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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 8 November 2022

Agenda item title: South Yarra Heritage Review

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It is of some historical interest that the requirement for heritage listing is so low. this anti housing attitude so close to amenities and near the CBD is extremely questionable.

There should be more justification of existing heritage propties not adding more with no substantial value.

without detailed information on why properties are historically or architectually interesting the ludicros requests should be rejected.

if a property is a typical example of the type it should be required to list the type not let them escape without classifying. If the property is comparable with contributory places why does it require further heritiage involvement.

Why does the council heritage body want to contribute to sprawl instead of upzoning areas like this?

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Agenda item title: Item 6.3 – Docklands Summit Actions and Next Steps

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RE: Recommendations 5.6 Strategic Plan and 5.7 Governance

The Docklands Act was created in 1991 and streamlines planning decisions at the time there were no residents and a need to streamline development.

Now that there are 17,000 residents in Docklands, it's appropriate that residents can have input to planning applications that affect their high-density living. Other "carve outs" in the Docklands Act regularly leave council with the inability to make meaningful changes that residents ask for at these Future Melbourne Meetings.

Similarly, The Docklands Community and Places Plan was created in 2012 and laid out numerous infrastructure projects ideas, most of which haven't eventuated.

Will the council please include review of the Docklands Act and the Docklands Community and Places Plan in the governance recommendations?

Ben Ball

Chairperson

Docklands Representative Group

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It is noted that the Docklands Summit Report states that the City of Melbourne will “Advocate for the extension of the 12 month e-scooter trial”. The use of e-scooters in Docklands routinely involves misuse of these vehicles such as use of footpaths and excessive speed. What actions will the City of Melbourne take to ensure e-scooters and other micro-mobility vehicles (especially delivery bikes) adhere to regulations and do not continue to endanger pedestrians?

Ben Ball
Chairperson
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6.3 Docklands Summit Actions and Next Steps

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Docklands Summit Actions and Next Steps

8 November 2022

Agenda item 6.3

Submission from Docklands Neighbourhood House

As a participant in the Docklands Summit, and as a key community group in the Docklands precinct, Docklands Neighbourhood House supports the overall recommendations in the “Docklands Summit Actions and Next Steps” report.

Docklands Neighbourhood House (a project of The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne) is keen to partner with City of Melbourne and other stakeholders on the following identified key actions:

7.2.1. convene a stakeholder group to facilitate connections in the precinct and continue momentum from the Summit

7.2.4. ensure communications celebrate Docklands and promote events that align with Docklands as a family friendly precinct

7.2.5. partner with DV to review the operational capacity of existing community facilities and identify opportunities for improvements

7.2.6. prepare a Public Realm Improvements Plan to review the current provision of amenities and identify areas for improvements and activations

I have previously spoken to Councillors about the unique strengths of Neighbourhood Houses, and Docklands Neighbourhood House (DNH) in particular. These include:

- Neighbourhood Houses are the heart of our communities. They bring people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities.
- Neighbourhood Houses produce \$4.27 of value for every \$1 of income
- Neighbourhood Houses work in partnership with other service organisations and local government, and are often the agency most connected to the local community.
- DNH provides a range of volunteer opportunities that allow Docklands residents to contribute to their community
- DNH represents the seldom heard voices, including 62% of Docklands residents born overseas, most of whom were not represented at the Docklands Summit
- DNH fosters a sense of belonging at the granular level

Attachment 2 is a good attempt at aligning Summit Themes and Solutions with future Actions. However, there are many other potential Actions that are not represented in this table.

Following are some key points where DNH believes the provisions can be strengthened and where DNH has the potential to assist City of Melbourne achieve its goals for Docklands.

“Supplement existing events program with smaller, community focused events” is a key Summit Solution. The corresponding Action “Prioritise delivery of Yanonung Quay project in partnership with Development Victoria.” is an appropriate response to this Summit initiative, but it is only a small part of the picture, and certainly not the most important Action to address this initiative.

Docklands Neighbourhood House has been working with the local community to develop and run “community focused events”. We have done this in various locations such as Navaratri at Buluk Park, Repair Cafés at The YMCA Hub and Cirque Culinaire at District Docklands. Engagement with the community and empowering Docklands Neighbourhood House to continue doing such community-building programs will be much more important than one specific local revitalisation.

Regarding Events in general, the reliance on existing programs of EPP and CRESP is problematic. Whilst EPP and CRESP are strong programs, the 5000 person minimum criteria for both these funding streams is counter to the Summit’s call for smaller, community-focused events, and not well suited to Docklands in general. Whilst events like Firelight can successfully engage many parts of the waterfront, the “bookable spaces” in Docklands (such as Ron Barassi Snr Park) cannot actually accommodate 5000 people.

