, making it a hit among families.
- 6.3 EB reported planning for Spring Outside Day for kids is in the early stages of planning. Further details will be provided in the next CRG meeting.
- 6.4 Rozalee Erceg (RE) reported MVRC will be holding a fundraising event in partnership St Vincents Hospital Foundation, scheduled for Saturday 24 August 2024 at The Valley. This event aims to raise significant funds for the hospital while engaging the community. Further details will be provided at the next meeting.
- 6.5 RE confirmed that 'Bark on the Course' dog walk is planned for early September. This event will provide a fun and engaging activity for families and dog owners. Further details will be provided at the next meeting.

7 Other Matters/Questions

MM opened the meeting to questions, however there were none.

Meeting closed at approximately 6:40pm.