

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 12 September 2022
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5:35pm and concluded at 6:55pm.

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Mark Drury	Magda Jansen (GW)
Alice Hickey (online)		Ryan Hawken (manager GW)
Bruce Ashley (online)		Bronwyn Tuohy (art) (online)
Colin Jones (online)		Ken Welsh (transport planning)
Jennifer Kent		
Nick Chapman		
Suzy Carter		
Mary Osborn		GW = GreenWay

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Bronwyn Holland

Jo Blackman

Danielle Capon

Helen Knowles (council staff, urban ecology)

Kate Jackson (council staff, sustainability)

Kendall Banfield (council staff, transport) – *only attends if Ken Welsh can't make it*

Clr Mat Howard

Clr Timothy Stephens

Absent:

Timothy Graffen

Jed Finnane

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (JK) and accepted (SC). Carried.

7. Project updates and reports

Presentation from Ryan, Project Manager, with scope, update of funding and works progress (completed, in progress and coming up).

Item	Summary	Questions
In-corridor works	<p>Scope: Central links and Southern links with variety of key features.</p> <p>Report to engage contractor to be considered by council tomorrow, Tue 13 Sep. Still shortfall in funding due to escalation in pricing (will be shortfall in 2024-2025).</p> <p>Community engagement expected Jan-Feb 2023.</p> <p>Construction expected to commence Aug 2023, RH gave overall staging timeline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA: when will sections open, for example Gadigal Reserve tunnel? RH: as soon as completed. • AH: when will Weston St be connected to rest of GW? RH: fully connected when finished; existing or temporary routes will be provided by contractor. • MO: is it possible to put map up at Weston St? RH: wayfinding will be put up eventually, map is on website, no funding available for temporary signing. MO would like to see signs. • NC: is access agreement with Sydney Trains signed? RH: No, will be signed once contractor is engaged. Agreement is ready to go once contractor gets on board. • NC: Old Canterbury Rd traffic lights or tunnel? Traffic lights will go in, tunnel is pending funding. • JK: How are we informing the community? Newsletter? RH: No newsletters have been approved just yet, but hopefully soon. • JK: Discussion minuted about works done to Johnson Park. JK would like an update on community engagement planned for August 2022. RH informed community engagement will take place in Oct, pending contractor engagement.
Bay Run path and lighting upgrade	<p>Going smoothly, working well with contractor, scheduled finished in Feb 2023 due to rain. Fully funded.</p>	

High Voltage Feeder relocation	Feb 22 to April/May 2023 (still on hold, due to industrial action, only about 2 weeks of works left). Assists in planting trees along GreenWay in-corridor by moving from overhead feeder to feeder along track. Over budget due to delays, hope to use additional funding from Bay Run.	
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8. Reports from forum members and community groups

Item	Summary	Comments/questions
Update from Clr Drury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clr Mark Drury expresses thanks to Ryan Hawken for all his work. Alex Lofts reinforces this on behalf of the GCF. • Clr Drury recognises that GW comes with a set of challenges (e.g. building costs). Tomorrow night council will consider the contractor agreement. • Still funding shortfall; council will need to consider risks. • Prioritise traffic lights over Old Canterbury Road; need to work with Traffic NSW. View that Old Canterbury Road tunnel will be staged last and try to find remaining funding then. 	<p>NC:</p> <p>GW challenges identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding > enough to substantially commence and complete works • Sydney Trains agreement > is ready to be signed • Stakeholders > many now positively engaged <p>Other expected challenges?</p> <p>Clr Drury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change > amount of rain may be an issue • Complex project to manage > continuing challenges and will continue to be like that • Neighbours > works disruptions and complaints/community discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefully after tomorrow's council meeting, communication can go out to community. 	<p>BA: Can GCF do anything to get OCR tunnel funded?</p> <p>Clr Drury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other funding gaps need to be filled first. Tunnel will be last. <p>BA suggest doing it concurrently. Maybe raise a working group within GCF to find funding?</p>
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9. Strategic Planning for the Forum