Regarding “Deliver high quality community facilities”, there are several key elements of community infrastructure that are important for fostering a socially cohesive community in Docklands in the short- medium- and long-term. There is a clear need for an indoor sports facility (our own research shows that badminton is in very high demand). Further, there is a need for a fit-for-purpose Neighbourhood House to help drive a variety of Neighbourhood Priorities. DNH also supports the call for additional schooling options in Docklands.

Regarding “Develop future vision for Docklands through a Strategic Plan for the precinct”, it is vital that City of Melbourne partner with Victorian Government, but also that there are many other partners to help develop this vision. DNH stands ready to assist both levels of government towards a new vision. DNH supports the review of “sub-precinct character and identity”, as our experience is very different communities in the different neighbourhoods of Docklands.

Budgets and Resourcing

It is heartening to see the Next Steps for many of the Actions identified as “Consideration for future Council budget and resource planning.” Whilst there is not a commitment at this point, it is recognised that to address the solutions proposed at Docklands Summit, there will need to be additional resources dedicated to Docklands.

DNH is in absolute agreement that this resourcing is needed. However, there has been no shortage of investment in Docklands in years past. The issue has been how this investment has been made, and for what benefit. We implore Council to not fall into the traps of the past and only fund “big ticket” infrastructure projects. Whilst these may assist in finding the ultimate equilibrium for Docklands, City of Melbourne must also ensure the resourcing of community focused plans and projects. Docklands Summit, City of Melbourne’s Neighbourhood study and DNH’s own research demonstrate this vital investment.

Docklands Neighbourhood House Short-Term

In September, City of Melbourne gave a pathway for the potential funding of a Neighbourhood House in Docklands through the Community Grants and Partnerships Framework. This work is ongoing with the hope that long-term City of Melbourne funding of Docklands Neighbourhood House could commence from July 2023.

However, our current funding arrangement with Development Victoria concludes in December 2022. Docklands Neighbourhood House is seeking a one-off special funding commitment from City of Melbourne of \$50 000 to fund the ongoing operations of the Docklands Neighbourhood House from January to June 2023.

This investment of \$50 000 is money well spent as it will allow continuity of staffing at DNH, and will allow DNH to work closely with City of Melbourne to ensure Council's short-term priorities for the Docklands community are delivered.



Cirque Culinaire at District Docklands, 30 October 2022



Playgroup at Docklands Neighbourhood House, 26 October 2022



Docklands Repair Café, monthly at YMCA Hub

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 8 November 2022

Agenda item title: 12.4 finalises the statutory procedures in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 to sell the land at 100–104 A’Beckett Street, North Melbourne

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

What will be done to stop yet another significant heritage building having its’ integrity destroyed by building on top and around it, reducing it to a mere container for a new building? A’Beckett Street in particular is already notorious for ‘facadism’: <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/the-buildings-that-eat-their-heritage-hosts-20160621-gpoe25.html>. Too many heritage buildings have been compromised in Melbourne, please do not add this one to the list.

I recently purchased and invested my financial, physical and mental resources renovating an apartment that is now my home, directly overlooking 104 A’Beckett Street, Melbourne. If the sale of the building is to proceed, it should have a strict clause that it must be retained in its’ current built form. Height extensions, or any other major departure from the current built form would compromise the integrity of this heritage, original store. With relatively minor but strategic internal alterations, the building could make a beautiful home to several deserving community groups, using a similar model to Ross House on Flinders Lane – a heritage-home, open to the public, and with its’ integrity maintained.

Moreover, the retention of the trees at 104 A’Beckett Street is also imperative. Every individual tree counts towards Melbourne’s liveability index, and the established native trees at 104 A’Beckett Street are not protected, allowing

their removal by a potential new owner. The City of Melbourne Urban Forest Strategy aims to increase tree canopy cover from 22% to 40% by 2040. Likewise, the Council Plan 2021–2025 Climate and Biodiversity Emergency priorities include “Biodiversity, habitat, green spaces, water quality and tree canopy cover are increased in the city”; the same priority is listed under Health and Wellbeing Plan objective 4: Health Impacts of Climate Change. Removal of the well-established, native, large-canopy trees located on the site runs directly counter to the City of Melbourne’s own planning priorities as listed above. The trees are well-established, host native bird species including Rainbow Lorikeets, and provide much needed green space for the immediate vicinity, adding amenity and contributing to wellbeing of the many residents dwelling in nearby towers. Any sale should ensure protections against removal of the established trees on the site. If this protection cannot be guaranteed, Council should not sell the property and instead rent the site to a suitable tenant, who will fund their own fit-out costs, and provide ongoing revenue to Council, while maintaining protections for the integrity of the site and established trees. Opened to the public by removal of the fence, perhaps as part of the frontage for a retail store or community group headquarters, the established trees would provide an additional public garden for A’Beckett St.

