MINUTES Kensington Community Reference Group



Date	Tuesday 23 June 2020	Meeting No	12
Chair	Vince Haining	Time	8.00am – 9.30am
Location	Zoom	Minutes	Mathew Collum

Members

Present

- Vince Haining [Chair]
- · Karen Snyders, City of Melbourne
- Therese Fitzgerald, Kensington Association
- Bruce Dickinson, Friends of Newell's Paddock
- Sally Cunnington, resident
- Matt Hammond, Kensington Association
- Guilliano Andy, City West Water

Apologies

- Helaine Stanley, The Venny
- Clive Gartner, Friends of Newell's Paddock
- Richard Reilly, Kensington & Flemington Junior Sports Clubs
- Karen Hammarberg, community representative
- Deb Wilson, Unison Housing
- Sam Hurst, Lloyd Street Business Estate

In attendance

Present

- Kim Norton, Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP)
- Kim Mas, CYP
- Lucie Mackenzie, CYP
- Niall Forbes, Rail Infrastructure Alliance, RIA
- Jarrod Scurry, RIA
- Michael Prebeg, RIA
- Rachael Butler, RIA
- Sarah Haines, Rail Projects Victoria (RPV)

- Abraham Kurtoglu, RPV
- Eli Firestone, RPV
- Brenton Shaughnessy, RPV
- Trent Bridgement, RPV
- Matilda Tonkin, RPV
- Casey Nguyen, RPV
- Stephanie Makin, RPV
- Mathew Collum, RPV

1.	Introduction and Welcome			
	Matters arising:Vince Haining welcomed members to the Community Reference Group (CRG).			
2.	Outstanding Actions and Issues Register			
	Matters arising:			
	The CRG discussed the Outstanding Actions and Issues Register.			
	 In relation to K7-1, CYP confirmed it will present on the egress building design at the next CRG meeting scheduled for 6 August 2020. 			
	 In relation to K11-3, RIA confirmed it will provide an update on the legacy drainage design for Childers St at the next CRG meeting scheduled for 6 August 2020. 			
3.	Community update & discussion items			
	Presentation by Kim Norton (CYP) on COVID-19 and the Metro Tunnel Project.			
	Presentation by Kim Norton (CYP) and Jarrod Scurry (RIA) on communications and engagement. Matters arising:			





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- Vince Haining asked whether project progress has been affected by impacts associated with COVID-19. CYP confirmed that productivity had not been affected and scheduled works would continue with appropriate management procedures implemented as per the Victorian Government directions.
- The CRG discussed recent vandalism incidents at the turning bay on Childers Street and the hording artwork at 135 Ormond Street.
 - Therese Fitzgerald commented that an increase in antisocial behaviour was discussed at a recent Police Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting.
 - Matt Hammond raised that the fence adjacent to 135 Ormond St does not effectively
 mitigate the noise. MH also suggests that vandalism of the bicycle chicanes could be
 mitigated by installing more robust chicanes. CYP confirmed that it will explore alternative
 design solutions for the chicanes.
- **K12-1** Investigate alternative design solutions for the chicanes on Childers Street to help prevent vandalism.

4. Presentation from Project Contractors

Presentation by Kim Mas (CYP) and Niall Forbes (RIA) on current and upcoming works.

Presentation by Jarrod Scurry (RIA) on traffic changes associated with the Kensington Rd gantry removal works.

Presentation by Rachael Butler (RIA) on RIA Development Plan and Design.

Presentation by Michael Prebeg (RIA) on floodwall design treatment and the proposed Western Portal development plan amendment.

