
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 names of questioners, the subject matter of questions, the person providing a response and whether or not an answer was provided. An audio recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. **If a question is taken on notice, any response provided after the meeting is included here in red text.**

7.1 Mr Chris Goodman - Clifton Views Illuminated Signage on 217-241 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill

Question:

I refer to the recently constructed building at 217-241 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill in the HO330 heritage overlay and to the high and brightly lit signage "Clifton Views". These signs are an unreasonable intrusion that impacts the residential areas of Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy and the heritage character of Queens Parade.

Some signs have been erected on a very tall building that has annoyed or angered or upset a lot of residents in both North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill.

Given we didn't see these signs at VCAT and we didn't see them at IDAC and they don't seem to follow Council's policies or VCAT's direct and specific guidance for a recessive building on that site, how do we get rid of them and how did this occur?

Response:

The Mayor advised that the matter will be investigated by the Planning and Place Making Department as well as officers from Construction Enforcement.

Further Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making later advised that the permit application for the aged care facility (including signage) was determined at 15 June 2016 IDAC – PLN15/1101. This proposal was a different application after VCAT refused an application on the site

The planning permit and endorsed plans show illuminated signs and includes conditions on the permit imposed by VicRoads which control luminance levels for the signs.

A number of amendments for this site including additional signage and changes to the branding of the site have been approved which has increased the dimensions of the signs. The amendment was lodged, assessed and determined pursuant to the secondary consent mechanism where it was determined an acceptable change to the development already approved.

He understands that concern has been raised with the luminance levels of the signs.

Council's Planning Enforcement staff have investigated the luminance of the signs in question and have advised that on Council's request, the builder had the luminance of the signs tested and the result showed they are well below the requirements of the planning permit.

In relation to the size of the sign, as outlined above, changes to the signs were approved via an amendment to the planning permit. A visual inspection was undertaken by Council's Planning Enforcement team. Due to the actual location of the signs on the side of the building it was not possible to do an actual measure by tape measure, however, can confirm that after a visual inspection that the sign takes up approximately the same amount of panels/tiles as indicated on the endorsed plans in both width and length. That means the sign is in general accordance with the endorsed plans.

They further advised that all signs are in the correct positions as per the endorsed plans.

7.2 Ms Clare Hermon - Woodworking Space

Question:

I have applied for a W Class tram and I'd like to place it on Railway Street, Fitzroy North and have an architect that has suggested how to renovate it and make it into a really good woodworking club.

Would the City of Yarra support The Spoon Club Inc. in bringing a Not-for-Profit woodworking space to the local area (near Railway Street 3068) with the mission of connecting city dwellers to nature, creativity and community?

What would be the next step for me to pursue a permit?

Response:

The Mayor advised Council welcomes all clubs and in relation to the application for a W Class tram and proposing to place it in a public space, that would be required to undergo a process, firstly whether the tram is provided and secondly various planning considerations that will need to be taken into account.

The Director Planning and Place Making also reiterated that a number of matters will need to be taken into consideration; where the tram would be placed, if a planning permit is required, building permit and/or even a health permit if food is served in the premises.

The Mayor also advised that the Director Planning and Place Making would be able to assist with the process of pursuing a permit.