



Gibson Park Precinct

Minutes of Gibson Park Precinct Meeting Tuesday 22nd February, 2011

The Library E. Fremantle Primary School – Forrest Street, Fremantle

Attendance : 23 persons

Apologies : Rhona Carlson, Heather Isles, Alison Bullock, Merv Brown, Jan Currie, Brad Pettit, Gary Weiser.

Meeting Chair Person : David Isles

Meeting opened : 7.03 pm. Sadly this is Chris and Vicki Stuckey's last meeting with us as they say Goodbye and head off East. The Precinct acknowledges them both for all their great work and achievements for Gibson Park ! If it weren't for Vicki, houses on North side High St wouldn't be there, Netball could have been moved and goodbye to WA Newspapers building !

Minutes of Previous Meeting : "Accepted as read"

Amendment to No.2 : Although no vote was taken as was done with Option 5, many people at the meeting rejected Brad's Interim proposal as per the 1st High Street Community Committee meeting and emails had been received which reflect this rejection of what is seen as an "ad hoc fix". David Isles emphasised that Vicki's widely circulated responses to the minutes of the 1st Community Committee meeting were endorsed by David and Gary Weiser.

- 1. High Street Update 1 :** – Community action in response to the decision sheet from the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee of the WA Planning Commission supporting the proposal that a road reservation be defined that can accommodate both Options 4 and 5 and that this becomes the basis of an MRS amendment..... The community had agreed to Option 4 and not 5. Option 5 was put out by Main Rds in response to models of traffic predicting that Option 4 would only last till 2031. The transport forum accepted it mainly because it gives trucks better route to and from Port. With Option 5, existing High St continues as through road to Fremantle, 4 lanes. Stirling Hwy is 8 lanes to Marmion St + option for 2 more lanes + flyovers at Marmion St, Stirling Hwy and Carrington St...cost \$150 million. Vicki pointed out that the general public were not presented with Option 5. Neither were the golf courses. Option 4 on the other hand went through a rigorous process addressed by the Reference Group over about 5 years, together with DPI, Main Roads, Community, Transport Forum and Council. With Option 4, the existing High St is blocked to local traffic, has a different alignment that swings through Fern, not much difference to Stirling Hwy and just 4 lanes...cost \$60 million. Every criteria was addressed and a solution found...+ golf courses agreed on Option 4.

Unanimous at Precinct meeting : David Isles addressed the meeting and asked if there was a vote in favour or against Option 5. All 23 persons voted against Option 5. It doesn't make sense...No benefit to community...increases traffic, no netball parking, brings harmful pollution closer to the community. So what are the main points of opposition to Option 5?

- 1). Safety for High St. residents.
- 2). Dept of Transport favour it as the Big Picture with traffic to Port forever. We need a cap on traffic going through the neighbourhood.
- 3). Look at Freight to Rail. The WA Gov't decision to close 3 tier lines means an increase of trucks on our roads.



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So how do we oppose Option 5 ? said Annolies. We need a bigger public meeting, not just Gibson Park. Val suggested it should be Fremantle Town Hall Meeting Room. Invite Brad, link up with Netball, Melville, Fremantle society, White gum valley, local politicians. Get a corridor of about 150 residents who are most affected. Dave said we should put our efforts into support of Option 4. Lois warned that a company like Halliburtons would be perfectly happy with a bill of a mere \$150 million viz. Option 5! She also asked if there was a limit to noise and pollution. We should ask Richard Cullen for reports. It is not good to expose children to diesel particle pollution and noise. A noise analysis had been done and the levels were found to be unacceptable. This in fact got High St. onto the map ! However, research on the pollution aspects has been less thorough.

- 2. High Street Update 2 :-** Brad Pettit's Interim Proposal – Brad set up the High Street Community Committee and they met on Monday 13th December, 2010 at C of F. Attendance was represented by Golf Courses, Netball, Fern, Adele Carles Office (Helen Grey Smith), Boo Park, Gary Weiser, Annolies Truman (GPP), Pettit, Fittock (NWARD), Coggin (EWARD). Aim : to reach a broad community concensus on High St. upgrades long and short term. Key Principles on which community agrees were to improve safety esp. at Stirling Hwy intersection, make safer for Netball to park and cross, enable golf courses to continue to operate, improve freight efficiency in and out of harbour, reduce noise and pollution, work with rail solutions and both options need a cost benefit analysis.

Discussion : As David Isles pointed out, these were the problems that the Reference Group had been set up to address. As Vicki stated, "why take it back to your community when it has already been done !" Many people were unhappy with Brad's proposal and expressed this verbally at this meeting. Brad's next group meeting will be on Thursday 3rd of March '11. Annolies to attend. Meanwhile we have to consider what happened to the Final Report from the Reference Group. It concluded with time line drawn up but wasn't written up and should have been ! In actual fact, Main Roads put in Option 5 after the close date !

ACTION : It was agreed that firstly we should contact Troy Buswell re. this Report. Where is it and has it gone out? He should be invited to the meeting. It was agreed that there should be advertising for this meeting...get story to Herald, Gazette, and West Australian. Annolies to approach the Herald. Go to Colin Barnett who has Q's to answer on TV - ABC Talkback. He can get the Minister to respond. Lois suggested to go to "Current Affair".

ACTION : Hillary agreed to contact Paul Murray on 6PR. Dave agreed to approach Richard Cullen together with Gary Weiser. Get DPI's John Moore back...noise and pollution technical people. Annolies agreed to approach Adele Carles. Annolies and Dave to be speakers at this proposed meeting ? At the end of the meeting we want a Response. Also to find out when Troy Buswell is available.

Any Other Business :- Brendan attended the Port meeting. The item on the agenda re. transport problems was carried forward to the next meeting due to time restraints.

Meeting closed : 8.55 pm... Next Meeting : to be arranged, May 2011.

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