

GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 9 May 2022

Online

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5:30pm and concluded at 7:00pm.

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Staff
Alex Lofts		Quinn Ritchie
Alice Hickey		
Bronwyn Holland		
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones		
Danielle Capon		
Jed Finnane		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Mary Osborn		
Suzy Carter		
Timothy Graffen		

2. Acknowledgment of Country

DC provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Ken Welsh

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Introductions

All attendees were invited to introduce themselves and briefly describe their interest in the GreenWay project.

7. Reports from Officers

None.

8. Reports from forum members and community groups

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions
Funding shortfall (CJ)	Looking for a report on the shortfall of funding for in-corridor works	RH to provide update on funding shortfall including: what is the shortfall, how shortfall relates to budget items over upcoming financial years, strategy to cover shortfall
Save Dully concerns (JK)	Ongoing concerns that southern end of the corridor is missing out considering latest staging proposal for in-corridor works	
IWEG update (JB)	IWEG will be applying for Planting Trees for the Queen's	

	<p>Jubilee grant. Aiming to get \$20k from the grant to be used at Piggott St bushcare site and a new site at Marion St light rail station (city side).</p> <p>ArtEste were looking to run lessons on the GW path to draw plants and discuss but didn't get any responses.</p> <p>Cadigal Reserve is having an ongoing problem with people using the reserve for mountain biking.</p>	
GW Edge (JK, NC)	<p>Location of GW Edge project should be shared along the GW not just at the northern end.</p> <p>Note that GW Edge resourcing is not as great as it has been in previous years.</p>	QR to circulate promotional material for upcoming GW Edge event.
Canal Rd Film Centre site (SC)	<p>Large parcel of land is available at the Canal Rd Film Centre site between Blackmore Rd and Bones Café.</p> <p>Original Cooks to Cove Master Plan shows this land as an extension of the dog park and biodiversity area.</p> <p>Request strategic planning to open discussions with Create NSW to open portions of that land for the GW.</p> <p>Would improve links between Canal Rd and Darly Rd.</p>	Strategic planning to be briefed on the opportunity by QR/GCF
Process for following up on GCF actions (AL, DC, BA)	<p>Should set up a shared Google Doc for actions, priorities, responsibilities.</p> <p>Also include contact list/briefing paper so GCF members know who can be contacted to action requests.</p>	DC/BA to set up Google Doc

9. Discussion items

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Actions in Cooks to Cove Master Plan not included in	Current capital works program is more limited than the Cooks to Cove Master Plan. Many projects in the master	QR to investigate within Council – are these projects still part of the master

current scope of capital works (NC)	plan are waiting to be completed and not reliant on the capital works program, e.g. Hawthorne Canal precinct activation, Lewisham West precinct public domain guidelines. GCF should follow up on these projects to keep the master plan alive.	plan? What is the status?
GreenWay schools active travel (NC)	8 March 2022 resolution that Council, <i>"Commits to working with local schools, P&Cs, and residents on measures to support safe walking and cycling to and from schools, and commences immediate planning work to identify and cost potential safety measures for implementation as part of the 2022-23 budget"</i> . The GW schools active travel program directly addresses this need. QR notes recent contact from local public school teacher asking about school excursions along the GW.	GCF to take the idea up with councillors. Can also work with Ken Welsh, noting that his team may need more resources to action. Observatory Hill environmental education centre may be able to assist teacher. QR to provide contact info to NC to follow up.
Interactive GIS (BA)	Request on updates for the GW being used as a trial area for interactive GIS.	QR to follow up with GIS team
GreenWay archive/ repository (BA)	Note that there is currently no public repository of information, reporting or publications on the GW. Used to be on the old GW website but wasn't transferred to IWC site. Can add a tab to the new IWC GW site for background docs but the archive will need to be curated first. Suggestion to start with docs on the old GW site.	BA to work with DC to add list of archive material to the Google Doc for review/curation.
Weed and vegetation management (BA)	Is there a strategic approach to bushcare management along the GW? Weeds have been getting out of control in the last few months. Also an issue of vegetation removal using spraying by railway contractor adjacent to Fred St.	

	<p>Last meeting RH updated on this. Urban ecology is responsible for bushcare sites. Verge plantings are of concern. Currently contractors will look after the sites for 1 year with possible extension for 1 year if the work is good. Noting that this strategy is not working, e.g. salt marshes at Richard Murden will all need to be replanted.</p>	
Weston Street (BA)	<p>Can the closure of Weston St and signal installation be expedited?</p> <p>Last meeting RH updated on this and noted that no preliminary work had been done on the traffic lights as part of the Waratah Mills development.</p> <p>Lots of opposition from residents for the crossing – will have no effect as the project has been approved by Council.</p>	
Monitoring the GreenWay success (BA)	<p>Is there any plan in place to monitor success of the GW?</p> <p>Can be a best practice model to assist other projects.</p> <p>Need to start documenting use now.</p> <p>GW is the top Green Grid project so state government may support this work.</p> <p>OCB crossing would provide great data for a before and after.</p> <p>Can use open source data from Strava etc. to track use of active transport trails – no need to develop a monitoring plan as this data is already available.</p> <p>Should also put more bike counters in place (currently only 1 left at Richard Murden Reserve).</p> <p>Preliminary discussions done in the past with City Futures Research Centre about active transport rates.</p> <p>Note that monitoring of success should extend beyond</p>	<p>NC to follow up with City Futures Research Centre.</p> <p>All GCF members to brainstorm how they can contribute to monitoring success from their individual perspectives for next meeting.</p>

	active transport, e.g. biodiversity, nature.	
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10. General business

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Meeting running (AL)	All members to send suggestions on how to improve meetings to AL. Notice of upcoming meeting will go out 2 weeks before meeting. Members to send reports/items to AL 2 weeks before meeting. AL to collate agenda and send out 1 week before meeting.	
Councillor involvement	Some councillors are definitely interested in joining meetings. Need to be proactive in inviting them to future meetings.	
WhatsApp	Would be useful to have a way for GCF members to keep in touch between meetings.	BA/AL to set up a WhatsApp chat group for GCF members

Next meeting

Monday 11 July 5:30pm

Petersham Service Centre Level 3 Function Room