

South Fremantle Precinct – Minutes of meeting

Date: 30-10-2018
Attendees: 16

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: The Local

No.	Item
1	Introduction (Sean Hefferon, Co-Convenor)
2	<p>South Terrace update – first node at the intersection of Little Lefroy & South Tce. Next steps. https://mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/south-terrace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies – Jon Strachan + Andrew Sullivan. • Agendas now posted on noticeboard – SAGA Bookstore. <hr/> <p>1. Almost complete (before Christmas) just needs line markings. 2. Benches to be reoriented. 3. Next node possibly Charles St – Budget for 1 more this financial year. Consultation will be sought by CoF first through Mysay / Precinct Forums.</p> <p>Comments from South Ward Councillors, Jon Strachan and Andre Sullivan (emailed pre-meeting):</p> <p>From Jon Strachan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work is virtually complete in relation to South Terrace and Lefroy - This 'phase 1' node will form the blueprint for subsequent nodes and we do have a budget commitment to design / commence a second node this financial year. - Officers are reviewing options and costs on the next proposed node and will engage with the community / precinct group in relation to this (probably just before Xmas or early in the new year). <p>From Andrew Sullivan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is my understanding that the next most likely node to be improved along South Terrace will be at Charles Street to coincide with the new development there, or possibly further north. - The decision regarding priority is made to optimise any funding that might flow from the different government grants, any engineering requirements/priorities decided upon by staff, and any works that might be associated with developers having to reinstate the public realm after development. - I will be working with Council staff to review the works implemented at Little Lefroy in the hope that constructive comments might guide how future nodes are developed. - I'm happy to receive comments back from the precinct, bearing in mind the project isn't yet complete.
3	<p>Urban built environment – Hampton Rd crossing, South Fremantle https://mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/hampton-road</p> <p>Hampton Rd / Scott St intersection; median strip to be permanent as will pedestrian crossing. Roundabout / similar to be considered for Lloyd St later this year.</p> <p>Comment from Andrew Sullivan (received by email pre-meeting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding the updates that you requested I haven't received any further info from staff. - Obviously providing an update regarding the Scott Street intersection with Hampton Road has been surpassed by the fact an item on that matter went through Council last week. - The staff preferred option to re-open the intersection and to relocate the crossing further south was not favoured by the FPOL committee. - The committee and Council preferred the option to permanently close the crossing using a design that would enable cyclists to ride through, and with the pedestrian crossing point remaining where it is. That said, there was also much discussion regarding the prospect of going back to the relevant government departments to re-prosecute the case for a signalised pedestrian crossing (i.e. traffic lights to stop all vehicles for a pedestrian phase). - In my view, I believe nothing short of a signalised pedestrian crossing is an adequate solution.
4	<p>South Fremantle Solar Farm https://mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/solar-farm-business-plan</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial arrangements, environmental reqs, building reqs still to be met: Multiple steps before plans can be realised. • Questions raised – Who benefits? CoF? Residents, ratepayers? (NB: Email sent to Mayor Pettit post-meeting and response received 2/11/18 – outlined at end of minutes) • Consensus is to use area of ground that is unsuitable for building or other community use due to the toxic waste. - Wait and see... <p>Comment from Jon Strachan (received by email pre-meeting):</p> <p>The Business Plan was adopted at September's Council meeting. The applicant can now proceed to develop procedures and have them endorsed by the relevant regulatory authorities and Council. The timeline is in the applicants hands at the moment.</p> <p>The motion read:</p> <p>Council:</p> <p>1. Approves the Business Plan, as advertised and without modification, for the lease of part of the South Fremantle landfill site (lot 1 No. 17 Cockburn Road and lots 8, 9 and 10 Island Street, South Fremantle) to Epuron Projects Pty Ltd for the purposes of a solar farm as included as attachment 1 to the item in the Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee agenda dated 12 September 2018, in accordance with section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995.</p> <p>2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a lease based on the terms contained in the Business Plan referred to in (1) above. The lease shall not be executed until Epuron Projects Pty Ltd has fulfilled all of the following requirements:</p> <p>a. Obtained written confirmation from the City of Fremantle that all conditions of development approval ref. DA0040/18 to be complied with prior to issue of a building permit or commencement of development (including but not limited to preparation of a site management plan and construction management plan) have been satisfied.</p> <p>b. Complied with requirements of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation administered under relevant environmental legislation.</p> <p>c. Provided written confirmation to the City of Fremantle that financial arrangements are in place to enable the solar farm project as described in the Business Plan to proceed.</p>
