

# Cherry Creek Youth Justice Centre

## Summary of Community Advisory Group

### Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b>	3
<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Westjustice, 8 Watton St, Werribee VIC 3030		

### Attendees

**Community Advisory Group Members:** Lisa Heinrichs, Kim McAliney, Natalie Walker, Martin Allison, Justin Giddings (Chair), Barbara McLure Peter Maynard, Garry Jackson, John Menegazzo and Les Sanderson.

**Other attendees:** Louise Baring and Sara-Jane Delaney

### Apologies

Walter Villagonzalo, Peter Ewer, Marisa Berton, Richard Wittmack

### Meeting overview

#### Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chair who thanked members for attending.

#### Public release- Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan

- The Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan was released publicly on 17 August. There was an article in the Wyndham Star Weekly, a range of social media posts, and hard copies available at the council offices. The social media commentary following the Wyndham Star Weekly post and some community responses were negative due to the incorrect address details in the article.
- As a solution, in future advertisements, the address will be made very clear and where possible sit beside a map which details the distance to landmarks such as the tip and train station. Community engagement has resulted in some interest regarding jobs.
- The Council received questions regarding buses out of Little River. It was confirmed that buses would run out of Werribee.
- There have been questions regarding the number of mental health beds. Reports indicate that 40 per cent of those who enter juvenile justice have mental health

issues of which 22 per cent are in the category of self-harm. Less than three to four per cent of the beds in the new juvenile justice facility will be mental health beds. It was noted those beds are for those who are acute. There will be outpatient services available to all and those who needed it would be transferred to other facilities for appropriate treatment.

- Discussion was that the department would report out of session and the council would send around the research referred to above.
- The department spoke to a group of approximately eight in Little River last month about the project. The group's main concern was ensuring 'Little River' isn't on the sign. They were told signage is the remit of Vic Roads.
- Discussion was had around community members with issues and it was accepted that at this stage in the process those individuals should make a submission.
- There is a community perception that the facility is the same as a prison. The idea of open days were discussed and agreed it is a good idea that the department will explore.
- Questions were asked around emergency services comfort with their ability to respond to the site. The department has spoken to MFB, CFA, Victoria Police and PTV and they are comfortable. They will be engaged again further along in the project.
- Now that John Holland had been appointed they will attend and engage with the CAG.
- It was agreed an industry event should be held within 4-6 weeks.
- Questions were asked regarding what would occur if Aboriginal artefacts were found and the process taken in response was explained. Two artefacts have been found on the site which is common for the area.

### **Name of the facility and access road**

- The department are working with Tom Tom to remove 'Prison Access Road' which has appeared on google maps and that is a complex and lengthy process.
- The department discussed the naming of the road and site and it was agreed that Koori Caucus would be asked first. The suggestions received from Koori Caucus will be put forward to the CAG. Agreed it won't be a large community naming process however CAG members can ask their local community for ideas.

### **Project Update (15 minutes)**

#### **Design**

- Value management and budget activities are continuing with key stakeholders to identify opportunities for efficiencies across the facility with consideration to the operations and the aspirations for the new facility.

- Schematic Design continues with building layouts illustrating rooms, dimensions, circulation, and lines of sight being tested with operational staff and key stakeholders. Key areas include: accommodation units, education and recreation, general and mental health, intensive supervision unit, admissions/orientation, gatehouse, Koori, cultural, visits centre and staff administration.
- Commenced early discussion on external finishes and palette for roofs, walls and floors with the design intent to be durable, robust, humane, distinctive, visually tactile and expressive.

### **Managing Contractor**

- The Managing Contractor is revising the design program and assessing works that can be added to the Early Works to mitigate delay to overall Program.
- Some early work packages have been released to the market including civil works, services, concrete works and structural.
- The novation of the Principal and Security Consultants is expected to occur after completion of the value management process and finalisation of revised Schematic Design.

### **Site purchase and transfer of land**

- The Contract of Sale has been executed by both parties. Settlement will occur upon Melbourne Water obtaining Commonwealth approval to vary existing Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) conditions that apply to the site.

### **Planning approvals**

- Draft of the final Incorporated Document is now awaiting approval from the Minister for Planning.
- Completion of the Environment Management Framework (EMF) and the Environment Report (ER) is dependent on the final feedback from the Minister for Planning.
- The ER is being reviewed by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), once approved the project will be provided with the planning permit.
- Environment Effects Statement (EES) was not required but EMF and ER have to be approved prior to construction.

### **Environmental approvals**

- Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) advised that the proposed action will be assessed by Preliminary Documentation with the specific conditions that will need to be addressed.
- Preliminary Documentation has been submitted to DEE on 24 April 2018 for their review and approval to publish. DEE provided written comments on 23 May 2018. Preliminary Documentation has been re-submitted to DEE for further review before it can be published. A conference call with DEE, Biosis, John Holland and DJR was conducted after re-submission of the Preliminary Documentation to provide further details around construction techniques and how impact on environment can be minimised. Further comments were provided on 5 July 2018 and 11 July 2018, with an indication that minor comments for the Preliminary Documentation will be provided.

- The delay associated with the EPBC approval process is impacting the start of the Early Works which cannot commence until approval is granted by DEE.

### **Cultural heritage assessment**

- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the site was approved by the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) on 6 March 2018.
- A new notice of intent has been lodged to undertake another CMHP required for sewer, potable water, electricity and communications services impact areas.
- The Cultural Heritage consultant and the RAP completed the initial pedestrian survey on 26 April 2018 and the complex assessment field work on 17 July 2018.
- The CHMP for the services impact areas is under development.

### **Ancillary services**

- Further discussions between Melbourne Water, City West Water and the project engineers has been held on the sewerage services connection point. All parties have now confirmed the final termination point with environmental surveys undertaken for this route.
- HDR/Aurecon has prepared a recommended design approach for the new access road and intersection with Little River Road and submitted it to both VicRoads and Wyndham City Council for comment.

### **Key meeting outcomes**

- The department to speak to Wyndham Star Weekly journalist to clear up the Wests Road issue.
- The department to advertise the facility plan address and map.
- The department repackage jobs information and provide to CAG members to respond to community questions.
- The department to provide details of mental health beds.
- The department to ask Koori Caucus for input on the facility name.
- The department to make contact with Industry Capability Network to organise industry event.