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This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. This summary includes the original question, the response provided at the meeting and, where applicable, the response provided after the meeting to any question taken on notice (which is included in red text).

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7.1 Mr Christopher Belford, South Fitzroy Protection Group - re No protection on the north side of Victoria Parade

Question:

Victoria Parade is one of Melbourne's premier tree line boulevards and it is under threat. The south side is protected at least to some extent by the planning restrictions set by the City of Melbourne. There is no such protection on the north side. Some of the threats to Victoria Parade include: St Vincents Private Hospital want to build a multistorey building destroying important heritage, the Australian Catholic University want to build a sixty meter building that would destroy heritage, elm trees and the amenity of Napier Street, as well as compromise the bike route on Napier Street.

Will Council commit to the process required to give the north side of Victoria Parade the sort of protection that the City of Melbourne has provided on the south side?

Response:

*The Mayor advised that it would need a Council Resolution however did advise that Councillors would commit in principal to protecting the boulevard of Victoria Parade, however the actual mechanism for that would require many steps.*

*The Acting Director Planning and Place Making took the question on notice, however would provide an indication of when officers would be able to do that piece of work.*

*A further response will be provided by 6 June 2017.*

*The Acting Director Planning and Place making subsequently advised that Council has recently initiated preparation of built form frameworks for four of its retail strips and adjoining mixed use areas: Bridge Road, Victoria Street, Brunswick Street and Smith Street. This is in addition to the built form and structure planning underway for Swan Street and Johnston Street. The purpose of this work is to provide evidence based support for future planning controls in the Planning Scheme. This work is a focus of Council's strategic planning and urban design project programme.*

*The Brunswick Street and Smith Street built form frameworks include land along Victoria Parade, between Napier and Wellington Streets. The land west of Napier Street is occupied by ACU and St Vincent's Hospital and has been identified as a Health and Education Precinct in Plan Melbourne, a State Government document released in March 2017. Planning for this Precinct and the land at the east end of Victoria Parade is programmed to be scoped following the work on retail strips.*

*Cr Chen Yi Mei – Could we get some advice on what protection the City of Melbourne are offering that the City of Yarra is not offering?*

*The Acting Director Planning and Place Making subsequently advised that a review*

*of the Melbourne Planning Scheme (MPS) indicates that:*

- *Victoria Parade is identified as a boulevard in the MPS local policy*
- *There are several Design and Development Overlays (DDO) guiding development*
- *DDO20 aims to ensure that new development respects the existing character of Victoria Parade and has preferred height limits*
- *DDO13 aims to encourage development to be compatible with the Victorian character and scale of the area and sets out preferred outcomes.*
- *Several Heritage Overlays (general precincts and specific sites) affect land on the south side.*
- *Land on the south side are affected by:*
  - *General Residential 1 Zone, which has a height limit of 11m (maximum of 3 storeys), with some exceptions.*
  - *Mixed Use Zone, which only affects one site at the corner of Powlett Street*
  - *Commercial 1 Zone which does not include additional built form controls.*

## 7.2 Mr Mark Waters - Richmond Senior Citizens Centre at Hosie Street Richmond

Question:

I recently visited the Richmond Senior Citizens Centre and was told the facility is dirty for the exercise classes, the kitchen is filthy and the seating is stained and I can certainly say the windows looked unwashed. The men's toilets are a step-up urinal, not appropriate for the senior centre. A 92 year old lady told me that they cannot use the commercial kitchen so they buy junk food instead. Loughnan Hall is also covered in what I believe is called 'morning glory' and an asbestos roof. In comparison, across from Hosie Street is 345 Bridge Road, the toilets on level 1 are beautiful.

When will facilities for seniors match facilities that are provided to Yarra staff?

Response:

*The Director Community Wellbeing advised that Council have a range of senior facilities some of which have had more recent works than others, some of the facilities could use with some investment and there is a long term plan to do that. Council are currently doing works on the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre, we have an investment in the draft budget for the Mark Street Hall which is used by seniors and seniors operating out of the new Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library that has recently opened, so there is investment in facilities for seniors, not to the level that we would like to all of our facilities, but are on our forward program to do so. We are looking at Loughnan Hall and Hosie Street as priorities but we don't have large funds allocated to those in the next 12 months and whilst we don't have major capital funds allocated we will continue to renew them and keep them on track through our maintenance budget.*

*Cr Fristacky – Can we get an undertaking to do a thorough clean of the facilities described particularly at Hosie Street?*

*The Director Community Wellbeing advised that staff will inspect the facility and if there is a need, staff will address the cleanliness.*

*Cr McEvoy – Can we get a ball park figure of what kind of investment would be required to rejuvenate those facilities? What kind of amount would we want to try and get into the budget if we were going to do that work?*

*The Director Community Wellbeing advised the intent is to bring a report to Council in the second half of the year dealing with Hosie Street and Loughnan Hall, Loughnan Hall as an example has been a facility that Council has considered in previous years and have a range of options there, it is not as simply as do we invest or not, there are a range of options for the facility. As an estimate, if we wanted to do a major refurbishment to get that to standard, that would be around \$700k. Council may want to do more or less depending on the outcome their seeking.*