



Docklands Community Forum: Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2015

Time: 6 to 8pm

Venue: Performance Suite, Docklands Library, Docklands

Docklands Representative Group (DRG)

Chair: Philip Spender

Attendees: Andrew Ward, Joh Maxwell, Philip Spender, Roger Gardener, Yvonne Zhou-Grundy

Apologies: Albert Morcos, David Wong, Janine Standfield, Keith Rankin, Kelly Jensen, Mark Scholem

Welcome: Philip Spender

- Welcome to DRG attendees and members of the general public
- Year-end overview of three DCF strategic priorities:
 1. Schools: access for Docklands residents is improving given zoning to South Melbourne, and announcement of the new Ferrars Street primary school, however still a lot of work to do. Janine Standfield maintaining strong and consistent involvement with the Department of Education and Training.
 2. Waterways activation: given waterways governance needs to be addressed first (and has been throughout 2016), there has been little to no opportunity for the DCF to action this priority.
 3. Docklands branding: focus of this action is to improve the image of Docklands. Several events throughout the year contributed to this, eg: 180th birthday was a huge success. Key messages work was undertaken in 2015 by Destination Docklands (DDL) and Docklands Chamber of Commerce, and DDL are now pursuing a Precinct Marketing Plan with proposals to be presented to City of Melbourne in the new year.
- Issues to continue progressing in 2016: Lacrosse fire implications update; faster implementation of Harbour Esplanade redevelopment; Fountains of Flames status report; presentation at each DCF meeting of new planning permits and status; Docklands community input into Melbourne's future planning and guidelines; third party appeal rights; specific presentation on new Lend Lease office building next to ANZ (it is larger than previously expected); Harbour Town rejuvenation update, including the picture theatre; and the future of The Hub.
- Assignments: police report from Sargent Mick Wilmott at DCF meetings; DCF meeting agenda to go City of Melbourne website ahead of meetings; advertising and way-finding signage in The Dock; promotion of DCF meetings in Docklands News; and community opening of the Docklands Community Hub.

Actions:

Request to be made to Lend Lease to present at the next DCF (Feb 2016) on the development site west of ANZ in the Victoria Harbour precinct.

Docklands Community and Place Plan update: Ronan Mellan (Places Victoria) and Trudy Reid-McPhee (City of Melbourne)

- Visual presentation addressing: Ron Barrasi Senior Park – Stage 2; New Quay Wharf demolition; Community Hub at the Dock; Docklands Park improvement works; planning permit application links (CoM and State Government websites).
- Discussion around Ron Barrasi Senior Park, including grass surface. Confirmed that choice of grass based on the usage the ground will attract.

Actions:

Hold the next possible DCF meeting in the multi-purpose space at the newly opened Docklands Community Hub.

Docklands Community Association (DCA) update: Roger Gardner

- PCCC meeting overview, including police response to an article in The Age (Oct 2016) on crime in Docklands. Advice that the article was exaggerated.
- DCA Christmas party is on Thursday 10 December.
- Feedback that the North Wharf development looks good, and it includes grassed areas.
- The DCA continue to seek updates on the implications of the Lacrosse building investigation.
- Short stays in Docklands are still a problem.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) update: Joh Maxwell

- Update on DCC executive changes, including invitation to DCF attendees to fill two current vacancies.
- DCC currently working with Department of Premier and Cabinet on Australia Day in Docklands and working on Chinese New Year, which will be based on Harbour Esplanade.

Actions:

Request to be made to AshMorgan for a presentation on the development activities in Harbour Town.

Other items raised

- Discussion about the current use of the CLEC site (location of outdoor basketball courts and associated Hub building) and future community needs that could be met on this site. Proposal that this becomes a future item for consideration by the DCF.
- A dragon boat 'come-and-try' day is being held on Sunday 13 December (Philip Chan, Dragon Boats Victoria)
- Docklands PCG attendees: Phillip Spender and Andrew Ward to attend next meeting (date tbc, but will be late-Feb/ early-March 2016)

Actions:

Bring scheduled December 2016 DCF meeting forward to late-Nov/ early-Dec to avoid clashes with end-of-year Owners Corporation meetings.

Closing of meeting: Philip Spender