

# WHITE GUM VALLEY PRECINCT

Minutes for Meeting held 7.30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012  
**@ *The White Gum Valley Primary School***

## **ATTENDANCE:**

**People Attending:** 3 Community members, Cr Dave Coggins, Cr Ingrid Waltham  
**Invited Speaker** Robin Varpins  
**Apologies:** Robert Dobson  
**Co-Convenor:** Nick Turner  
**Minutes:** Nick Turner

## **Item 1.**

### **Kings Square Redevelopment**

The Kings Square project, as it currently stands, is a proposal to investigate the possibility of redeveloping key sites in and around the Kings Square precinct in Fremantle. These include City-owned sites (the library, council offices, Queensgate Centre, Queensgate car park, the vacant Spicer site, Fremantle visitor centre and the civic space within Kings Square) and the Myer building, owned by Sirona Capital Management.

Full details available at

[http://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/cityoffremantle/Projectsmajor/Kings\\_Square\\_project](http://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/cityoffremantle/Projectsmajor/Kings_Square_project)

Business plans have been developed for possible different approaches. Anticipate a decision on a preferred direction within 3 months. An independent expert from South Australia has been engaged to assess the options.

In parallel with this a development framework is being developed by council, which ANY developer must align with. There has been significant public engagement in developing this. Thus once proposals have been finalized there will be a clear set of guidelines against which these can be assessed.

## **Item 2.**

### **Noticeboards in the Valley**

These were a great concept but in recent years have become neglected. The noticeboard between Sullivan Hall and Kim Beazley site is not in the right place now. The noticeboard at Minilya Avenue was removed as part of Minilya Avenue upgrade and has not been reinstated. There were various views on which noticeboards should be retained, and what should happen with those that do remain. General feel was that we need fewer noticeboards at key locations, probably Booyembera Park, Valley Park, WGV primary school, and Minilya St shops. Ideas for reinstatement included getting rid of solar panel mounting which has never been used, requiring that all users laminate posters, replacing felt with metal and using glue. Unanimous view that glass would NOT work, due to vandalism (sadly)

ACTION Cllrs Waltham and Coggins to follow up on whereabouts of Minilya Ave noticeboard and plan for reinstatement of this, and to define a rationale for noticeboards, location, specification etc.

## **Item 3.**

**Postbox Removal at Minilya Avenue.**

This was removed temporarily in February with the promise of reinstatement. On 16<sup>th</sup> June Australia Post advertised that the postbox would not be reinstated due to poor usage.

The postbox has been there for 46 years and, with the Minilya Avenue shops and café, is very probably the most used post box in the valley. Many elderly people living near Minilya are now finding it hard to get their letters posted. A petition is at the deli for signing. We have till 18<sup>th</sup> July to respond to Australia Post regarding reinstatement. – PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION NOW IF YOU WANT TO GET OUR POSTBOX BACK! Also Australia Post can be contacted on 131318 if people wish to express a view on it's removal.

ACTION Cllrs Waltham and Coggins to contact Josh Wilson in office of Melissa Parke to advocate to Australia Post for reinstatement of the Post Box.

#### Item 4.

### Parking at Minilya Avenue Development

There are people who regularly abuse the short term parking for the deli, and the deli is losing trade. Rangers have been contacted but rarely attend and don't issue tickets, merely warnings. Some felt the next step needed to be timed parking.

#### Item 5.

### Two weekly Green Bin Collection

Varied views from those attended. Item to be carried forward to next precinct meeting when hopefully better attendance to get the issue discussed more thoroughly.

#### Item 6.

### WGV Playgroup Reunion

This was started 17 years ago by Robin Varpins and Ingrid (Councillor) Waltham. Given the original kids from the playgroup are now of university age it seemed a good idea to have a celebration. There is a facebook page and plans are in development for the celebration. IT will probably replace the community feast this year. Precinct meeting will continue to get updates on plans for the reunion.

#### Item 7.

### The 'Super Block'

No new information to present. ACTION Cllr Coggin to follow up on what is happening

#### Item 8.

### Proposed Widening of High Street, between Carrington Street and Stirling Highway

Cllr Waltham and Mayor Pettitt will be meeting with Main Roads on 20<sup>th</sup> July to progress discussions on the proposal. Things remain encouraging.

## Item 9.

### Other Items

- Men's shed. Are looking to relocate, as will not be a good location for power tools once Kim Beazley site is redeveloped. Have looked at relocating to O'Connor industrial area but this has not progressed. Possible they could move as part of Booyemba Park Stage 4, but this is not going to happen any time soon
- There are still trees down in Booyemba Park from high winds recently. ACTION. Cllrs Waltham and Coggins to follow up with park maintenance staff
- Cllr Waltham noted the very low attendance at the precinct meeting and expressed the view that a flyer in The Herald was what made the difference with attendance – previous meetings have had good attendance recently when a flyer has been used.
- Next meeting 1st Tuesday of next month 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Nick Turner  
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