



Donnybrook Townscape Committee Meeting

Minutes

Held on Wednesday, 14 October 2015

Commencing at 4.00pm

In Council Chambers

Cnr Bentley and Collins Streets, Donnybrook WA 6239

John Attwood
Chief Executive Officer

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SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK/BALINGUP

DONNYBROOK TOWNSCAPE MEETING MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers Wednesday, 14 October 2015

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

COUNCILLORS	SHIRE OFFICERS	COMMUNITY
Cr Dawson	J Attwood – Chief Executive Officer	J Thomson
Cr Dilley	B Wallin – Principal Planner	
Cr Logiudice		

GUESTS

Mr Bill Berry, Main Roads WA
Mr Lou Palandri, Main Roads WA

APOLOGIES

Cr Mitchell

PUBLIC GALLERY

Mrs June Scott

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Division 6: Sub-Division 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Care should be taken by all committee members to ensure that a financial interest is declared and that they refrain from voting on any matter which is considered may come within the ambit of the Act.

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

It is noted that all these solutions focus on retaining use of the reserve for car/truck parking. They do not consider possible longer term alternative uses that may create a better streetscape outcome and higher value for ratepayers.

Thinking about longer term and ultimate end land uses will require more detailed consideration and will need thinking about at a separate time.

The purpose of this item is to provide some interim solutions to the existing problems.

Option 1

After observing the turning of trucks entering and leaving the site via Victory Lane it is evident that:

- a) Trucks cut across the existing garden bed on the edge of the cross over; and
- b) Mount the central traffic Island.

This damages the existing landscaping, kerbing and drags materials onto the road.

To address this, a simple option would be to modify the existing cross over to reflect the alignment of existing turning. It would also be possible to modify a section of the central traffic Island by creating a flush section. This would enable trucks with improved turning space and reduce potential damage to road infrastructure. It could be possible to include material treatments to ensure visual prominence and legibility is maintained. This may include line painting or use of different materials and colours (ie: bricks or coloured concrete).

It could be possible to stage this option into two parts to see how modifications to the cross over play out.

This option would be relatively in-expensive. It is estimated that costs would be approximately \$4000.00. This can be confirmed with quotes obtained in accordance with Council policy. The estimated cost includes such items of traffic management, materials and landscaping.

Option 2 – Close off existing cross over to Victory Lane

This proposal would require the removal of the existing cross over and installation of landscaping treatments that inhibit access. This may include rock or retaining features and plantings. This would require access to be restricted to the South Western Highway cross over. This cross over could be modified to improve turning and access. Observations on-site show that there is sufficient turning space to access and exit in a forward gearing using this access for even the longest truck and trailer.

Option 3 – Relocate existing Victory Lane cross over closer to rail crossing

This option would enable improved space for turning and accessing the reserve for trucks. It will require some investigation from servicing agencies and the PTA.

Option 4 – closing all vehicular access to the reserve

This option would enable the site to be landscaped and used for recreational purposes and provide an improved level of streetscape presentation to the locality. Truck access and parking could be retained on the adjoining “Commercial” zoned property and the on-street parking out front to be restricted for trucks only.

This option would promote the parking of trucks at the rear of the service station or at the existing petrol bowsers. A circular route could be established by removal and relocation of the existing cold room and shed from the northern extent of the site.

This would ensure that all traffic generated by the business is retained on-site and prevent the existing public land from being monopolised by a business at the general expense and cost of rate payers.

Policy/Statutory Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

Option 1 is estimated to cost approximately \$4,000.00. This option could be funded through Townscape funds or alternatively by accessing 'Roads 2 Recovery' funds for the 2016/17 financial year. The 'Roads 2 Recovery' funding could also be used to resolve drainage issues in the locality.

Strategic Implications

Outcome 2.8 – Our townsites are attractive, well presented and maintained.

Outcome 4.7 – Maintain and enhance Shire assets.

