



Gibson Park Precinct

Minutes of Gibson Park Precinct Meeting Tuesday 26th July, 2011

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

Attendance : 38 persons

Apologies : Mayor Brad Pettitt, Val Cousins, Owen Fry, David Isles, Brendan Redfern.

Minutes of Previous Meeting : Accepted as read.

Meeting Chair Person : Annolies Truman

Meeting opened : 7.10 pm.

High Street Upgrade :- Since Steve Beyer addressed the Precinct in May, there have been concerns from Holland Street residents re. the curve impact on houses. Brad Pettitt's Update on High street July 20th was read out as was the letter from Department of Transport (DoT). Council have engaged an independent consultant to do a multi criteria analysis of options for High street. Residents were approached about selling their properties. 90% said they were not interested in selling so this Option is now excluded. Meeting to take place next on Tuesday 9th August 2011 at 7pm at City of Fremantle (C of F) Reception room where consultant's report will be presented to the community. Annolies said that the points to consider are firstly that Gibson Park Precinct (GPP) has supported Option 4 because it gives relief to the residents of High St. With the abolition of the FEB, High St has de facto become the main thoroughfare to the port. High St residents have been suffering from unsafe levels of noise, pollution and dangerous road conditions; however, we need to carefully analyse the degree of the curve so that we are not moving the traffic headache from High St to Holland St. Secondly, traffic can be expected to double in about 10 years with safety and health concerns. Thirdly, Option 4 has built in the possibility of 6 lanes in say 10 years time. We should be stopping at 4 lanes only. Also pressure should be on the Gov't that freight should be put onto rail even if we can only get the target of 30 %. See article in Fremantle Gazette by Ken Travis, shadow minister for Transport....achieve 2002 levels by the end of this decade.

What impact will there be on Fern ? Annolies said we don't know. We don't have yet a visual form of the alternative model from C of F in March. We should ask Brad for a map of this option before 9th August meeting.

Barry noted that there are a list of criteria in the options being compared to Option 4 and these are : number of houses impacted, traffic safety, freight efficiency & safety, and reducing noise. He said that the Precinct needs to consider the effects of diesel particle pollution. If we can expect triple trucks and quads 24 hours a day, 7 days a week we can expect a much more serious pollution problem. Annolies said that community health is not being looked at and should be. Freight to rail of course would lessen the problem. Judy said we need to be asking for a limit both on the time trucks can run eg. 6am to 11pm and also on the size of trucks.

Gaye asked which Option is the most viable. She has seen 4 or 5 versions, some affect more houses than others especially at the corner. She would like to know which versions are being presented. Many other points were discussed eg. What about Heritage listings on any houses



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being demolished. What are the laws re .knocking them down ? 3 Motions were put forward. See below. Precinct will contact DoT re. the 3 Motions. Basically we need C of F to be clear on their preferred Option.

MOTION 1 : Gibson Park Precinct demands that vehicle emissions be added to the list of criteria for assessing the feasibility of the Options for the High Street Upgrade.

1). Barry Healy 2). Melanie

32/38 voted in favour, 2 against and 4 abstentions

MOTION 2 : Gibson Park Precinct requests that detailed maps of every version of Option 4, being considered by Department of Transport, be provided to Gibson Park Precinct as soon as possible – at least a week before the 9th August 2011 meeting

1). Gaye Page Burt 2). Annolies Truman

36/38 voted in favour, 2 abstentions

MOTION 3 : Gibson Park Precinct requests from City of Fremantle a detailed plan of the Council's preferred Option before the meeting on August 9th, and that they provide Gibson Park Precinct with their visions and intentions for the usage of the surrounding land for the benefit of the community after the road goes through.

Most voted in favour.

Freospace : is a website for community conversation. Each of the Precincts has their site on Freospace including Gibson Park. The site was launched officially at the end of June 2011. Karl Paterson and Judy Moore from the GPP committee have volunteered to be moderators for the website. Judy explained that we don't exclude comments put up by anyone except defacing comments and of course swearwords. Otherwise anyone who contacts the site is entitled to comment. The address is : www.freospace.com.au Click on Gibson Park. There you will find various posts, letters re. High street upgrade, Minutes of recent meetings and Events / Activities. Freospace cards were handed out to everyone.

Any Other Business :- It was agreed that Gibson Park should hold it's next meeting at the end of August instead of September because of the July 31st deadline for comparing of Options against Option 4 ... and also because of the joint precinct community information session at C of F on 9th August, followed by Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd August. Note that once a preferred option is agreed between DoT and C of F, there will be further discussions with residents. Beyond that we can expect Actions as detailed in Brad's letter of High Street Update July 20th 2011. Some houses will be affected by the construction of the new road and tweaking of the design will be possible to minimise this.

DoT has advised that the State Gov't needs to confirm ASAP that it is able to progress and complete the upgrade within the timeframe ie. Before 30th June 2014 to secure Federal Gov't funding.

Meeting closed : 8.45 pm... Next Meeting : 30th August, 2011.

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