

# Brunswick Terminal Station Upgrade

## Community Reference Group Meeting No. 10

6:00-7:15 18 October 2016

Sumner Park Soccer Club

## MEETING MINUTES

### Apologies:

Ray Radford, Friends of Merri Creek, resident  
Kirsten Coster, Director, Planning and Economic Development, Moreland City Council  
Phil Priest, Group Manager City Development, Moreland City Council  
Denis McCrohan, AusNet Services  
David Grant, AusNet Services

### Attendees:

Sam Taranto, resident  
Jill Sanguinetti, resident  
Dina Fadi, resident  
Ray Muir, resident  
Darren Camilleri, Planning Coordinator, Moreland City Council  
Ashlee Obrien, Urban Planner, Moreland City Council  
Sandra Nielsen, AusNet Services  
John McCunnie, Open Space Design & Development, Moreland City Council (Guest)  
Bruce Turner, Chair

### Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.

### Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair had circulated the Draft Minutes of the 23 August 2016 CRG meeting for comment. No changes were made apart from one minor correction.

### Actions from Last meeting

**ACTION 9.1: Council to bring more info re: children's playground and invite an officer from Council's Open Space Branch to present on potential options re: the playground. Members of the CRG to bring to the meeting any ideas for potential improvements in the area. See discussion of 'goats track' below.**

**ACTION 9.2: Council to pass on the details of the Bababi Djinanang grasslands Dukes Road Fawkner sign to AusNet Services for consideration. Completed.**

**ACTION 9.3: AusNet Services to resolve the number, size, content and location of signs and present options for the next CRG.** See discussion of 'Heritage Interpretation' below.

## **Recent/upcoming activities**

Sandra stated that the main piece of work completed was the removal of the large pylon which had improved the visual appearance of the area. The second structure nearby was also soon to be removed. Other works included:

- Road works continue
- Screens over the buildings will be erected as per the plans. This included further visual works on the facades on the building, for example the 'twig and leaf' effects on the buildings in accordance with the endorsed plans. The King Street facing panels expected in late November.
- Works to the underground cable to Richmond will be undertaken out of hours in October and November, but will be quite unobtrusive in terms of noise and activity. This work will be at the Merri Creek end of the site. A leaflet drop occurred informing people of this.
- Landscaping on the east embankment has occurred and will continue. The north end of King Street landscaping augmentation will occur this year.
- Some shipping containers on the east side have been removed and will continue to be progressively removed.

Jill pointed out that the time to plant is now due to rain and, if left too late, it won't be possible for a lengthy period due to hot weather. Sandra said she had been assured that additional planting will take place shortly at the King Street northern end.

## **Goats track**

Darren briefly summarised the history as contained in previous minutes (June and August 2016). The original 'goats track' design would be too costly to ensure compliance with OH & S standards as advised by Council's OH & S officer.

John McCunnie explained the alternate option of a concrete path along the soccer pitch side of the clubhouse. A draft plan (dated 12 October 2016 by A Coster, Moreland City Council) was circulated to the CRG.

The alternate proposed path route (along the soccer pitch, noted from here on as 'the soccer pitch path') had been costed at \$35k. This was for a 2.5 m wide path. A narrower path was not recommended by Council's Transport Planner due to the demand by cyclists. It was noted that on match days, the path would be suitable for spectators to stand and avoid the muddy edge that typically forms beside the pitch.

The CRG explored some other ideas of how the money might be spent in the area. Jill suggested that bench seating on the western side of Kirkdale Park would be useful. John advised that a bench and concrete stands would cost approximately \$2000 each. Jill also suggested planting in front of the existing brick wall in Kirkdale Park would be appropriate as it often becomes graffitied. It was noted that a major piece of equipment for older kids in the park such as a flying fox would cost upwards of \$25k.

Following discussion by CRG members, it was felt more appropriate for the funds to be used for the soccer pitch path than equipment in the playground. This was because the path had already been canvassed for a long time by the previous CRG members and was more proximate to the BTS site.

It was agreed that the soccer pitch path is the preferred option of the CRG and would be further investigated. This would include discussion with the Zebras Soccer Club.

Further exploration of the alternative path would include the potential for the closing of public access at the rear of the Soccer pavilion. Darren advised that whilst an upgrade of the path at the rear of the pavilion formed part of the planning permit conditions, this could be amended in consultation with AusNet Services, particularly in light of recent advice with regard to safety issues with this path which relate to the hidden nature of the path behind the pavilion (lack of surveillance) and the encouragement to use the non DDA compliant informal goats track if public access was maintained. It was acknowledged that this may not please people who use the existing goat track, however safety was of utmost importance.

**ACTION 10.1: Council to liaise with the Zebras Soccer Club in relation to the soccer pitch path.**

## **Heritage interpretation**

Sandra talked to a report provided by Biosis with options. Biosis recommended 2 signs (600mm by 800mm format). Biosis recommended one sign at the junction with the bridge along the creek path (re: Aboriginal history) and one sign on Alister Street (re: European history).

Sandra also noted that the Wurundjeri had given approval for the wording to be used on the interpretation of aboriginal heritage.

Sandra said that the 'Basic' option was \$1500 (vinyl signs). Higher end (anodised aluminium panel) were \$4500 per sign. The CRG recommended that a vitreous enamel surface (as per previous discussions regarding signage in Fawkner) should also be explored.

The CRG agreed that whilst a sign along the creek would be good for maximising exposure to creek path users, it was not preferred due to graffiti problems experienced on the path with the previous BTS Notice Boards. It was agreed that the signs should be located:

- One sign on the corner of Alister Street and King Street near the main entrance to the facility.
- One sign at the creek end of Alister Street near the location of the existing BTS Noticeboard.

The Chair asked if the words and images could be circulated. Sandra undertook to circulate the words and Biosis report, but the images had not yet been mocked up. John stated that was highly likely, from his experience, that Vitra Signage – makers of the sign at Juke Street – would mock up a draft image of the signs free of charge.

Sandra hasn't provided Biosis info that Darren provided her re: Juke Street sign.

**Action 10.2 Sandra to send to the CRG the current Biosis report which contained the wording proposed to be used.**

**Action 10.3 Sandra to request Vitra Signage to provide a draft sign design (including images) and quote in time for the next CRG meeting.**

## **Other matters**

### **Bluestone Kerb on Alister Street**

Darren advised that officers were still investigating why the kerb in Alister Street was not in bluestone, despite the 2006 advertised plan provided by Sam showing bluestone to be re-instated.

**Action 10.4: Council will investigate the matter re: what was the final plan that was endorsed and report back.**

### **Old Gatehouse photos**

Dina circulated photos of when she moved into the gatehouse in 1948-9. The CRG were very interested and grateful to Dina for sharing this information.

### **Vegetation and crossings on King Street**

There was interest in what trees had been selected for planting on King Street. Ashlee said the detailed plans were on Council's website.

Dina reminded the meeting that the disused crossings on King Street were to be removed.

### **Complaint received re: mud and water on path verges**

Darren mentioned a complaint received re muddy areas at the end of the goats track. He said AusNet Services' scientist investigated and concluded it is due to heavy rains and would be helped once vegetation on the slopes was established.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 6 December 6-7:15 pm. Sumner Park Soccer club**