

New Youth Justice Centre

Summary of Community Advisory Group Meeting Thirteen

Meeting details

Meeting title: Community Advisory Group	No: 13
Date: Monday 17 September 2018	Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Location: WestJustice Building, Level 1, 8 Watton Street, Werribee VIC 3030	

Attendees

Community Advisory Group Members: Barbara McLure (Deputy Chair), Marisa Berton, Natalie Walker, Len Norman, Garry Jackson, Martin Allison, John Menegazzo and Les Sanderson.

Other attendees: Sara-Jane Delaney, Louise Baring

Apologies

Peter Maynard, Walter Villagonzalo, John Menegazzo, Kim McAliney, Justin Giddings (Chair), Richard Wittmack, Peter Ewer

Meeting overview

Opening

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

Community feedback and community issues

- A member spoke to Little River residents who occupy a house close by and they are comfortable with the project. They noted they hoped the lighting wouldn't be as severe as the Werribee Refuge Station and the member assured them it would not.

Industry Briefing Event - ICN and John Holland

- The department confirmed the Industry Briefing will take place on the 9 of October at the Encore Events Centre in Hoppers Crossing.
- To-date ICN have received 100 registrations after sending a promotion out to their network.
- It will also be advertised in the Wyndham Star Weekly for the next three weeks.
- They are expecting 250-350 attendees and the venue has capacity for up to 400
- John Holland and DJR will present on topics such as: packages, procurement and standards.
- Members expressed interest in the number of local contractors and businesses that are attending.

Project update

Design

- Design reviews are continuing to identify opportunities for efficiencies across the facility.
- A revised schematic design of the building floorplans and model views will be updated over the next few weeks.

Managing Contractor

- The managing contractor is revising the design program and assessing works that can be added to the early works phase.
- Some early works packages have been released or will be released to the market over the next couple of months including civil works, services, concrete works and structural.
- Site purchase and transfer of land is progressing.
- The contract of sale has been executed by both parties. Settlement will occur upon Melbourne Water obtaining Commonwealth approval to vary existing Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) conditions that apply to the site.

Planning approvals

- Environment Effects Statement (EES) is not required but Environment Management Framework EMF and Environment Report ER must be approved prior to construction.
- The ER was reviewed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and it has been confirmed that the document sufficiently covers off on the conditions discussed in the Minister for Planning's Reason for Decision for Referral 2017-R11.
- DJR is discussing with the planning section timing of the approval related to conditions of the Planning Scheme Amendment.

Environmental approvals.

- The Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) advised that the proposed action will be assessed by Preliminary Documentation.
- DEE has provided approval to publish the Preliminary Documentation

Cultural Heritage Assessment

- DJR met with the Registered Aboriginal Party on 2 August 2018 and discussed findings of the complex assessment for the sewer line.
- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan 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. Melbourne Water has proposed an alternate connection point which is currently being assessed by the project team.
- VicRoads have reviewed the design of the new access road and intersection with Little River Road and provided minor changes prior to submission.

Mental health services

- The provision of mental health services for persons in custodial settings encompass a range of primary mental health services and specialist mental health services.
- The department emphasised that this is not the only way young people are assisted with mental health issues.
- The 12 mental health beds are for specialist care and currently there is only a very small number that require this level of support and assistance.
- A member of the group noted that the group's concern seemed to be more broadly around youth mental health services and other social services available to the community, rather than those specifically in the youth justice centre. It was noted that only the services available to clients in the youth justice centre were in scope for this group.
- The department confirmed that drug and alcohol support will be separate services in the facility.

Youth Justice Facility Plan

- The department provided an update on the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan which was out for public comment for one month.
- One submission was received from a local community group which included three concerns as follows;
 1. Potential for excess speed on the access road to the facility. The Traffic Impact Assessment Report notes that the mitigation tactics for this issue are speed humps and low speed signage.
 2. Name of the facility on signage. The department noted that it will not include the word prison but it does need to include youth justice centre so that it is clear for direction.
 3. Ensuring the tree structure screen is maintained over time. The department has committed to this.
- These issues will form an addendum to the plan and the group will be notified of the responses.
- During the publication of the plan there were over 5000 visits to website showing strong engagement with the project.

Key meeting outcomes

- The department to find out from ICN the data on local attendees and report at the next meeting.
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