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions
enhancing a cooperative working relationship with council officers and within the forum	AL reminded everyone of Terms of Reference of GCF.	AL suggested new strategic plan, AL willing to draft this for next meeting.
BA: scope in GCF for subgroups/working groups, e.g. grants for wayfinding, archiving, interactive mapping etc.	BA working groups suggestion: GCF agenda is quite full, working groups can get action done between meetings.	AL draft up table and people can sign up for groups.
increased hours for our liaison officer (Magda)		Advocate for this
establishing working groups for specific interests/projects related to the GreenWay		
grant applications for small projects e.g. way-finding signs/QR maps, a		Can be a working group

guide to plants and trees you will find along the GreenWay		
need for additional officer hours (as in above point) for community engagement during period of major construction and to respond properly to the issues/needs flagged by the Forum		Advocate for this
the need to start advocating for long-term staffing for post construction period	<p>NC: 2025 works complete: we should prepare for this> how we are managing and resourcing the GW? GCF should be thinking ahead of this. Need council to listen to GCF.</p> <p>AL clarified that Strategic Plan is for GCF, not for GW as a whole.</p>	Create timeline
relevant points from previous position paper/redrafting. (Perhaps to send to current GM/delivery team)	AL and NC to create strategic plan together. MO also interested in being involved in evaluation.	AL to create this strategy and send to group for comments.
possible meeting with GreenWay delivery team/General Manager	<p>Shorter term strategy</p> <p>NC: new phase of project starting soon, need good line of communication with new GW people in council</p>	<p>Take strategic plan to GM and team</p> <p>AL: add a revised position paper to this meeting too</p>
developing a method or system that is shared amongst the forum members and key Councils officers to raise issues outside of the forum. Say Whatsapp/ Microsoft chat group	<p>BA: suggested this.</p> <p>Haven't had time to explore this > may be topic for subgroup.</p>	Can be one the strategies

10. Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions
Any further progress on developing an interactive GIS for the GreenWay?	No progress	Potential for a working group to take this on
Progress on developing systems for archiving, and ability to be able to retrieve/view historical as well as contemporary Greenway material that is in electronic format. Apply for IWC council \$5,000 grant to assist in developing some archive material?	No progress	BA happy to take this as subgroup, calling for ideas. AL: this will be strategy in the strategic planning.
<p>How do we confirm and/or clarify what sort of issues are specific council-related/resident related – versus ones which involve the GreenWay and Forum in the broader sense?</p> <p>An example is the issue raised by Bronwyn re vegetation pruning/removal in or near the western side of the corridor between Constitution Rd and New Canterbury Rd, is this more of a resident/landowner's complaint that should be dealt with by Council or their body corporate as a matter of course rather than involving the GreenWay Forum?</p>	<p>AL: Needs to go to council first, otherwise it takes too long, with GCF only meeting every two months.</p> <p>BA: shouldn't come to GCF. Any physical issue should be dealt with within council, not by GCF. GCF should be more strategic.</p> <p>JK suggesting being conduit for ad hoc community concerns as well, as these issues are what engage/interest people. GW came from community, and we need to assist community.</p> <p>AL: we need to develop a protocol around this.</p>	<p>Agreed: Raise with council first. Then report to GCF what happened, if needed.</p>

	NC: we need council staff to be able to answer questions, either directly in meeting, or report after meeting.	
JK: The need to monitor the restoration of bush destroyed to gain access to storm water near Arlington Light Rail & Dulwich Grove. Please see pictures in agenda.	JK: concerned about this. Who is going to make sure this is done the right way?	RH: clarified this is private land.
JK: The possible increase in population as outlined in proposed planning for Dulwich Hill & resultant need for active transport and green space.	Big apartment buildings going up, no new land available for urban spaces (besides GW). GW will have to provide for this with limited space. JK: eternal conflict > pressure on delicate ecology sites.	
GW art prize	Bronwyn giving update: still looking for location (ideas welcome!), otherwise going really well, calls for entries open.	BA: new development of community building in Summer Hill near IGA could work for GW art prize in two years' time. Clr Drury agrees.

11. General business

Item	Summary	Comments/questions
Clr Drury: asking for time to be changed to 6pm-7.30pm, so that Clr Tim Stephens can attend.	<p>Will need feedback from members.</p> <p>AL: suggest making it 5.45pm-7.15pm and Clr can call in later around 6pm via Teams.</p> <p>Agreed that Clr attendance is important.</p>	Decision: meeting time changed to 5.45pm - 7.15pm.

12. Next meeting

Monday 14 November 5:45pm

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