Officer's Recommended Resolution

Moved:

Seconded:

That Council:

- 1. Subject to formal approval through the budget process, allocates \$4,000 from the 2016/17 Financial Year "Roads 2 Recovery" funding to implement Option 1 which involves:**
 - Modifying the existing cross over to reflect the alignment of existing turning.**
 - Modifying a section of the central traffic Island by creating a flush section to provide trucks with improved turning space to reduce potential damage to road infrastructure and includes material treatments to ensure visual prominence and legibility is maintained; and**
- 2. Investigates the cost of resolving drainage issues in the locality.**

Committee’s Recommended Resolution

Moved: Cr Dawson **Seconded:** Cr Logiudice

That Council:

- 1. Refer the proposed options to Main Roads WA for consultation.**
- 2. Investigate the cost of resolving drainage issues in the locality**

Carried 4/0

5.1.2	SUBJECT:	OUTDOOR PING PONG TABLE
	Location:	Donnybrook
	Applicants:	N/A
	Reserve:	Public Purpose
	File Ref:	A3532
	Author:	Bob Wallin (Principal Planner)
	Report Date:	24 September 2015
	Attachments	5.1.2(1) - Location Plan 5.1.2(2) - Design of Tables

Background

A member of the community has presented the idea of locating an outdoor Ping-Pong table behind the Station Masters building on the “old paved chess board” (Attachment 5.1.2(1) – Location Plan).

This idea is intended to help activate and engage the public with the locality.

The table is constructed in steel, weighing 700kg. It includes a welded net, securing footings and bat and ball holder. It comes in a single colour and has potential to include art work prepared by a local artist. Attachment 5.1.2(2) shows an example.

The table is costed at \$7,875.00, plus delivery (estimated at \$450.00) and GST (Total \$9,157.50).

It has been advised that other Local Governments have been successful in obtaining funds from LotteryWest.

Discussion with LotteryWest has indicated that requests for grants need to be packaged in terms of broad strategic vision that shows active engagement with the community and wider stakeholders and funding bodies. One-off items are viewed less favourably as they are ad-hoc and time consuming for LotteryWest to administer and consider.

An example provided by LotteryWest is a project undertaken by the Shire of Capel for the redevelopment of its civic precinct that includes linkages to existing parks.

Comment

An outdoor ping pong table represents an innovative concept for adding fun, colour and vibrancy to the local area. However, to get the most value out of this idea, it needs to be framed within a wider strategic idea and context.

The order of events and focus needs to be considered correctly much the same way as organising a landscaping project. The best results are achieved when a plan and vision is worked out first, rather than buying a nice plant and then designing around it. The focus needs to be on the vision, not individual objects.

There is potential that thinking about the “ping pong” table could be the spark that ignites the imagination and starts a creative process for how to make the main centre of town more of an integrated “precinct”.

Policy/Statutory Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

There is potential to fund this project from the townscape budget. It is likely that additional funds will be required to ensure that the site is appropriate for supporting the table, enabling defects in the surface are fixed and that the surrounding wall is removed to limit potential for tripping over in the heat of a game.

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Committee’s Recommended Resolution

Moved: Cr Logiudice

Seconded: Mr J Thomson

That the Chief Executive Officer:

- 1. review options to integrate the “Apple Fun Park”, the “Rail Precinct” and “Main Street” to improve vibrancy, community spirit and activity; and**
- 2. Assess the feasibility of developing a grant funding proposal.**

Carried 4/0

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Main Roads WA

Mr Bill Berry and Mr Lou Paladrini from Main Roads WA discussed:

- a) Potential for a Tourist Bay near Irishtown Road intersection (Arboretum);

- b) Road design options for South Western Highway between Bridge Street and Anchor and Hope Inn; and
- c) Works currently being progressed at the northern entrance to town.

Christmas Lights

The Townscape Committee agreed to extend the Christmas lights along Main Street this year. Christmas light options and cost estimates to be investigated.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President advises that the date of the next Donnybrook Townscape Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 December 2015, commencing at 4.00pm, at the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup Council Chambers.

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.58pm.

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Donnybrook Townscape Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2015.		
Shire President		Presiding Member