



## **Docklands Community Forum Meeting Summary**

**Date:** Wednesday 29 April 2015

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Performance Suite, Docklands Library, Docklands

### **Docklands Representative Group (DRG)**

Albert Morcos, Andrew Ward, David Wong, Janine Standfield, Keith Rankin, Philip Spender, Roger Gardener, Joh Maxwell, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy, Darcy Inglis, Mark Scholem

**Apologies:** Kelly Jensen, Mark Scholem and Andrew Ward

### **Item 1. Welcome and introduction**

**Facilitator:** Joh Maxwell

Acknowledgement of country.

### **Item 2. Docklands Community & Place Plan Update**

**Speakers:** Ronan Mellan from Places Victoria and Leanne Hodyl from City of Melbourne.

#### **Harbour Esplanade Master Plan**

- Cr Ong said residents can input to Council planning meetings and make submissions on line to Future Melbourne Committee. Docklands Representative Group has been provided with info.

#### **Lorimer Draft Structure Plan**

- Reiteration of purpose and key dates - Community Engagement Report is due at end May 2015
- Key themes include: traffic congestion, diversity of open space, objection to Yarra Tram Bridge, community infrastructure, heights and densities and governance.

#### **Fishermans Bend**

- Key changes in relation to creating distinct neighbourhoods in Fishermans Bend
- 5 applications are under consideration by the Minister
- The Minister for Housing attended the forum and provided an update on

### **Item 3. Ron Barassi Senior Sports Park Update**

**Speakers:** e Places Victoria Development Managers and City of Melbourne Recreation Services

- Places Victoria are responsible for construction, City of Melbourne is responsible for management
- Both working closely with the community and sporting organisations to activate the park and develop programs
- Bookable areas are available such as for tennis
- New car park at the end of Docklands Drive. Provision to extend tramline is available if necessary
- Opening late 2015
- ACTION: Docklands Representative Group to take the transport issue to Public Transport Victoria for tabling as a key aspect of activating the facility.

#### **Item 4. Melbourne West Precinct Police Station**

**Speaker:** Senior Sergeant Willmott

Update on Operations, Community Relations, Crime Prevention.

- Family Violence Command encourage the public to provide responses to the Royal Commission into Family Violence.
- Public hearings are expected to start on Monday, 13 July 2015 on level 11, 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.
- The findings will be handed to the state government in February 2016.
- The new Victorian Police centre will open in mid-May.

#### **Item 5. Walker Development**

**Speaker:** Jane Standfield, Docklands Representative

Ms Standfield (DRG) presented on the views of the residents effected by the Walker Development, with reference to a letter from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (ref. number CMIN140369R) which confirms that the Walker Development has conditions placed on their planning permit with respect to privacy, where they stipulate window treatments and setbacks are in place and that wind tunnelling effects have been mitigated. Other impacts of the building on the immediate vicinity and adjacent buildings, include:

- Major changes to the original master plan
- Absence of consultation with residents
- Lack of information available for owners
- Overshadowing
- An additional 800 car spaces
- Loss of on street parking

City of Melbourne has not provided any information regarding Traffic Management Plans for the precinct.

**ACTION:** Places Victoria to facilitate a meeting between Walker Development and residents (and owners' corporation).

## **Item 6. Docklands Representative and Agency Updates**

Docklands Community Association –

- 100 online responses were received against the Etihad proposal for cage fighting
- Advocating for minimum apartment sizes to the Ministerial Advisory Panel
- Concerns raised regarding use of substandard building materials putting human life at risk – what are the implications for Docklands buildings?

## **Item 7. General Business**

- Urban Forest Strategy – Greening Fishermans Bend – Breakfast Workshop – Saturday 2nd May. Register at [Participate Melbourne](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- Nominees to attend the next meeting of the Docklands Steering Group – 8th July
- Next Forum is held 24th June 2015
- Residents are encouraged to register on Participate Melbourne which is Council's main avenue for public engagement on all current issues, planning, policy and development.

**Meeting closed at 8pm.**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/projects/urban-forest-precinct-plan/fishermansbend/>