

Minutes of the Community Reference Group Meeting

09/10/07 - 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Attendees

Chair - Cr Lindsay

CCC - Peter Tabulo, Cr Gregory, Peter Boyd, Kelly Barnes (Minutes), Kelly Coppin, Adele Wright, Colleen McRae

Nancy Lansky, Avril Duck, Peter Dall'Alba, Beryl Wilson, Lisa O'Mara, Bruce Corcoran, Bill Bray

Welcome

New Attendees

Colleen McRae – Hambledon House – Cairns City Council

Adele Wright – Social Planner – Cairns City Council

Bill Bray – Environmental Representative

Bruce Corcoran – Mulgrave Landcare

Apologies

Stan Jensen

Minutes Moved – Beryl Wilson – Seconded Nancy Lansky

The group was advised that Nikki Huddy has resigned from Cairns City Council – we would like to thank her for her contribution to this process. Peter Boyd is the Acting Manager of Strategic Planning and will be carrying on with involvement in the Southern Corridor Vision process - welcome to Peter.

Request from Bruce Corcoran that a change be made to allow Mulgrave Landcare to have two (2) representatives in the Reference Group.

Cr Lindsay asked the group to reflect on any feedback, comments or questions they as representatives have received from the community about being a representative of this process?

Nancy Lansky – Safety in public places – Employment creation in Gordonvale – trying to get people working where we are living.

Avril Duck – People are amazed that process is going on – people wanting to be a part of it – Also sustainability in housing and design.

Lisa O'Mara – Landcare meeting – consultative process was a good thing approved and appreciated – concern that a landowner was not contacted about LRG – members on Landowners Reference Group & Taskforce might have disproportion of representation.

Bruce Corcoran – Future water use and impact on Behana and water tables. He thinks water issues should be addressed by this group rather than a separate issue environmental flow issues. Peter Tabulo responded – CCC looking at aquifer independent study and assessment. Cr Gregory added that water is a big issues and an item of concern - covered by 2025 - Cairns Water looking at options.

Peter Dall'Alba – Only comments he had received is that the local people don't just want more of the same as the rest of Cairns, they want it to be a unique place.

Beryl Wilson – Commented that she had received similar comments to Peter Dall'Alba.

Colleen McRae – People are making enquiries and want to know what is going on with clearing of land near service station in Gordonvale. Cr Gregory responded – Housing Residential lots – The construction of the wall is a main roads condition.

Adele Wright - Comments received from the Street talk on Saturday – transport Bus & Trains – about the linking up of services, is there enough schools & shops & roads that work.

Cr G Gregory commented – Transport was a common theme – difficult idea to sell – job creation centre – QT has a goal of 20% public transport usage Cairns wide.

Cr Lindsay had an enquiry about what is being planned about additional Police in the Edmonton Gordonvale area.

Comments regarding the Vision Day

Bill Bray advised that he could not attend –Sarah was there – she thought there would be a vision there. Peter Tabulo responded – that was the purpose – no preconceived idea of the vision.

Avril Duck enquired as to what happened to information? Peter Boyd responded by advising that staff were in the process of breaking down of data to develop a draft vision that will be worked on to achieve a final vision.

Peter Tabulo advised the group that there will be many changes over time - the vision will be revisited over the years at review points where there will be a need to go back out to the community to assess what we do with the balance.

Colleen McRae Asked - is the feedback from the visioning day going out to the community? Say community halls?

It was identified that there is a need to get the information out there - 10 top priorities from each category from the vision day.

Peter Tabulo summed up the vision day (from previous minutes)

At the end of the vision day, we will have a set of words that need 'polishing' to become a 'gem' that will form a document that will direct the Council, the Task Force and Reference Groups and be used for branding and marketing. Ultimately the vision will be used to ensure that we do not lose site of our hopes and expectations for the Southern Corridor.

Avril Duck raised concern that roles are not enough scope – in between role – limited and need to be given more flexibility. Cr Lindsay responded and directed Avril to the charter in the package of information for the Community Reference Group.

The primary role of the Reference Group members is keeping the people informed - to ensure dissemination of information to others in the community. The role is also to provide feedback to the Council and Master Planning Task Force. Cr Lindsay advised – ideas from people living in the community – essential feedback about your area.

Nancy Lansky suggested the public ownership of open space – usable space not token space – sense of space.

Cr Lindsay advised that there are issues of looking at open space with many options - one (1) big sporting field v several smaller open spaces v linear spaces along waterways v sometimes smaller park land with facilities.

Bruce Corcoran – Effects higher than the urban footprint – waste disposal for construction waste – pristine creek like Behana will suffer effects from the impacts this is an area of concern.

Nancy Lansky – suggested that an idea is to look at the number of business who recycle builders waste.

Concern was raised that there is a deal of scepticism – why are we having this consultation? Role of community in the whole process.

Actions to progress before next meeting

Look at handouts – email in questions before next meeting

Another task force meeting – collation of high scoring themes to Community Reference Groups

Update information on web site

Action Items

Beryl to Book room – Ambulance Meeting Room for next meeting.

Next Meeting

4.00pm - Tuesday 20th November – Gordonvale Ambulance Meeting Room

Thank you for attending