

Minutes of the Landowner Reference Group Meeting

09/10/07 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Attendees

Chair Cr Gregory

CCC - Peter Tabulo, Cr Lindsay, Peter Boyd, Kelly Barnes (minutes), Kelly Coppin

David Mohammed, David Singh, Don Hussey, Greg Nucifora, Ken Hardwick, Nadine Hickling, Neil Warburton, Shaun Ryan, Theo Bacalakis, Tracey Fantin

New Attendee – Daryl Madder

Minutes Moved – Greg Nucifora – Seconded Don Hussey

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.

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

Ken Hardwick advised that he has heard 50 hectares was to be put aside for a hospital. Peter Tabulo responded that this was not the case that the Council is aware of.

Nadine Hickling advised that she has heard that the State Government has a put stop on sale of cane land. Peter Tabulo responded to this by advising that Council has not heard this and cant see how this could be so with discussions in 2010 that western side of highway is for future development while the eastern side is to remain for cane.

Ken Hardwick enquired about another access to Cairns - earmark a corridor now rather than try to in fill when the Government realizes the need. Cr Gregory responded that the Minister acknowledged that we need another access – mixed messages – planners have a proposed line on plan – response from Minister meeting to confirm.

David Mohammad enquired about another access that Nikki had talked about at the previous meeting. Peter Tabulo responded that there are options to traffic movement between suburbs not alternative route.

The members of the group were advised that feedback from these meeting is fed back up to the Taskforce.

Tracey Fantin enquired about an update to road or adding rail as an option. Cr Gregory advised the QT required – 120,000 travels per day = 60,000 each way per day to make it viable alternate public transport options is a cornerstone of the process

Comments regarding the Vision Day

Cr Gregory expressed that the Vision Day was an excellent process, he advised that he already understood the process as had attended a Stephen Ames vision seminar before.

Peter Boyd advised that this was a once in a generation opportunity or more appropriately a once in a century opportunity. Vision that we develop is not the plan – keep going back to as it evolves over the next 50 years.

Neil Warburton said that it was interesting to see economists from interstate having a say. He was expecting a paper today with all the comments from the vision day, a summary of the things that were said to show conflicting information – high v low density - how do you handle contradictions? People that wanted to talk about electricity and water didn't fit into groups – Vision comes first.

Peter Tabulo advised that we will make the information available – provide the themes issues that have immerged - data set and referral point what were we trying to achieve. Disseminate the information to produce and deliver a Vision Statement.

Cr Gregory advised that conflicts will be addressed by taskforce, zoning of land and planning principles, logic & theory master planning – Water issues were addressed by the Community Reference Group earlier – water is a given – water supply plans – directed by NRMW this is where next water supply will come from.

Peter Tabulo advised the need for Good Planning Principle e.g. - no-one should have to walk more than Xm to a bus route, we are starting to see a change – new to the Cairns Market – Traditional Cairns is no longer – we are seeing the bar raised in development.

Tracey Fantin expressed a value of the importance of the issues to do with water. Cr Gregory advised that a 10% water saving policy was put on – we (cairns) saved 20%.

Don Hussey enquired how long until a new town centre will be identified and what if they don't want to sell? Cr Gregory responded that it will take a couple of years for the master planning

Tracey Fantin enquired if the Vision Document will go to taskforce and back to Ref groups, what is it going to look like? Cr Gregory advised that it is expected to be a high level paragraph to express the vision of the area which is to be revisited as needed.

Peter Tabulo summed up the vision day

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.

David Mohammed enquired about General Arrangement Infrastructure. Peter Tabulo responded in terms of hard infrastructure a study of the area that joins the study area of Edmonton & Gordonvale to look at broad level analysis and constraints on the land.

Nadine Hickling raised concerns over the intersection of Draper road & Highway very sharp corner affecting traffic conditions.

Action Items

None

Next Meeting

5.30pm 20th November – Gordonvale Ambulance Meeting Room

Thank you for your attendance.