5	<p>Local community event – Placemaking event proposed 6/12/18 5:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>General infolinks:</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Placemaking</p> <p>https://www.beaufortstreet.com.au/placemaking</p> <p>Place making event – Peoples thoughts and level of support from meeting.</p> <p>Little prior knowledge – explained as a way to celebrate accomplishments and claim to realisation / activation of a local area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of ideas circulated for comment. • Working party suggesting a small event to ‘activate’ the area: to “claim” the area surrounding Lefroy and South Tce node for a social / placemaking event (max 50 people). To unite local community. (<50 keeps event ‘low key’) • Opportunity for feedback. • CoF have offered to assist – details TBC – possibly assist with promotion. • Some local business will be open but no ‘pop up stalls’. • Pm to evening – enable adjacent restaurants to increase sales / takeaways (local businesses have expressed support). • Concerns; potential risk from traffic as unable to close Rd. Follow-up CoF to A: “Slow Down” or B: “Event Ahead” signs. • Show of hands at meeting - positive; proposed date – 6/12/18. • Insurance concerns; Phil D to be asked to followup his contact in CoF to check + feedback. • Risk mitigation plans needed. • Name ideas – ‘South Freo Funday’, ‘Reclaim the Street’ etc • Attendees to email ideas for names ASAP please. • Intention to have live music / buskers. • Gentle pressure to council to definitely have node fully finished – precinct to do this! • Name around 30km/hr speed limit “Thursday 30”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free “Swap” for household items suggested.
6	<p>From Bill Johnstone (email sent pre-meeting):</p> <p>Fremantle Reconciliation Plan</p> <p>I can report that the Fremantle RAP meeting held last month attracted over 100 delegates and from that a steering committee was formed</p> <p>I represented the Precinct and the Fremantle Men’s Community Shed at this.</p> <p>I am part of that Steering Committee and will keep the Precinct updated on developments</p>
7	<p>Any other matters for discussion (late items):</p> <p>Port redevelopment plans – rumours that plans open up access and connect to stn not going ahead!</p> <p>No substance to this voiced: Query shelved.</p> <p>- Thank you to all.</p>
8	Meeting finalisation
	<p>8.1 Review actions to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minutes out in 2-3 days - request to have ideas regarding an event name sent in by email
	8.2 Next meeting - tba
	8.3 Meeting close Time closed: 7:30pm
<p>Additional information re Solar Farm (email reply from Mayor Pettit received by South Fremantle Precinct Group on the 2/11/18):</p> <p>How will the City of Fremantle get a return from the solar farm?</p> <p>Construction of a solar farm will activate a site which currently has very limited practical applications and generates zero financial return for the City. A Solar Farm has the potential to provide an alternate source of green energy for community and commercial purposes. Construction and operation of the solar farm would be fully funded by Epuron and would therefore require little (if any) direct costs to ratepayers.</p> <p>Under the Local Government Act the City is required to prepare and seek community input on a Business Plan for a major land transaction. The Business Plan, approved by Council in September 2018, deals with the commercial aspects of the land transaction. Under the Business Plan, the City will retain ownership of the land and will negotiate to lease the site to Epuron for the purpose of constructing and operating a solar farm over a nominated period of time, probably in the order of 20-25 years. Initially this will be at a peppercorn rent, however the draft lease contains provision for rent reviews should Epuron begin to profit from the site. For further info on the Business plan see link here http://mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/solar-farm-business-plan</p> <p>Are there any mechanisms in place for the City to actually purchase any power from the solar farm?</p> <p>A large component of the City’s power needs is considered to be contestable (so it has a choice of power retailer) Council has a preference to transition to locally sourced green power’ rather than purchasing carbon offsets. When it’s up and running, the South Fremantle Solar Farm will be a local source of green power and the City could buy this indirectly through the retailer.</p> <p>Will ratepayers be able to purchase power from the solar farm?</p> <p>Currently, all residential (non-contestable) customers must buy electricity from Synergy. If you opt for green power through your retailer, it is possible that a portion of the power you purchase will come from the Fremantle solar farm. That is, output from the solar farm could be purchased by an electricity retailer such as Synergy under a power purchase agreement and could then form part of the green power electricity generation mix that the retailer draws on to serve its customers.</p>	