

WHITE GUM VALLEY PRECINCT

Minutes for Meeting held 7.30pm Tuesday 7th August, 2012 @ The White Gum Valley Primary School

ATTENDANCE:

People Attending:	As per attached Attendance and E-mail Sheet
Apologies:	Dave Coggin, Brad Pettitt, Dalveen Godwin
Co-Convenor:	Roy Lewisson / Nick Turner
Minutes:	Roy Lewisson

Item 1.

Re-development of Kings Square

- Myer's have decided not to re-new the lease on the building that front's Kings Square.
- It has therefore been decided to re-development Kings Square. There will be a 6 month consultation and participation process which will encompass the entire site.
- The design guidelines are currently on the City of Fremantle website.
- Currently a Business Plan is being drafted which should be available within the next 2 months.
- In terms of actual activity on the ground – work should begin in 2013.

Item 2.

Point Street Car Park

- The City of Fremantle is selling the Point Street Car Park. This sale has been proposed for many years.

Item 3.

Harbour Noise

- One of the residents in Simper Crescent has reported a continuous 'engine type' noise emanating from the harbor area. After much discussion – the meeting resolved the best way forward was to organize the Council Environmental and Health Officer to take noise readings. If the noise was outside of the allowable limits, the Officer could then carry out further investigations.

Item 4.

Noticeboards in the Valley

- There are approximately 6 noticeboards in and around WGV, including Booyeembara Park.
- The meeting resolved to slightly alter the noticeboards to accommodate flyer and notices that could be stuck or glued onto the noticeboard. Currently some of the noticeboards still have their glass cases and solar panel extension stand – both of which have come to grief due to vandalism.

Item 5.

Knutsford Residential Area

- There is a small block on Knutsford Street – bounded by Knutsford, Chalmers, Blinco and Amherst – which is due to commence residential re-development.

Item 6.

High Street Widening and Re-alignment

- There have been several more high level meetings between Councilors and Main Roads.
- Since the Department of Transport has handed over this project to Main Roads, the meetings and consultation process has been much more aligned to what the community have been asking for, over the last 5 to 7 years. Ingrid Waltham (Councilor for East Ward) and Brad Pettitt (Mayor) have been very much involved with this project from the beginning. After the last round of meetings it would appear from their feedback, most of the community concerns have been addressed and the result should be a welcomed compromise, after such a long battle.

Item 7.

The Dockers Move to Cockburn

- There has been press coverage of the possibility that the Fremantle Dockers could move to Cockburn. This move would be to facilitate a new club, ground and associated facilities. However the land the Cockburn City Council has allocated is currently owned by Landcorp. On this issue the meeting was unanimous – that the Dockers moving to Cockburn – would be a negative outcome for both the City of Fremantle and the residents.

Item 8.

Australia Post Mailbox at the Minilya Avenue Local Centre

- Again the meeting was unanimous in its resolve that the Australia Post mailbox should be returned to the Minilya Avenue Local Centre. Unfortunately Australia Post has said the previous mailbox was not utilized enough and therefore it would not be re-instated. The meeting suggested that residents contacting or writing to the following persons or organisations, was the only way the mail box would be re-instated.
 - Melissa Parke (Federal Parliamentarian for Fremantle)
 - Adele Carles (State Parliamentarian for Fremantle)
 - Australia Post
 - City of Fremantle
 - State Ombudsman
 - Local Media

Item 9.

WGV Precinct Meetings to be held Bi-monthly.

- The meeting decided that the WGV Precinct should meet every 2 months, instead of every month. All other Precincts meet bi-monthly. It was decided the meetings may attract more attendees if the meetings were held bi-monthly.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Roy Lewisson
Co-Convenor
White Gum Valley Precinct