



MINUTES

ENGAGING AND COMMUNICATING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Kew
8 October 2014

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Besseling
Deputy Mayor Justin Levido
Councillor Robert Turner
Councillor Lisa Intemann
Councillor Geoffrey Hawkins
Councillor Michael Cusato

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)
Rebecca Olsen (Acting Director Commercial Services & Industry Engagement)
Jeffery Sharp (Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management)
Lesley Atkinson (Director of Community & Organisational Development)
Matt Rogers (Director of Development & Environment)

7 community members

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Adam Roberts
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Councillor Sharon Griffiths

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and introduced the Councillors and Council staff members present and noted the Councillor apologies.

The Mayor also provided the Acknowledgement of Country.

Applicant	Mr Jason Bignell
Question Submitted	<p>With Kew now developing and large amounts of developer contributions coming to Council will we see some of that money spent on the redevelopment of the Kew precinct as per the Council approved plan?</p> <p>Are there any plans to bring that project forward to meet with the growing area?</p>
Comments	<p>Expenditure of revenue from developer contributions is determined as part of Council's overall operational plan and budget process. Contributions revenue usually supplements general rates revenue for project funding and is allocated against various priorities across the local government area.</p> <p>While contributions revenue may form part of the funding mix for work in the Kew area, an increase in this revenue it is not a determining factor in its own right. Sec94 contributions themselves are not significant enough income to undertake the Main Street Plans, noting that the planning undertaken to date allows us to apply for grant funding for future work.</p> <p>Council is yet to adopt future stages of the Kew Masterplan project. Funding sources through Government departments continues to be sought as per the previous Council resolution in 2010. It should be noted that as per the Council resolution in 2010, Council gave no firm commitment on the timing of the next stages; rather seek financial support from other Government departments to assist in completing the work. This is an issue that Council officers will discuss further with Councillors in the coming months.</p>
Meeting Notes / Action	<p>General discussion around developer contributions and how these funds are utilised.</p> <p>The bulk of the discussion revolved around the Kew Masterplan which was adopted by Council (under Administration) in 2010 and where the various stages of the Masterplan were up to.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that at this stage the Councillors had not been briefed by staff on the Kew Masterplan and what was included in the plan in relation to Kew beautification works. As noted in the comments above, Council Officers will prepare a briefing for Councillors on this issue in early November. It was also acknowledged that the 2010 Masterplan was subject to a detailed community engagement process that resulted in the final Masterplan.</p>

Action - General Manager to confirm a briefing with Councillors on the Kew Masterplan for early November.

It was clarified that the RMS did not provide any specific funding for Kew beautification works, rather Council chose at the time to use some of the funding provided by the RMS to Council for the ongoing maintenance of the old highway, towards some initial beautification works.

There are currently no funds allocated to future works related to the Masterplan and this will be covered off in the briefing to Councillors in November.

It was acknowledged that there is a very active local community who may be able to undertake some works on behalf of or in conjunction with Council.

One of Council's Place Making Officers, Beau Spry will be in contact with Betty Boyd and Diane Hayes in the coming weeks to talk through some of the above-mentioned beautification issues.

Action - Beau Spry to make contact with Betty Boyd and Diane Hayes

Applicant	Ms Diane Hayes
Question Submitted	When will the next stage of the Kew main street upgrade happen?
Comments	<p>Council is yet to adopt future stages of the Kew Masterplan project. Funding sources through Government departments continues to be sought as per the previous Council resolution in 2010. As per the Council resolution in 2010, Council gave no firm commitment on the timing of the next stages; rather seek financial support from other Government departments to assist in completing the work. This is an issue that Council officers will discuss further with Councillors in the coming months.</p> <p>Some of the short term works, i.e. wide central median, were built as part of the roundabout project. A footpath on Kendall Road from the golf course to Nancy Bird Walton Dr is included in our 2014-15 footpath program (expected construction early 2015) and we are currently working closely with the Schools to Schools committee around the footpaths project for the entire area.</p>
Meeting Notes / Action	<p>Please refer in the first instance to the response provided to Question 1 above.</p> <p>Further to the above, it should be noted that whilst Council adopted the Kew Masterplan in 2010, no staging plan has been adopted by Council as yet, nor funding allocated.</p> <p>Any works done into the future will need to link up with planned works for the Schools to School project.</p> <p>The Kew Masterplan is available on Council's web site, however Council will distribute copies of the Masterplan to the people in attendance at tonight's meeting.</p> <p>A question was raised around proposed pedestrian crossings that formed part of the Masterplan. It appears from the work done that there is space allocated to these crossings, but there is no line marking etc in place. The Director Infrastructure & Asset Management, Jeffery Sharp undertook to look into this issue further.</p> <p>There is also what appears to be a piece of unfinished road on Nancy Bird Walton Drive on the southern side between two trees. This was noted earlier in the afternoon by the Director Infrastructure & Asset Management and will be scheduled for completion in the coming months.</p>

