



WHITE GUM VALLEY PRECINCT

APRIL 4TH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 4th, 2017 7:30pm

1. Parks in WGV and wider Fremantle with Guest: Ryan Abbott, new Manager of Parks & Landscapes

- **Booyeembara Park**

It is proposed to review/revise the Boo Master Plan, then review Stage before further development of the Stage 4 concept plans with budget estimates. Outcomes of the High St realignment may also have an impact on the Master Plan revision.

Nominations open for Booyeembara Working Group – open until April 14th. Recommended representatives to go to Council in late April, with a view to a new working group ready to go in May.

Explanation provided as to why works are more complicated and slower post-asbestos management.

Dogs - two petitions with opposing stances on Dogs on /off leads. Officers from Community Safety and Parks have reviewed the petitions and community responses and prepared a recommendation to largely maintain the status quo. To date Council staff have been giving infringements in relation to dogs attacks, and public encouraged to contact community safety officers if they observe something.

Esplanade Park is going well with the time of use dog use however this solution would not work due to threat to wildlife from dogs,

Two carpet pythons have been sighted in Boo near the wetland. Within their natural range so may be naturally occurring.

- **WGV/Freo parks in general**

Cricket Club have applied to move their training nets within Stevens St reserve. This may impact on the dog run area.

Wood St reserve – non-irrigated park, gets prickly and play equipment to be removed. How does it get used? Community events, dog off-lead areas suggested.

Valley Park – equipment replaced & maintained in review but no new equipment. Consultation had looked into some nature play options. Ryan to see if any future opportunities.

Community commented that Monument Hill is looking great and Bruce Lee's lawn is in great shape.

Verge management policy is being reviewed as street tree trimming needs improvement or tree replacement with trees suitable for pruning. Budgets very limited, but proactive trimming practices will be changed to improve foliage.

Planting of more trees – plans being developed.

Green Plan – what do they want achieve from it? What vegetation? Tree and understorey for birds and insects etc. Katrina Sachse, Natural Landscapes officer is investigating tree canopy and understorey level plantings for the Green Plan implementation. **Action:** Invite Katrina at council to discuss verge planting and Green Plan implementation.

Mulch will be available for residents in the near future. Date yet to be set.

2. Knutsford Structure Plan

Related to the area around Blinco, Stack, Amherst and Montreal Sts.

Original Structure plan is being revised to incentivise development while balancing the unique character of the area and avoiding residential dormitory development. Up to 5 storeys down to 2 storeys on Blinco St. Ground floor is commercial space or adaptable space if not yet viable to be commercial. Commercial can be a wide range of things, not just retail.

Infrastructure services especially sewerage pipes currently not present and costly to install so development has to be viable.

3. Perth Freight Link & High St future

There will be special Precinct meeting with Simone McGurk MLA May 2nd. Council is supportive of an upgrade to the High Street / Stirling Hwy intersection but that it is the least works required to achieve a safer intersection.

Simone McGurk and Lisa O'Malley need to hear from the WGV community asap.

Action: Su to invite both to an early May meeting or earlier if needed.

Action: Members asked send key points to Su to prepare a briefing paper for Simone.

4. Community Facilities consultation - outcomes from workshop

The City of Fremantle undertook community consultation regarding sports grounds through to leisure centre and halls. Consultation included workshop and a survey online. Councils needs to do this planning if they want to introduce a developer contribution scheme for multi-residential development.

5. Update on Kings Square redevelopment

Myer building demolition has begun. Queensgate emptied by start of May. Council including the library will move to former Dockers building. Stan Reilly non-heritage buildings will be removed and car parking facilities installed. Queensgate car park has also be sold as part of the sale of the building block. The carpark has concrete cancer needed costly treatment.

Woolstores owner has put in an application for a substantially changed building.

6. Community Safety

119 Samson St has had some complaints again in February. Police have acted quickly to avoid a long running issue.

Street signs replacement – Cr Dave will check.

Report incidents of graffiti immediately to Council and they are acted on quickly. Cover up in the meantime to reduce advertising. City is putting together a rapid response group to handle issues like graffiti. Group to be rolled out in May or June.

Aggressive behaviours from some new homeless people (ex-Perth) have been a problem, having a negative impact on businesses. Chris said Community Safety have been having some wins in Pioneer Park.

7. Updates on current and new projects, and community initiatives

- Sullivan Hall – video from community consult to be completed. Dave hoping to get budget to do next financial year. (Action – Su)
- WGV Community Orchard – Olives Workshop well attended, Olive Harvest this Saturday Apr 8th, starting in Booyeembara. All welcome. (wgvorchard.org)
- Streetscapes Project– Group reps met with Annie at Council to discuss project aims and opportunities. Will look at how to work in with Green Plan. Roundabout going in on Samson and Wiluna Sts will help with slowing. Group will meet again in May and then come back to Precinct for further building of ideas.

8. “Open Mic” – other community news and updates

19 feral cats caught at one location and litters dumped in Boo
South St crossing needed. Cr Dave to follow up.

Close at 9:25pm.