

New Youth Justice Centre

Summary of Community Advisory Group Meeting Eight

Meeting details

Meeting title: Community Advisory Group	No: 8
Date: Monday, 22 January 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, Lisa Heinrichs, Kim McAliney, Walter Villagonzalo, Peter Maynard, Garry Jackson, John Menegazzo, Richard Wittmack, Natalie Walker and Les Sanderson.

Other attendees: Louise Barrington.

Apologies

Amelia Seymour, Justin Giddings (Chair), Lenard Norman, Martin Allison, Peter Ewer.

Meeting overview

Opening

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

Debrief on community information session in Little River

- Discussion on the Little River community information session held in December 2017.
- Thirty people attended the Little River community info session held on Monday night.
 - A number of community members had not viewed the drone footage which means Little River resident's conversion to accessing the website is low.
 - Job opportunities was a key theme, with enquiries on the type of ongoing jobs available and construction related jobs.
- Lighting, signage, security, transport and traffic remain key concerns for the community. The fact sheets were able to provide that little bit more detail and reassurance community are seeking.

Community feedback and community issues

Visual Impact Assessment

- Key concern raised by community is to have a greater understanding of the visual impact the centre will have, particularly in relation to the You Yongs.
- The department confirmed a Visual Impact Assessment was being completed and will include impact from Little River Road and from the You Yongs.

Generating awareness on job opportunities for businesses

- The issue of a forum/networking opportunity for businesses on the project and how they can register for ICN etc. was discussed and work will commence to host an event (once a date most appropriately aligned with project milestones is finalised) most once the Managing Contractor is on board.
- Justin Giddings (Chair) is organising a meeting with ICN and the department to help drive an event for the future in partnership with the Council.

Name for the Youth Justice Centre

- The name of the youth justice centre was discussed, with the consensus that the title 'Cherry Creek Youth Justice Centre' would be mostly likely preferred by community, particularly opposed to 'Little River Youth Justice Centre.'

Project Update**Design**

- Phase 2 Schematic design to be presented via a series of workshops commencing week of 22 January 2018.
- Functional Technical Brief has been issued to the Youth Justice Reference Group for review. Feedback requested to be supplied by close of business 19 January 2018.

Managing Contractor

- Managing Contractor technical, commercial and legal evaluations are complete.
- Managing Contractor practical assessments held on Monday 15 January 2018.

Site purchase and transfer of land

- The Contract of Sale has been signed by the Secretary DJR, and is currently with Melbourne Water for execution.
- The Contract of Sale has been amended to include the new clause to make the purchase conditional upon Melbourne Water obtaining Commonwealth approval to vary existing EPBC Act conditions that apply to the site.
- Melbourne Water wrote to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) on 29 November 2017 seeking this variation. DEE has now advised Melbourne Water that a response will be provided at the same time as the decision on approving the project under the EPBC Act.

Planning approvals

- The Minister for Families and Children wrote to the Minister for Planning in December 2017 asking him to facilitate planning approvals for the project. A response is expected by mid-February 2018.

Environmental approvals

- The Minister for Planning made a decision on 6 December that an EES is not required, on the condition that an Environmental Report and an Environmental Management Framework are prepared and submitted for the Minister's approval prior to works commencing.

- In response to the EPBC Act referral, the Commonwealth has determined that the project is a controlled action, and therefore it must be approved under the Act prior to any works commencing. The Commonwealth is yet to advise the matters must be addressed in the Preliminary Documentation report required for seeking approval.
- A decision by the Commonwealth on approval under the EPBC Act is now expected in June 2018.
- The targeted survey for the Striped Legless Lizard (SLL) concluded in December and found no SLLs.
- The targeted survey for the Golden Sun Moth (GSM) concluded in January 2018 and a number of GSMs were found on the site. This confirms that offsets will need to be acquired for GSM habitat.
- Biosis is continuing to seek suitable offset sites from registered offset brokers, with the aim of identifying preferred options by the end of January 2018.

Cultural heritage assessment

- On 12 December 2017 the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) responded to the draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) with advice that it was not adequate.
- Project team members and Biosis are meeting with the RAP on 25 January to discuss the assessment and agree actions to address the concerns identified in the assessment.
- Subject to the outcomes of the meeting, the draft CHMP will be revised and then resubmitted to the RAP for approval.

Ancillary services

- The option for establishing electricity has been agreed, and an application lodged with the service provider, Powercor, by Aurecon.
- Aurecon and HDR have confirmed that the facility can be operated adequately without gas, and on this basis a gas connection will not be required. A report detailing this approval is being finalised.
- In light of feedback from City West Water on a proposed potable water connection, further work is required to finalise an agreed approach.
- In light of feedback from Melbourne Water and City West Water on a proposed sewer connection, further work is required to finalise an agreed approach.
- Aurecon has prepared a recommended design approach for the new access road and intersection with Little River Road and submitted it to VicRoads and Wyndham City Council.

Key meeting outcomes

- A site visit to be organised for February's meeting for all CAG members.
- The next meeting to be organised for Karreenga prison for members to participate in a tour of the facility.