Action - Director Infrastructure to schedule completion of the unfinished piece of road at the southern end of Kew.

Action - Director Infrastructure will review the Kew Masterplan in relation to pedestrian crossings and what was originally planned.

Applicant	Ms Diane Hayes
Question Submitted	When will the WWI memorial (currently situated at the iKew Centre) be moved? We have been told it will be moved to outside the corner store.
Comments	<p>It is Council's understanding that the memorial was located in front of the general store and shifted when the highway was upgraded. The RSL hoped to get funding to relocate it back to its original position. The relocation has been supported by the Community and Council but funding was the issue, along with the timing of the upgrade to the main street at Kew.</p> <p>As referred to in the response to the previous question, there is no set timing for the next stage of the Kew upgrade project overall which would include the possible relocation of the memorial.</p>
Meeting Notes / Action	<p>The relocation of the memorial forms part of the 2010 Masterplan i.e. moving the memorial from the iKew centre to around the general store area.</p> <p>It is clear there are still some conflicting views in the community about where the memorial should be located, however the Masterplan consultation that took place in 2010 and that was adopted by Council did highlight the memorial to be moved.</p> <p>There is substantial work to be done relating to the Masterplan works prior to the memorial being able to be moved. This issue will be highlighted in the briefing to Councillors in early November on the Kew Masterplan. As noted in response to previous questions, Council currently does not have any funding allocated to further beautification works in the current financial year.</p> <p>There was discussion around what works could be done from a maintenance perspective to the memorial in its current location. There are certain rules that do need to be followed in relation to undertaking works of any sort on war memorials and Council Officers will confirm what they are.</p>

	<p>Action - Beau Spry to confirm what rules exist for the upgrading / maintenance of war memorials.</p> <p>There community have held discussions with the Kendall Sub Branch and the Laurieton Sub Branch of the RSL in relation to the memorial and both clubs appear willing to fund some maintenance works on the memorial.</p> <p>This then led to discussion around the future of the iKew site and whether Council was going to sell it or not - the point being that if the site was going to be sold, then the memorial may need to be moved due to the sale. The General Manager informed the community that Council was currently undertaking a review of all Council owned land so that some decisions could be made about the future of some of this land. However there have been no discussions held with Councillors to date on the sale of the iKew site. It should be stated that there are 2 x lots in the area of the iKew. One lot is where the iKew is located, the other is where the old Steaks on Kew building was located.</p>
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ADDITIONAL MATTERS / QUESTIONS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Kendall Historic Wharf:

The land in front of the historic wharf has now been sold, with access to the wharf available under the bridge. The area is still potentially dangerous with drop-offs etc - can something be done with regard to this, noting that the Men’s Shed are willing to undertake some works.

Meeting Notes / Action	Action - Council’s Place Making Officer, Beau Spry will be in contact with Betty Boyd around this issue.
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2. Green / Open Space:

Are there any plans for parks / open space at Kew now that the area is growing in population etc? There has been some discussion about whether there could be a playground installed around the iKew centre.

Meeting Notes / Action	The 2010 Kew Masterplan details a playground located at the northern end of Kew, overlooking the golf course, so at this stage there are no plans for a playground at the iKew or for increased open space. This will form part of the briefing to Councillors on the Kew Masterplan in early November.
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