

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 13 November 2023
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.46pm and concluded at 7.15pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Timothy Stephens (online)	Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Alice Hickey (online)		Thomas Hyun (GW Project Manager) (online)
Suzy Carter		Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)
Bruce Ashley		Kate Matthews (Living Arts) (online)
Colin Jones		Ryann Midei (Director Infrastructure)
Danielle Capon (online)		Simone Plummer (Director Planning)
Jennifer Kent		Stuart Hull (Capital Works)
Jo Blackman		
Mary Osborn		Other/observers:
Nick Chapman		Matt Gibson (community member)

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Bronwyn Holland, Tealia Scott & Adam Ward (Urban Ecology), Sarah Guan (Graduate Transport Planning)

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (JB) and accepted (BA). Moved by AL. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes:

- TOR review is ongoing, draft will be ready for review by the next meeting (in 2024)
- BA: where can we track items raised? AL: submit as questions on notice

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management update presentation	TH provided project progress report of last quarter in a presentation, including construction milestones. Presentation can be shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM: great to see community born project come to fruition after 23 years.• NC: microbats > where are alternative roosting sites? TH: Alexandria and Tempe.• JB: Lewisham West near light rail station: old train tracks, excavators are sitting on top of them. TH: will follow up with GR. Some tracks are to be maintained; some are to be recycled.• JB: tree removal near tracks and platform at Lewisham West? TH: these were marked for removal and in bad condition.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO: when will Cadigal Reserve close? TH: around Feb/Mar 2024. Site sheds from Jan 2024 for works near Longport St tunnel, then move north and footpath will be closed. • BA: pedestrian wait times for traffic signals Old Canterbury Rd? TH: still in design and push for best GW user experience, but TfNSW will push back prioritising vehicle traffic. It'll still be better than current situation. • CJ: GreenWay construction notices to Forum? TH: Yes, we can do this. MJ: this is already being done, in addition construction notices can be found on Council website. • NC: how is community reacting? Contractors have not heard a lot of complaints.
Simone Plummer, Director Planning		<p>NC questions on notice from Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging new developments> SP: infrastructure contribution plan (developers need to contribute to council) specifies GW apportioned costs. Council also takes advantage of projects adjacent to GW and leverages outcomes. • Public domain> SP: this team works with Simone; they are interested and pay attention to this. Simone recognises this as an opportunity. • GW Masterplan> RM: remaining works need to be identified, now focussing on priority works. • Cross council collaboration with City of Canterbury Bankstown Council (CCB)> RM: agree we need a coordinated approach from each Council around maintenance, bushcare and other issues, but have been focussed on GreenWay design and construction at the moment. The next step will be cross council collaboration around maintenance and any other GreenWay items. • Streetscape improvement> KW: next year's action plan looks at pedestrian improvements. Forum is invited to submit comments on the plan. • How about GW south end (Ness Ave etc), how can these streets accommodate increased demand?> KW: can incorporate this in wayfinding discussion with Kurt and in review of plan. <p>AGREED ACTION: NC and BA invited to submit bullet points about this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW: we can give a plan to CBC council and get them on board. JK: CBC is doing engagement about Ewen Park, we need to coordinate now! Ken concurs. • Organisational responsibility Forum once GW completed? SP: will need to wait until later, maybe Community Directorate, but it fits under all Directorates.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff attendance at GCF meetings> SP: Council staff are asked to attend a lot of outside hours community meetings, need heads up for questions.
Kate Matthews, Living Arts		<p>Presentation update about public art on GW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK: had to cancel/postpone GW Art Prize for the first time this year, very disappointing and don't want to disappoint community sponsors. • NC: is 1.7m budget allocation safe? KM: Yes. SH: it's about 1m. JK: needed more art in southern end of GW. Budget of 1m is disappointing, NC agrees. NC: art budget is important issue. KM: no decrease in funding. RM: emphasis on art and appreciate how it creates a sense of place. No budget decrease in sight. • NC: Longport St tunnel artwork: can't spend funding before grant round finishes? KM: number of factors, delivery timing is one of the reasons. NC: what design treatment is this tunnel going to have to reduce graffiti? • NC: GreenWay Art Prize> ArtEst and curator have signed 2-year agreement with Council, increased funding, taking place in June/July with EOI in March. • DC: where can I find new EOI for GW public art identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander work? KM: Council website, social media and other channels. DC: Can you send link? Yes, via Magda. AGREED ACTION: Kate and Magda to share link when available • SC: why no GW Art Prize this year? NC: Couldn't get organised this year because of variety of issues. This created discussion and renegotiation, which is positive.
Ken Welsh, Team Leader Transport Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner West at 40: looking to make all roads 40km, exhibition report will go to Council in Feb • Parramatta Rd planning proposal on exhibition • Iron Cove Creek program on exhibition – please provide feedback <p>AGREED ACTION: Magda to share links with Forum</p>

8. Items from Forum members

- Jennifer Kent – GreenWay street libraries: Original 3 street libraries (Lewisham West library vandalised repeatedly and had been removed because of that), JK looking after Johnson Park library only now. What will happen with Johnson Park street library with park update, can we have a seat? Can you guarantee this? SP: following this up for Forum. Magda will provide update. Can we put back Lewisham West street library somewhere else in Lewisham West?
- Jo Blackman – Detour signage Constitution Rd > now in place
- Jo Blackman – Wayfinding ‘no camping’ and ‘no drinking’ type signs: are they a legal requirement? > SP: it greatly assist, some requirements where a person can only infringe if there is signage (for example no camping), but depends on issue and landscape.
- Mary Osborn: Taverners Hill question for Ken and planning proposal around Parramatta Rd precinct Urban Strategy. SP: letters have been sent to engage community around re-zoning in this area. Face to face meetings are offered, pop-ups for individual concerns (29 Nov, 30 Nov Ken will be there), advising community about proposal (and explain) and seeking feedback. Strategy is around housing supply and affordability. Magda to circulate link and meeting details to Forum members.
- Bruce Ashley: monitoring traffic at Cadigal Reserve to show positive impact? Need strategy in place. SH: no new monitoring planned. RM: good point and will take on notice.

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
IWEG	JB	Wrapping up Jubilee grant with new planting and sandstone in Hawthorne Canal area

10. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NC	Greener Neighbourhoods grants	Attended a ‘Greener Neighbourhoods’ grant program meeting with NSW DPI, suggested to use GW as case study for strategy. MO: that was part of strategic plan and would be useful.

11. Items/questions on notice

nil

12. General business

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
BA	How to keep track of issues raised in Forum meetings?	Google docs to keep track maybe? Also, in Minutes. AGREED ACTION: BA to initiate some ideas for discussion in next meeting.
Clr Stephens	Thank you	Thank you to Council staff and senior staff for attending

13. Next meeting date for 2024

Petersham Service Centre Level 3 Function Room (Ngara) or online via Teams

Monday 12 Feb 2024

5.45pm-7.15pm

Other dates for 2024 to be decided in February meeting.