

Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, 26.04.2022 (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

Councillors: Cr Bridgid O' Brien & Cr Edward Crossland (EC) (both Chaired the meeting)

Attendance Greg Chenhall (GC), Kirsteen Thomson (KT), Laura Campbell (LC), Malcolm MacDonald (MM), Terence Nott (TN), Ursula Chandler (UC); Ivan Gilbert (IG) - Group Manager, CEO's Office, City of Yarra (CoY), Richa Swarup (RS) - Principal Advisor City Heritage, CoY

Apologies: Cr Anab Mohamud (AM), Alexis Arrowsmith (AAr), Jeffrey Atkinson (JA), Ian Wight (IW), Nina Tory-Henderson (NTH).

Guest Speakers- Michael Cook (MC) from Lovell Chen, Debra Kunda (DK), Strategic Planner CoY, Ann Limbrey (AL), Senior Project Manager (Buildings), CoY

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<p>1. <u>Acknowledgement and Welcome</u></p> <p>BoB started the meeting with the Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land and welcomed all attendees.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies from the members as listed above were noted. IW could not participate in the meeting due to the technical issues with the MS Teams.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>No specific action required.</i></p>
<p>3. <u>Confirmation of the minutes of the previous HAC meeting and actions arising</u></p> <p>The minutes of the HAC meeting of 08.02.2022 were adopted unanimously.</p> <p>It was noted that the delegates report for the previous meeting of 08.02.2022 can be included along with the delegates report for this meeting.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That BoB/EC include the delegate's report for the previous meeting along with the report for this meeting.</i></p>
<p>4. <u>Heritage Strategy progress and reporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS had circulated an implementation table with the status of various actions prior to this meeting. She pointed out that implementation responsibility for more than 50 % of the actions sits with her apart from many other actions where she also has significant responsibility. This points out the need to provide more staffing and funding resources. • GC had circulated a short analysis indicating that the Strategy as designed will fail given it is 2.5 years in and little progress has been made to resource to achieve the outcomes. This issue of resourcing various actions and a heritage department was considered during the adoption of the Heritage Strategy in 2019, 	<p><u>Actions</u></p> <p><i>That</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RS seeks project priorities from the HAC members for preparing a detailed implementation plan which can be used for future budget bids.</i>

