

Precinct Advisory Group meeting – memorandum minutes.

Friday 29th June Maleny Bowls Club 1.00 pm

Attendees:

Jenny McKay, Richard Hill - Sunshine Coast Council

Graham Hart (Chairman) Max Whitten (Golf Club) Mike Norman (MDSRC) Kim Easton (Maleny Swim Club) Peter Stevens (Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group) Paul Gilmour-Walsh (Green Hills) Carolyn Williams (independent community rep) Gail Denver (Friends of Pattermore House)

(Barung Landcare not present)

Apologies: none

Graham welcomed Richard Hill to the PAG and thanked Alan Rogers for his work thus far with the group and the Precinct.

Jenny welcomed everyone and stated that the PAG is regarded by the SCC and the CEO as a very creditable organisation doing excellent work on the Precinct. She wants to see SCC officer resources refined and directed to achieve the best outcomes.

She stated her main focus in Maleny for 2012 is finalising plans for the Maleny Aquatic Centre, Sport and Rec's plans and the pathways and trails on the Precinct and to Gardner's Falls. She feels that the original Master Plan was overdesigned and thus too costly and welcomed a new direction.

Richard agreed, saying this was a timely discussion as SCC was about to review the MP. and said SCC has delivered its budget and some changes are now relevant to the MCP and provided these details:

The general budget for the MCP has been reduced to \$500,000 per year.

There is no budget for the construction of Parkland Drive and allocated is:

Road and car-park Pattermore House:	970,000
PH amenities block design (additionally there is money in the budget for its construction)	50,000
Trails:	450,000
Reveg of Obi Creek	100,000
Loan to golf (as a separate item)	450,000

Max said that the group needed to take stock of the financial implications the many changes already made on the MP have brought, and we should concentrate on further

ideas for revenue raising that could be generated from the Precinct land. He said that the past work done was good and the future looked the same.

Graham suggested an update for the group from each rep. and invited comment.

Richard said that there is focus on what sport and rec are doing on their leased area

Mike MDSRC: The S&R report as delivered by SCC last year was of no use to the sporting groups needs as it was working to a 15 year delivery plan and the district's needs have to be met now. MDSRC recognises the need to make a relevant business plan for the future of all district sport. Therefore the preferred usage of the Precinct leased area for MDSRC after detailed investigation into the needs of all sports in the district, relative to the schools, the Showgrounds, Witta and the Precinct is to facilitate the combined equestrian groups under one group, MEGS (Maleny Equestrian Group which is affiliated with MDSRC) as the sole user. The previous plans have altered to show that netball is now to be at the school, bowls has signed a 9 year lease with the new synthetic surface so will stay put, touch and rugby, whilst not ideal, have decided to stay put so as not to endanger the future of the Witta Rec Club. They will deal with the issue of their currently undersized fields by trying to acquire more land; athletics have found more land and a new access road at the High School so will develop there; and soccer will expand into the areas on the Showgrounds vacated by the horse groups. The fields will be utility fields on the SG's, allowing touch and rugby to utilise if needs be. Consequently, the site for the combined sports club house will be at the SG's and they need to adjust their MPL too. The Precinct MP will need to begin the process for the amendment required to reflect these changes. Showgrounds President Ivan Hankinson understands the need for equestrian to progress and expand and will be assisting with plans to relocate to the Precinct.

Graham asked if there was any objection from any party present to the MDSRC plans – all were in agreement. It was also agreed that MEGS should be represented on the PAG.

Mike finished by saying that they were working with Alison Hamlyn, SCC, who was confirming that SCC were happy with the plans so the MDSRC business plan can be constructed. There was the need to finalise the boundaries for MDSRC so there would be agreement on proposed tree plantings relevant to the creek reveg areas. Richard said there will no plantings within this (Sport & Rec) area until all stakeholders are satisfied and Council has confirmed an amended lease area.

Paul Gilmour-Walsh Green Hills: They had received 2 large grants, \$175,000 and \$20,000 for the express purpose of revegetating the riparian strip along the Obi Obi Creek. There were conditions applicable to the grants. The group congratulated GH's on obtaining the funding to assist the Precinct works. There was a short discussion re: ensuring appropriate species selection to satisfy safety of horses, riders and spectators on the areas between S&R and creek. GH was working with Council to resolve boundary issues.

Kim Easton Swim Club: The Club was working with SCC to finalise the best spot for the aquatic centre and hoped to see all done this year. Jenny promised \$30,000 for the appropriate site feasibility studies.

Gail Denver Pattermore House: all was going according to plan and time-frame, the house repairs were finished, the 5 year management plan was about to be delivered, short, medium and long term usage plans for the house were well underway. The amenities block had been designed with much input from the group for the needs of PH visitors, golf users and walkers and Gail noted that it was a building almost the same size as PH.

Max Whitten Golf Club: in March they had received approval from SCC of their DA for a nine hole course. Some outstanding Conditions were agreed to on 13 June. The MGC's business plan will now go to Simon Crock, SCC, next week for preliminary comment. The way forward then is that after receipt of the SCC response, there would be a lease document signed. MGC is working on a detailed plan right now- there are still issues to be resolved re: LTU areas. Carolyn and Paul asked for a definition.

Graham thanked all and reiterated that this good progress was due to the work done by the individual stake-holders coupled with the work done by the PAG group, which should be congratulated.

Other

Max asked that the sign in Porter's Lane be removed, as it was not updated to show MP changes, and was confusing - it was agreed.

There was a short discussion re: inappropriate comments about the PAG made in a public meeting situation. The group felt this was more an individual's point of view and did not reflect the position of the groups on the PAG. It was agreed that good progress had been made by the PAG. All but two of its resolutions had been unanimous and there was much work still to be done by the PAG.

Meeting ended 2.15 pm