

Minutes

CITY OF RYDE

Environment & Planning

meeting **Macquarie Park Landowners
Forum**

date: 5 June 2008 – 4pm to 6pm

venue: Stamford Grand Hotel, cnr Epping & Herring
Road, Macquarie Park

Chair: Mike Whittaker, General Manager, City of Ryde

Attendees

Property Council	Kristin Pryce, Policy Officer
AMP Capital Investment	Peter Hunt, Project Director, Macquarie Centre
Winten	Anthony Otto, CEO
ING	Robert Mackay, Director Industrial Development
Stockland	Michael Yiend, Development Manager
Macquarie University	Dale Clark, Director Office of Facilities Management
	Adrian Briggs, University Investment Trust
CRI	Ross Butler, Consultant to University
CoR	Lexie Macdonald, Paul William-Smith, Nick Chapman

Apologies

Property Council	Angus Nardi
Stockland	Peter Morley
Goodman International	Collin Rockliff, National Manager Planning & Design
Australand	Michael Kuhn, Development Manager
CoR	Kim Woodbury, Sue Weatherley

1. Welcome/Introductions (Chair)

Mike Whittaker welcomed all present.

2. Draft Minutes of last Forum meeting on 1 May

Minutes confirmed.

3.1 Review of Draft DCP and LEP amendment

Nick provided a brief update as follows:-

DCP review

- A comprehensive Report summarising submissions on the DDCP (including submissions from all Forum members) was submitted to the Committee of the Whole (CoW) meeting of 20 May, recommending adoption of various changes to the DDCP and community members addressed the CoW. Thanks to Anthony Otto and Peter Hunt for speaking on 20 May.
- Council deferred the matter for a fortnight and on 3 June a Supplementary Report was considered by CoW, which addressed concerns, raised by community/landowners on 20 May (re: 115 Wicks Rd. and 33 Waterloo Rd.). Sue Weatherley gave a comprehensive presentation and Anthony, Peter and Paul Watkins from Lipman spoke to the review. Councillors adopted the recommended changes to the DCP, with 2 minor amendments relating to the aforementioned sites on Wicks Rd and Waterloo Rd.
- Advertising will take place in the local paper from 1 July advising that the DCP has been adopted, with details about when the document will be available. The process has taken 18 months and a lot of resources and input from external stakeholders to get to this point.
- Lexie Macdonald took Forum members through the recommended changes (tables 3 & 4) of the Report to Council, dated 20 May, 2008.

LEP amendment

- CoR lodged the S65 report with Dept Planning in April and their senior staff were briefed on 26 May about the proposed amendment. Mike advised the DoP's S65 Panel is due to have its first meeting soon.

Other – AMP asked about the progress of the Movement Study and advised by Nike that the Draft Final Report is to be finalised over the next 4 to 6 weeks. Mike confirmed that the Report will be presented to the Forum first for comments, prior to finalization for consideration Council

3. 2 Branding & Marketing Working Group

Paul provided a brief update:-

- Since the “Visioning Workshop” involving Forum members on 3 April, Stage 1 of the KJA Consultancy has been progressing well and letters have been sent to key opinion leaders (eg local MPs, newspaper editors, senior academics at Macquarie University) requesting a 1 on 1 interview with Kathy Jones about how they see the future of the Macquarie Park corridor.
- Parallel to this, a focus group discussion was held with Gen Y people – a volunteer group of mostly current or former Macquarie University students, facilitated by Kathy Jones. A constructive and particularly interesting discussion was held and a number of observations were made about the how the participants envisaged what the ideal workplace in the future be, how it could function etc. The naming of Macquarie Park was discussed in the context of themes for inclusion in a business, life, workplace vision for the corridor. (KJA progress report was attached).

4. Macquarie Park Traffic Study

Harry Muker, CoR Senior Traffic Engineer outlined the findings of the Macquarie Park Traffic Study as follows-

- The draft Macquarie Park Study is the first half of the Macquarie Park Integrated Traffic and Movement Study, commissioned in 2007 to support the development of the DDCP and jointly funded by AMP, Goodman, TIDC, the University and CoR.
- As reported to the Forum meeting on 1 May, the final draft Traffic Study was submitted to CoW on 5 May and endorsed for public exhibition and an Executive Summary was circulated to all Forum members in May 2007.

The Study is on public exhibition until early July and all Forum members are invited to make submissions.

Key findings/issues of interest to the Forum include:-

- About 50% of the traffic on Lane Cove Rd is through traffic and 50% has Macq Park as its destination.
- The Report assumes a 60:40 percent modal split (car/public transport) by 2031 whereas currently it is a 85:15 percent split.
- Significant traffic growth on the M2 & around the University is projected and the Report shows that the proposed local roads network in the DCP is a good thing and will contribute to improvements in traffic circulation and flow. The “main game” is at the pinch points on the perimeter of Macquarie Park at the intersections of Delhi Rd/ Epping Rd, Herring Rd/Epping Rd etc.
- Finally, the report recommends additional ramps off the M2 at Herring Rd., grade separation at various points eg Herring/Epping Rd and Delhi/Epping Rd. Estimates for infrastructure costs of the necessary major roads works required by 2031 is in the order of \$300mil - \$500mil.

Discussion from Forum members included –

- The status of the proposed bus interchange near the Macquarie Park Shopping Centre
- General agreement that planning for the Interchange should be ‘folded into’ the whole design for the Herring Road / University precinct.

It was suggested and agreed that a delegation of CoR, University and AMP meet with MoT and local member – Minister Watkins to present the findings of the present traffic study and discuss its key recommendations, as well as discuss how the bus interchange project is progressing how it can be folded in to broader precinct work. CoR will organise to bring delegation together for a pre-meeting.

5. Macquarie University Part 3A submission

Mike Whittaker advised that -

- The University lodged their Part 3A DA with the DoP in December 2007

- At the February Forum meeting Robert Kelly gave a brief presentation about the University's 2004 Concept Plan and Part3A DA. The DA is being exhibited by DoP from mid-May to mid-June.

Dale Clark, the University's new Project Director and his Project Manager, Ross Butler from CRI prepared a 15 min presentation for the meeting. (Copies of the ppt presentation are available by contacting Dale direct).

6. Other Business (Chair)

No other business raised by Forum members

7. Next meeting (Chair)

TIDC has offered 3 July and 7 August as two possible dates for a tour of the Macquarie University Train Station. Forum members will be advised on specific details for the next meeting.