Matters arising:

- Therese Fitzgerald asked about the sump pilling works and expected noise levels on Childers Street. RIA confirmed that the pilling is likely to be the noisiest activity over the coming months. RIA noted that residents located on project truck routes may continue to be affected.
- Vince Haining asked about potential out of hours works to complete concrete pours that
 commence during normal construction hours. CYP confirmed that it's out of hours works permits
 have conditions which set out that concreate pours cannot be undertaken after 7 pm Monday to
 Friday.
- Matt Hammond expressed dissatisfaction with contractor justifications for sump pilling works scheduled on Saturdays between 7am to 6pm and was frustrated by a lack of community consultation. RIA acknowledged Matt Hammond's dissatisfaction and confirmed the need to extend Saturday works into the afternoon was due to a number of technical challenges with dewatering if the open excavations were not immediately filled. RIA confirmed noise mitigation measures have been implemented to reduce the impacts of pilling works, including the installation of shock absorbers on the pilling rig. RIA confirmed it would continue to review the need for Saturday works and explore practical options to help reduce impacts on residents during pilling. RIA agreed to meet with Matt to discuss the work program and alternative respite measures to possibly alleviate the Kensington Association's concerns. The Chair acknowledged that despite the site constraints, contractors have made significant amendments to work programs and methodologies to try to minimise community impacts.
- Matt Hammond requested that the Project liaise with Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) during shared occupations to notify residents in advance of any scheduled overnight works that are expected to be noisy, specifically close to South Kensington Station. RIA confirmed it would make a request to MTM.
- The CRG discussed the RIA legacy design to remove car parking on the southern side of Childers St between Ormond St and Tennyson St to instate a full-time bicycle path. Therese Fitzgerald raised that the Lloyd Street Business Estate does not support cyclists via the business park. Matt Hammond raised early community feedback indicating that cyclists did not use the bike path which runs along the rail corridor and preferred to use the road. City of Melbourne confirmed that it is aware of the views of both the cyclists and the Lloyd Street Business Estate with regards to this section of the bike network. City of Melbourne confirmed that the section of bike path is within its Transport Strategy and it will continue to investigate and advocate for





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improvements to the Arden Street bridge and connections to Arden Street. Therese Fitzgerald raised the opportunity to extend the bike path along the rail corridor across the Moonee Ponds Creek and join it to the bicentennial circuit once Metro Tunnel Project works have concluded.

- Therese Fitzgerald raised concern regarding the reduction in car parking spaces on Childers Street and requested that additional spaces be added on Hobsons Road. Vince Haining acknowledged that parking has been an ongoing concern and also noted that significant efforts have been made regarding the design and amenity including landscaping, open space and presentation.
- The CRG discussed the floodwall design treatment and the proposed Western Portal development plan amendment. RIA confirmed that a Design Committee would be established and comprise RIA, RPV, Creative Victoria, the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, City of Melbourne and an Independent Creative Design Reviewer. The Committee will oversee the process of shortlisting and selecting a designer. The selected designer will attend a future CRG meeting to provide further information and seek clarification and feedback with regards to previous community engagement and items within the creative brief. Matt Hammond raised the opportunity to consult with local sports clubs to include aspects of the Kensington precinct's history of recreational sport within the design.

K12-2 Review the RIA Saturday Pilling Works schedule and investigate options to help reduce the impacts of the works on residents.

6. General feedback and items for future discussion

Matters arising:

- Bruce Dickinson raised the flood offset design for Newell's Paddock. RIA confirmed at this stage
 there is no additional information to provide on the flood offset design for Newell's Paddock and
 the project is still considering options. RIA confirmed it will provide an update at the next CRG
 meeting.
- Kim Norton (CYP) advised that Lucie Mackenzie (CYP) will be taking over as the representative for the CYP Stakeholder and Communications Team at future CRG meetings. Vince Haining thanked Kim Norton for their contribution to the Kensington CRG.

7. Meeting close

Matters arising:

Next meeting 8.00am-9.30am, Tuesday 6 August 2020.

NEW ACTIONS AND ISSUES

#	ACTION / ISSUE	OWNER
K12-1	Investigate alternative design solutions for the chicanes on Childers Street which could help prevent repeat vandalism.	СҮР
K12-2	Review the RIA Saturday Pilling Works schedule and investigate options to help reduce the impacts of the works on residents.	RIA