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Your question

The agenda item on the divestment of 104 A'Beckett Street suggests affordable housing may be included as an incentive to the sale. Given the relatively small size of the heritage building and narrow land size, it is difficult to foresee how affordable housing could be provided on the site, without a major redevelopment and increase in height of the existing building. Do the Council foresee this as a potential option for the site?

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Your question

For the purposes of transparency and integrity of the community consultation process, please specify how many submissions received pertaining to 104 A'Beckett Street supported versus objected to the sale, and tally their reasons for support or objection. My own submission objected to the removal of green space, yet this concern is not mentioned at all in the relevant agenda item.

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Your question

If Council decides to proceed with re-zoning and divestment of 38 Gatehouse Drive, what is the zoning proposed to be changed to?

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Agenda item title: Proposed property divestment – 38 Gatehouse Drive

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

In 2011 after the Federal Government maternity reforms allowed women access to private midwives to improve outcomes of maternity care, Jan Ireland and Kelly Langford found a centrally located, Melbourne City Council owned building to open Victoria's first private midwifery centre– 38 Gatehouse Drive, Kensington. This property had been vacant for over three years, and had most recently been used by Melbourne City Council's MCHN service while another venue was being renovated.

The two entrepreneurs saw a shell of a building that was fit for purpose; a place where families could come and have easy access with on-site parking, see a known Midwife for an antenatal checkup and a women's health physiotherapist for a pelvic floor check, a psychologist/counsellor for their mental wellbeing, do a childbirth education class and have a safe place to have small children with an enclosed back yard. You may ask why is it important that we stay in this building? Over more than a decade, we have made significant investments in this building and this local community.

Midwives And Mothers Australia has now been an integral part of the Kensington and City of Melbourne community for over a decade providing holistic services that are focused on the mental health and wellbeing of the family in the perinatal period. In our view, this recommendation from Management has not adequately responded to the feedback received via the consultation process. Your community values services that improve their wellbeing. They value MAMA. The feedback you published supports MAMA. Our change.org petition received close to 2300

signatures in support of MAMA staying at 38 Gatehouse Drive. We implore the council to reconsider the proposal to divest this property from their portfolio.

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Your question

A theme identified in the community consultation was retention of MAMA services. Of the 816 submissions received, how many of these were advocating for retention of MAMA services at 38 Gatehouse Drive?

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MAMA opened its doors at 38 Gatehouse drive, Kensington in 2011 with a simple mission statement; to improve the mental health outcomes for women and families in the perinatal period. We do this, day in day out from 38 Gatehouse Drive, Kensington. Despite our minimal revenue, we have always and to this day continue to offer free services that support our mission statement including Counselling and Breastfeeding support services. When the council announced that the building might be sold, our bookings (for birth which of course we take months in advance) went down by 50%. Uncertainty around the time of having a baby is NOT what makes people safe and does not improve mental health.

Midwives And Mothers Australia has now been an integral part of the Kensington and City of Melbourne community for over a decade providing holistic services that are focused on the mental health and wellbeing of the family in the perinatal period. As the Melbourne City Council pointed out, whilst we are a 'privately run, for profit business', we had only just recuperated the money we spent to retrofit 38 gatehouse Drive when COVID hit. This is because we have always placed accessibility of our services over profitability. As front line workers we have kept our business running and have bulk billed clients who would not have otherwise been able to afford our support. We continued to do face to face visits thorough out the pandemic, as pregnancy birth and postnatal care, if ceased, would have detrimental physical and emotional maternal and neonatal outcomes. We have kept all of our 32 part

and full time staff employed, plus subcontractors.

We disagree with the statement made by Melbourne City Council that MAMA does not align with existing service provision (MCHN services). In fact, whilst our service provision overlaps that of the MCHN in the six weeks postpartum, this is where the similarities end; the services complement each other and neither service can provide what the other service provides. MAMA midwives provide primary care for women from early pregnancy, throughout labour and birth to 6 weeks postnatal in a model of care called 'continuity of care', which is regarded worldwide as the 'gold standard' model of maternity care for best outcomes for mother and baby. MCHN's have two booked visits in the six weeks postpartum which are focused on the growth, development and safe environment of the newborn. MAMA midwives routinely provide over ten postnatal visits in this time with a final visit at the six week mother and baby check. Our care is focused in a large part on the mother's emotional and physical wellbeing. MCHN's then continue growth and development checks of the baby/child for the four years after our care ceases.

We urge the council to reconsider keeping 38 Gatehouse Drive in their property portfolio, and allow the expansion of these vital community services.

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