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K R S URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP MEETING

18 July 2002
6.30 PM – 8.30PM

Jubilee Hall, Holy Trinity Anglican Church,
cor High and Pakingham Streets, Kew

PURPOSE

The purpose of this second meeting was:

- To agree on the principles.
- To understand some of the influences and factors which will affect the redevelopment of the site.

ATTENDANCE

Judith Voce	Councillor – Studley Ward
Jack Wegman	Councillor - Junction Ward
John Leatherland	Regional Director, Department of Human Services
Katrina Reynan	Community Representative
Allan Stokes	Program Manager (Metropolitan), Financial and Corporate Services, Department of Human Services
Bruce Richards	Community Representative
Ian Whalley	Vice President, Kew Parents Residents Association
Alma Adams	Manager KRS and Redevelopment
Peter Watkinson	Assistant Director, Transit & Place Management - Department of Infrastructure
Noel Matthews	Manager Strategic Planning
Edwin Irvine	Co-Ordinator Strategic Planning
Robyn Hellman	Senior Strategic Planner

Observers:

There were 19 observers in attendance. Of these, 4 were consultants who were presenters at the meeting and 3 were urban designers who will be involved later in the working group process as explained by Noel (see below).

Apologies:

Keith Walter	Councillor – Solway Ward - Keith joined the meeting at about 7.30pm
Sam Kisvarda	Community Representative
Liz Ampt	Presentation on Movement - held over to the July meeting

Introduction

Noel welcomed the Group and the observers. Noel mentioned that some of the observers were presenters and that others were the urban designers who would be asked to produce concepts for the Group's consideration at its August meeting. He also mentioned the article that had appeared on 10 June 2002 in the Progress Leader. Noel reaffirmed that there are no plans for the site and that the Working Group would be developing an Urban Design Framework which would set out the principles to be achieved in the redevelopment of the site.

In response, John reaffirmed that the State Government was participating in Council's working group process in good faith and confirmed that there are no plans in existence for the site. He said that the State Government is keen to be part of the Working Group and mentioned that when the project was launched the Minister for Community Services, the Hon. Bronwyn Pike commended Council for establishing the Working Group. He said that it is not the position of State Government to squeeze housing on the site but that development should be sympathetic to the local environment and shaped by the local community.

Feedback on the principles

Robyn emphasised that although the Principles had been grouped into themes, the list of Principles was unedited i.e. exactly as formulated by the Group.

Ian requested that the following be added:

"Acknowledge existing community on the site." *(This has now been added.)*

Presentations

To assist with an understanding of some of the influences and factors which will affect the redevelopment of the site, the meeting included a series of presentations as follows:

Leigh Woolley:	Site Precinct (Morphology) Study
Bryce Raworth:	Conservation and Management Plan (Buildings)
Susan Tallon:	Conservation and Management Plan (Vegetation)
Dominique Hes:	Sustainable Design

Site Precinct (Morphology) Study

Leigh spoke about the landform and the history of development of the site and the precinct, and the implications these had for the future development of the site. He concluded that the development of the precinct is too fragmented to suggest any particular pattern for the site.

Development of the site should have reference to:

- The underlying landform
- The existing avenues of trees and important trees and groups of trees
- The scale of the trees
- The Willsmere boundary walls
- Buildings of conservation value
- The scale of the Willsmere buildings

- Connection (visual and functional) between the precinct's parts

Conservation Management Plan (Buildings and Vegetation)

Bryce explained that the conservation management plan identifies the nature, extent and level of cultural significance of the site. As can be seen from the study, only few of the original buildings remain on the site and their significance has been diminished by unsympathetic additions and the construction of later buildings.

Susan discussed landscape elements identified as being of potential cultural heritage significance. Specific areas include vegetation corridors, remnant vegetation, the central plantation which includes some rare trees, and an individual Bishop Pine, which is extremely rare in the State of Victoria.

Bryce stated that significant elements identified in the study need to be retained or at least considered in the redevelopment of the site.

In response to a question Susan stated that it is unlikely that any tree, other than the Bishops Pine would be considered for the State Heritage Register.

Sustainable Design

The title of Dominique's presentation was 'Healthy home, Community, and Environment'.

The focus was that through planning and goal setting at the start of a project, cost effective outcomes which reduced energy and water consumption could be achieved. Dominique provided examples of sites designed to reduce stormwater run off and reduce water consumption through swail drains, re-use of water, and retarding basins. She also provided concrete examples of homes and other buildings that had been designed to conserve energy. Dominique showed that natural light, use of materials, orientation of buildings, and use of appropriate colours, all help in reducing operating (heating and cooling) costs, and with the addition of solar panels producing buildings which have little to no energy consumption.

Homework

Robyn explained that the next stage of the Working Group process was the formulation of objectives. Objectives are statements of what we want to achieve for the site, and can be seen as a structured way of expressing the principles.

In order to facilitate the objective setting process, a "raw" list of objectives will be workshopped at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Wednesday, 10 July 2002 from 5.30pm to 7.30 pm at the Gallery, Trinity Grammar School, Charles Street, Kew (entry from Charles Street - between Cotham Road and Wellington Street).