<p>when it was agreed that the strategy will need to be appropriately resourced through the yearly budget process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KT agreed with the assessment that the strategy will fail given current resourcing. She also pointed out the need to provide detailed time frame for each action based on the priority. The current time frames on the implementation table of 0-5 years and 0-10 years do not indicate priority of the actions appropriately. • GC noted the operational as well as strategic project portfolio work of RS and that the strategy progress reflects no way upon her abilities. • GC's paper recommended budget be shifted from Statutory Planning (where significant efficiencies will be gained from the new approved instrument of delegation) to the Heritage department. • LC suggested training work be prioritised. This led to a discussion on the need to identify the time sensitive future priority projects. GC highlighted some more strategic projects such as preparation and implementation of the heritage interpretation strategy and projects, review of Yarra's Thematic History, actions related to promotion of Aboriginal Heritage, preparation of a restoration and conservation guide and graffiti management of heritage places to be of high priority. He recommended urgent implementation of above projects including setting up of a heritage department which is a key action listed in the Heritage Strategy and advocated the need for urgent additional resourcing, • EC recommended seeking opportunities to involve consultants to address the work in the short term. • BOB noted that short term positions as well as a heritage department to be considered in the current and next years' budget. • BoB pointed out that the draft budget is out for submission. She requested that GC and TN may provide a list of time sensitive projects and mentioned that the members have the opportunity to make submissions to the draft budget, if they wish to. • GC suggested to invite relevant managers to present on the Heritage Strategy elements for their areas to ensure that HAC have opportunity to review progress of other actions of the strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delegates reports include HAC's request for budgetary support for temporary/ short-term positions</i> • <i>Councillors to consider a move of budget from other areas to heritage so that the strategy will not fail</i>
<p>5. <u>Linear Parklands (Old Railway Reserve) CMP</u></p> <p>Michael Cook presented on the work so far and the approach adopted for the Linear Parklands CMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC informed that a new masterplan will be finalised by the end of June. The project runs across three Council's land and that there is a need to strengthen the linear corridor and spatial relationship of various elements (old rail tracks, station building, platforms, planting and power stanchions etc). • He also pointed out the need for a whole of place interpretation system to express the history of the place. • UC noted the section in the Edinburgh Gardens and the related pines and remnant rail tracks. • The need for an additional HO for one strip of the parklands within Yarra was pointed out. • KT noted the opportunities with green space and engagement with the area. • TN raised the question about the status of the document and how it will be used in future. 	<p><u>Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That RS organise a separate meeting with TN and JA and any other interested members of the HAC with Michael Cook.</i> • <i>That Council asks the relevant officers to present the CMP (when completed) for their consideration for adoption so that it is appropriately considered in future works.</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TN also requested to be further involved in the development of the CMP along with JA. • RS noted this CMP will be used as a reference document for any future works. • MM raised the issue about the outer line in Alphington, but members noted that was gone. • LC pointed out the need for CMP to include recommendations for proper management of archaeological aspects during works. • BoB suggested Richa to organize a separate meeting between TN, JA and any other interested members and MC. • Overall, HAC were very pleased with the work being done and considered that the document should be adopted by council when completed so that it has a weight in the future decision making in the area. 	
<p>EC Chaired the meeting from here on</p> <p>6. Brunswick Street Oval sporting and community facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL provided a background to this project and presented the exhibited designs. She noted that HAC members have already been informed about the opportunity to provide feedback through Your Say Yarra consultation, which ends tomorrow. • BOB noted that the new pavilion design should be sympathetic to and should provide nods to the heritage grandstand. The current proposal appears to block views of the existing grandstand which should be avoided. • EC requested square on views be obtained from the architects. • TN noted views should be drawn from 1.6m rather than truck height. He also suggested that a more prominent roof design is needed e.g. A gable roof with eaves overhang is required to provide better design relationship to the grandstand. He also suggested that the design should aspire for improved ESD outcomes. • UC noted that the proposal blocks views to the oval and grandstand from Brunswick and Church Streets. • AL explained the site constraints and impacts to the trees for other locations. She noted that the current location has the most minimal impact on trees. • TN noted that better solutions are needed for the design of elements proposed for Grandstand security. • UC noted that the ground floor of the grandstand can be useful to the community by accommodating other active uses such as a merchandise shop, café' etc and the use of this space should not be restricted just for sports related activities. • EC suggested that further discussions are needed with HV to seek opportunities for better use of the Grandstand ground floor space. • Bob suggested RS to include TN submission which can be included as a part of the Delegates report. 	<p><u>Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That officers organise further discussions with HV in future regarding the use of the ground floor of the grandstand.</i> • <i>That AL provide the HAC's feedback to the designers and conservation consultants working on this project to consider the issues raised by the HAC.</i> • <i>That AL also requests the architect to provide square on views from the street.</i>
<p><u>7. Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee Term and the Application Process.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS informed that the current term of the existing Committee (HAC) will end on the 30th of June 2022. Council will be initiating an application process in the first week of May. Expression of Interest for the HAC membership will be advertised on Yarra's website. 	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS send the information to the HAC members by</i></p>

<p>Information will also be available through Yarra News and social media etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS also mentioned that the existing members of the Committee are encouraged to reapply following the Eol process. 	<p><i>email when the Eol is advertised.</i></p>
<p>8. <u>VHRF: Activity Centre Heritage Façade Conservation Guidelines</u></p> <p>RS provided a brief on the VHRF Activity Centre Heritage Façade Conservation Guidelines approved by the Council for its testing for two years.</p> <p>HAC suggested that it should be promoted through Yarra News.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS liase with Comms to provide an article in the Yarra news</i></p>
<p>9. Updates</p> <p>RS informed that the Council has made submissions on the WH Strategic Vision and the Parliamentary Inquiry. She also informed that IW had made a submission to the Panel Hearing for the Bridge Road Amendment</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>No specific action required.</i></p>
<p>10. Any Other Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOB noted the Yarra Planning Coalition is considering further how to address neighbourhood character in planning, raised Graffiti on heritage building as an issue and that further future work on the landmarks policy is needed. • RS informed that a LGBTIQ+ Thematic study with statements of significance could get underway in the coming financial year. 	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS provide an update to the HAC on the LGBTIQ+ Thematic study when this action is progressed.</i></p>
<p>11. Next meeting and suggestions on Agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS would send an update on the future meeting dates via email. • No agenda items were suggested. • EC requested that the HAC members send any items for inclusion in the next HAC meeting to RS. 	<p><u>Actions</u></p> <p><i>That RS provide an update by email on the future meeting dates.</i></p> <p><i>That HAC members send any items for the next HAC meeting agenda to RS.</i></p>