



Gibson Park Precinct

Minutes of Gibson Park Precinct Meeting

Wednesday 30th November, 2011

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

Attendance : 16 persons

Apologies : David Isles, Jan Currie & Paul Snyder, Freda Fozdar, Val Cousins, Robert Fittock, Robin Schuman, Greg & Gail Harper.

Minutes of Previous Meeting : Accepted as read.

Meeting Chair Person : Annolies Truman

Meeting opened : 7.08 pm.

AGM : Old members stepped down and new committee selected.

Not nominating : D. Isles, J. Moore. Judy will continue moderating for Freospace. Rhona stepping down on Ports committee. Alison interested Next year Freospace !

NEW MEMBERS

- 1). Karl Paterson : (Rhona Carlson & Judy Moore)
- 2). Gaye Page Burt : (Grant Burt & Margaret Black)
- 3). Annolies Truman : (Brendan Redfern & Judy)
- 4). Alison Bullock : (Annolies & Barry Healy)
- 5). Brendan Redfern : (Karl & Judy)
- 6). Steve Boni : (Barry & Karl)

High Street Upgrade :- At this meeting we discussed Option 4, Option 4A and the alternative of Freight on Rail with a rail tunnel to reduce the number of trucks on the roads. Troy Buswell is backing Option 4 as is DoT and discussion continues. Council is in favour of Option 4A. Meanwhile parallel discussions are underway, such as where to relocate the RF Golf Course club house. A consultant engaged by DoT deemed Option 4A less safe than Option 4 but if the speed was kept to the current local speed of 60km/hr, DoT admits 4A would be safe. Adele Carles supports Op 4 on safety.

Steve Boni said that what we are signing up for, with either Option, is double the trucks by 2017. The situation is larger than just the High Street intersection. He said that neither Option will help the Fremantle community and we should vote against both the current Options on the basis of increasing truck movements.

Judy disagreed and pointed out that we should proceed with the High Street intersection, dropping the level of the road and introducing the curve to make it safer. We are talking about the whole section from Carrington to Stirling Hwy. Rhona said "Why cant we have both ?". Road to Rail is better but we need to get this fixed now. Otherwise we wait another 15 years ! Steve supports the Rail Option and we should support that too. Put the trucks underground. Brendan agreed also that we could have both and said that we should also push for the new port to deal with the increase of 600,000 to 1.2 million containers – the max no. around 2017.

Barry stated that he favours Op 4A because the road has become more dangerous. He is worried that with Op 4, 4 lanes would later go to 6 lanes together with the introduction of



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bigger trucks such as the ABB Quads. Gaye's concern is that dealing with the increase in trucks would lead to a replica of the Stirling Bridge requiring to be built. Steve stated that there is a barrier created between E.Fremantle and Fremantle.. There are many who don't want trucks on the road. We should put out a flyer to vote for an issue like this. We need proper advertising. The new committee agreed to meet in advance of the next Feb 12 meeting (see below) to discuss this and prepare for the next meeting. Lois stated that we have to consider the medical effects of the trucks – diesel particle pollution. "I would go for any solution that is safer". Annolies said that we have to discuss the issues of safety, pollution, numbers of trucks.....Whether we choose Option 4 or 4A, we want conditions such as 4 lanes only.

Living Smart : This course was run at the beginning of 2011. As Annolies explained, if you want to live more sustainably, be healthier, save money and help the environment, Living Smart teaches techniques to make a positive impact on the home and neighbourhood through gardening and growing food, saving water, waste, recycling and sustainable transport. The course will run again in 2012 and will involve presentations, discussions and field trips..... Venue: Reception Room, Fremantle Council (enter by back stairs)

Time: From 18th Feb - 7th April 2012 (8 Saturday afternoons)

From 3pm – 5.30pm.

Cost: \$20 per household

To enrol: contact Annolies or Barry : a2zlivingsmart@gmail.com

Details also on **Freospace** : www.freospace.com.au

General Business :- 1). Fremantle parade on 4th December 2011. "Road to Rail" taking part. Watch out for No 27 ...very fetching bright orange vests. Need help handing out leaflets and holding banner. Helpers to meet at 2.30 – 3pm at the Fremantle Oval. Parade starts at 4pm.

2). Fremantle verge beautification guidelines – booklets handed out.

Ring Parks and Gardens. A job for the New Committee ! - Holland Street crossing to Stirling Hwy needs trimmed big time ! 3). Lesley : Marmion Street intersection to Stirling Hwy. Is there a camera there ? Yes but it is not on .

Meeting closed : 8.30 pm.

Next Meeting : 28th February 2012

Pre meeting : to be held in the school library.. new committee to plan for next GPP meeting ..
When ? 7pm, Tuesday, 31st January, 2012.

Check **Freospace**: www.freospace.com.au

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