



Gibson Park Precinct

Minutes of Gibson Park Precinct Meeting

Tuesday 30th August, 2011

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

Attendance : 27 persons

Apologies : Mayor Brad Pettitt, Dave Coggin, John Dowson, Tony Haning, David Isles, Rhona Carlson, Justin & Susan Galen

Minutes of Previous Meeting : Accepted as read.

Meeting Chair Person : Judy Moore

Meeting opened : 7.04 pm.

Correspondence : David Isles wished for the following views to be conveyed at the Meeting as has been for the last 3 years.... That “The curve radius for Option 4 is the minimum to fit state standards for the class of carriageway to be constructed. DoT/Main Roads will not design/sign off on anything smaller. Option 4a is not safe and doesn’t fit design regulations...Option 4a is not a valid solution.”

Horrie Long dog waste bins : Judy pointed out that there are 2 bins next to the BBQ area and between the swing sets. This is unhygienic and surely at least one of the dog bins could be relocated to the opposite side of the park. The other one should be moved as well.

High Street Upgrade :- Annolies attended the Council meeting which took place on Wednesday 24th August. She circulated copies of small and larger scale maps of both Option 4 and Option 4a. There were 4 presentations : Golf Course; White Gum Valley precinct; Gaye Page Burt representing Holland St; and Road to Rail. Annolies stated that the Council is supporting Option 4a and that Council approved the submission to keep the road as 4 lanes. With Option 4a, Holland St doesn’t lose any houses but High St loses houses on the South side. Hilary reminded all present that GPP has supported Option 4 up until now. She also warned that DoT wont accept a curve less than 270m. Brendan was concerned that the current Option 4 might have changed from the original Option 4 in which there were less or no houses lost on Holland Street.

Hilary said we should get freight to Rail but for now we have a short term solution. Steve Boni told all present about the long term solution : a toll tunnel under Fremantle carrying freight on rail. This would allow Fremantle Port to go from 1.2M to 2M containers with no impact on the residents. \$100 per truck would soon recoup cost of this project. (about \$2Billion). The tunnel would resolve the High St problem and obviate the need for an upgrade. It would run under the river, East Fremantle, the Golf Courses, O’Connor industrial area to Stock Rd south of South St. The focus by Govt is on shifting trucks. Every container would start or go to Kewdale marshalling yards. Judy stated that this is a great long term plan but right now we want to see High St upgraded, using the money allocated. Jan said that she agrees with Steve and that we should support this tunnel. It is an equally good and probably better solution. It needs to be on the table. We should enquire for a date when this can happen.



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Barry stated that there are now much cheaper options for moving freight onto rail. Other points were discussed eg. Hazardous waste cannot be allowed through tunnels. Barry stated that the Fremantle Herald had carried an article in which the federal minister for Transport. Anthony Albanese, had confirmed that the money for the High St upgrade will not in fact be withdrawn as per a deadline.

The Precinct passed the following motions:

MOTION 1 : That Gibson Park Precinct rescinds its May decision in favour of Option 4 as the preferred High St Option.

1). Barry Healy 2). Grant Burt

11 voted in favour, 10 against.

Note that with Option 4a, High St houses on south side are lost. This doesn't happen with Option 4 but with Option 4, 3 houses on Holland St are demolished, 6 if the road is 6 lanes. Karl agreed that we need to know exactly which version of Option 4 we are voting for or against, how much "tweaking" is possible between 4 and 4a to save as many houses as possible and how much can we tighten the curve, if any, without compromising road safety. Annolies stated that there is support for Option 4a from White Gum Valley, Booyeembara Park and the Golf Courses.

MOTION 2 : That Gibson Park Precinct supports the version of Option 4a that was presented at City of Fremantle Council meeting on 24th August 2011, pending further confirmation of details, conditional on the High Street upgrade being a 4 lane road reserve with adequate parking included for Netball as per the original Option 4.

1). Valerie 2). Jan

17 voted in favour, 1 against with 6 abstentions.

MOTION 3 : That Gibson Park Precinct as a long term vision support the movement of Freight to Rail.

1). Jan 2). Lois

The meeting was unanimously in favour.

MOTION 4 : That Gibson Park Precinct does not support an increase in truck movements on the High Street / Stirling Highway intersection above 2011 truck numbers.

1). Steve 2) Jan

Unanimous vote in favour.

Other Business :-

Meeting closed : 8.12 pm.

Next Meeting : to be confirmed... maybe 29th November, 2011. AGM.

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