
MINUTES OF MEETING

Fairfield Community Liaison Group - Meeting 7

DATE: Wednesday 04 February 2009 at 6:15 pm

LOCATION: Cabravale Leisure Centre

Chair: Jim Morris

Minutes: John Murray

Community Representatives: Ken Chapman
John Medich
Jan Collie
Krystyna Cyron
Momo Romic
Dereck Corney
Janette Hannaford
Stella Howat

Guests: Sally Sitou

ARTC: Prue Hodgson, Community Liaison Manager, ARTC
Tarmizi Lutffi, Project Manager, ARTC
Greg Mullens, Project Director, ARTC
Matt Hurst, Consultant, Planning Urban Futures
Carlie Faint, EMR (alternate)
Mel Meredith, Contractor, Arenco
Daniel Rose, Gartner Rose
Tim Nolan, Gartner Rose
Victor Ng, Reed
Val Rimanic, Reed

ICLR: Rowena Lennings

Council:

Apologies: Tony Fornasier

1. Welcome, introductions.

The Chair welcomed meeting attendees and made introductions.

Jim Thompson advised that he has tendered his resignation to the Fairfield CLG via Prue Hodgson of ARTC

2. Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting handed out and read.

Matters arising from Minutes: - None

Corrections:- None

3. Contractor Overviews

An explanation of the current status of the respective areas of responsibilities was given by the following contractors.

Gartner Rose – Station upgrades

An update of the current situation was delivered.

Reed

An update of the current situation was given.

Arengo

Responsibilities and update of the current status. Sheet piling starting around the creek area.

Q: - Gartner Rose is doing the station upgrades?

A: - Yes. They are responsible for the station precinct.

Q: - Have residents been informed about the commencement of piling?

A: - If piling has commenced in an area, then the residents would have been notified.

Q: - How? There has been no notification on Prospect Road?

A: - In the Prospect Road area, a letter box drop has been done and adverts have been placed in the Fairfield Champion and Fairfield Advance.

Q: - It is acknowledged there was notification in the newspapers but more detail included would be better.

A: - When the work intensifies in each location, the notifications for Out of Hours Work, will include details and a site map.

Q: - CLG members wanted to know about clearer notifications and a more multicultural communication. There are a high percentage of non English speaking groups in the local business district. Has there been an approach to the Multicultural Advocacy Group?

A: - ARTC has met with the Fairfield Migrant Inter-Agency Meeting in October and has requested a further presentation on the agenda at this meeting for 2009 to discuss construction progress.

Q: - Are there any changes that non English speaking businesses need to know ?

A: - ARTC will meet with the business at any location that will impacted when the work intensifies/has impacts in the area where we are working.

Q: - The Fairfield area needs multicultural communication. Displaced refugees are very cynical re communication. It is important to filter through local organisations.

A: - That is noted. All newspaper adverts are also placed in The Future, Dan Viet and The Chinese Times as per the Community Involvement Plan

Q: - What about notice boards at the station?

A: - Notice boards will be going up at each of the stations that we are working, ARTC have carried out meetings with each of the Station Managers in conjunction with RailCorp to agree on placement and to get approval for the Boards.

Q: - How long for notice boards at the station?

A: - I will advise as soon as I have a date that they will be installed, they are currently being made.

Q: - What piling is about to start?

A: - Sheet piling for the bridge.

Q: - Will notices go into papers? Older people have difficulties accessing computers.

A: - Yes notices will go in the newspapers and we also do letter box drops to get the message out.

Q: - Hope expressed for better multicultural communications than MoT.

A: - That is noted

Gartner Rose gave an update of their current status. They are working across 10 stations and are currently searching for services. Will be starting at Sefton, Casula and Warwick Farm.

Introduction of **Tim Nolan given** by the Chairman and Prue Hodgson

Q: - Is the number 3 line still on the cards with RailCorp?

A: - No timetables as yet.

Q: - In the minutes it was stated that there was going to be a public meeting held.

A: - No this has not been held as yet.

Q: - At a councillor meeting the subject of angle parking in Bloomfield Street was discussed. How is ARTC going to manage the parking?

A: - Planning to minimise disruption and keep the gross number of parks.

Arengo updates

Still issues with layout. Approval will exempt the Cabramatta area. DoP still to finalise plans.

Q: - Can we get a copy of the station precinct plans?

A: - Yes.

4. Station arrangements at Cabramatta – Ramp review

RS Simpson Architects presented an overview and explanation of the review undertaken to look at options for a ramp at Cabramatta Station.

Ramp would have to be 110mtrs to be compliant.

Five options were displayed and benefits and disadvantages explained.

5 minutes were given for members to view the displayed options.

A discussion ensued which further explained the benefits and disadvantages of each of the options.

Q: - The lifts stop at 9.00pm. The trains are running a 24hr service. What solutions are available?

A: - This is a RailCorp issue.

ARTC proposed **Option 1** as being the best option within the restrictive legislative framework. This option achieves the best result for both able and disabled commuters.

Q: - Why not a steeper ramp if the lift is available?

A: - Has to be compliant for disability groups? ARTC cannot get approval for a steeper ramp.

Q: - Is it possible with 3 steps at either end of the ramp?

A: - Cannot have a ramp between steps.

Q: - What if the lift was for disabilities and the ramp for prams? Lift capacity is an issue.

A: - Cannot build a non compliant ramp and the ramp cannot link between steps.

Q: - After 9.00pm the lift is not operational. Can council intervene?

A:- Council needs to make representation to RailCorp.

Q: - Can there be a bigger lift?

A: - ARTC will examine a bigger lift option.

Q: - Can CLG have copies of the options displayed?

A: - Yes.

5. UDLP

Retaining wall finishes will have to be finalized soon.

There is a choice of 3 colors

Presentation given by Greg Mullins of the different finishes colors and patterns available for the walls.

Q: - Is it possible to have different finishes in each area?

A: - Yes.

Q: - What is the maximum height of the retaining wall?

A: - 5 ½ Mtrs max.

Suggestion from the Architect of 2 tone treatment options.

Q: - Can the blocks be silicon sealed to minimize graffiti?

A: - This will take a lot of silicon. Best to paint over or grow vegetation.

Q: - What was the conclusion of the ramp options discussion?

A: - Option 1.

Q: - Graffiti is a big concern for the Council. Can there be an agreement between ARTC and RailCorp as to maintenance?

A: - Graffiti on the noise walls, will be managed by RailCorp in the long term

6. Next Meeting

When: Wednesday 4th March, 2009 at 6.15pm.

7. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 8.20pm