

Docklands Community Forum Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday 24 June 2015

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Venue: Performance Suite, Docklands Library, Docklands

Docklands Representative Group (DRG)

Albert Morcos, David Wong, Janine Standfield, Keith Rankin, Philip Spender, Roger Gardener, Joh Maxwell, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, Darcy Inglis, Kelly Jensen

Apologies: Mark Scholem, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, David Wong.

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6pm	Open Docklands Community Forum	DRG – Kelly Jensen
6.05pm	<p>Docklands Community & Place Plan Update</p> <p>Harbour Esplanade Master Plan update Cr Ong explained that residents can input to Council planning meetings and make submissions on line to Future Melbourne Committee. The suggestion was made that a general notice of planning permits for Docklands.</p> <p>Lorimer Draft Structure Plan Update Key themes include: traffic congestion, diversity of open space, objection to Yarra Tram Bridge, community infrastructure, heights and densities and governance.</p> <p>Community Boating Hub Docklands Park works</p>	<p>Places Victoria: Ronan Mellan</p> <p>City of Melbourne: Leanne Hodyl</p>
6.25pm	<p>Melbourne West Police Precinct Update</p> <p>Melbourne West Police will commence a motorbike safety and security campaign over coming weeks in the area. The new Victorian Police centre will open in mid-May.</p>	<p>Senior Sergeant Willmott Melbourne West Police Station</p>
6.40pm	<p>Neighbourhood Update:</p> <p>Docklands Community Association Destination Docklands Chamber of Commerce Docklands Representative Group notices</p> <p>At previous DCF meeting Graham Standfield presented the issues of residential complex Village Docklands with the Collins Square Walker development. This included the letter from the Department of Planning identifying restrictions on the Walker site in order to protect privacy. Walker are to use translucent glazing windows set at a high level with building setbacks. Our question raised at the Forum was who enforces those restrictions as the glass panels are clearly transparent?</p>	Docklands Representatives

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	<p>PV organised a meeting between Village Docklands and Walker on 11/6/15 to discuss issues but it was not intended to solve issues. Issues raised could then be directed to appropriate people and agencies</p> <p>Minutes taken including actions but were not ready for the DCF</p> <p>Privacy issue discussed and noted it is not just the pool deck that is exposed but also residents' bedrooms, bathrooms and living spaces. Walker was surprised that individual residents were impacted, but also noted it wasn't desirable for corporate residents to look into private spaces. Walker actioned to look into it.</p> <p>Wind tunnelling: Walker only has to investigate what occurs at ground level. Current modelling states it is sufficient. Village Docklands asked the question if it's not sufficient and our doors blow out and we face financial costs because of it, who is liable?</p> <p>Traffic & Pedestrian Management and Safety: A long discussion that wasn't resolved. Walker state they have had experts look at the issues including the lack of space for adequate turning in and exiting carpark that will be opposite one another, on a narrow road that also has another carpark exiting off it. This road will also have a bicycle storage area located off it as well as fire services. According to Walker there are no issues. Melbourne City Council Engineering Department have stated that there are issues and have put a requirement on the planning permit for these to be addressed.</p> <p>Issues have arisen because residents have no third party rights and it is near impossible for residents to be aware of when developers are applying for permits to be granted from the Future Melbourne Committee. Documents are also restricted and the general public has no way of accessing them online.</p> <p>It was a positive meeting and thanks were given to PV and Walker for their attendance and organisation. Residents and Developers can meet to discuss issues and we would suggest this is a way forward now that Docklands has a large residential population.</p> <p>Cr Ong and Leanne Hodyl responded to the 3rd party rights and discussed ways residents can access the Future Melbourne Committee. Janine Standfield responded it was nearly a full time job to access the website and monitor applications. She suggested the old fashioned bill board. Other suggestions from Cr Ong were to bring them to the Community Forum. Janine asked if Owners Corporations could be notified.</p> <p>Education: No changes to local schools. Minister Merlino to open access to the feasibility study. Cr Ong stated that it looked like a new school would be built in North Melbourne Janine Standfield asked if Council had a position on whether they wanted schools within the CBD or in the surrounding suburbs.</p>	
7.45pm	<p>General Business</p> <p>Representatives to attend the next Docklands Project Control Group meeting in July.</p>	As per item