

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum No 6.

### Meeting Details

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 28 October 2009

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Function Room 1

Chairperson: Paul Molan, Director Planning  
and Environment



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## **1. Present**

### **Forum members**

George Crowl; Frank D'Assisi; Robert Dawson; Mervyn Hayman-Danker; Lynn Heath; Pam Meddings; Rosa Miot; Kay Perkins; Bryan Saunders; Jim Webber.

### **Council Officers**

Paul Molan, Director Planning and Environment; Teresa Dominik, Manager Economic and Environmental Planning

## **2. Apologies**

Cr Charles Pick, Mayor; Cr Fred Chuah JP, Deputy Mayor; Cr David Ellis; Cr Grace La Vella; Lydia Wilson; Ray Smith; Ted and Linda Linmeiers; Robert Anson; Ian Golding; Bradley Tibb; Denise Nakis; Dr Alison Fincher; Miralde Bartlett; Liz Guiver JP; Judith Conway; Cecilia Henderson; Carolyn Vimpani; Fiona MacKenzie.

## **3. Welcome and update by Chair, Paul Molan**

Paul Molan welcomed attendees to the third Doncaster Hill Issues Forum meeting for the year and gave a presentation on the activity which has been undertaken on Doncaster Hill since the last Issues Forum meeting on 10 June, including:

- Adoption of the Precinct 1 Masterplan following community consultation
- The Planning Permit Application currently on exhibition for the Civic Precinct Community Centre
- State and Federal Civic Precinct funding received to date
- The new Activity Centre Zone for Doncaster Hill
- An update on the Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan
- A progress update on the Doncaster Hill Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Current planning applications
- A transport update

### ***Questions from floor***

#### **Q. Where is the rest of the funding (non-grant funding) for the Civic Precinct Community Centre coming from?**

A. Other funding sources are: \$7 million from land / asset sales, and developer contributions including more than \$9 million from Westfield. Grant funding so far accounts for \$10.5 million.

#### **Q. How is Council planning for heritage aspects of Doncaster Hill?**

A. The Doncaster Hill Strategy and Precinct 1 Masterplan address heritage aspects specifically, and aim to enhance the historic character of the Precinct, and individual buildings within it.

Projects already implanted to enhance the heritage precinct include the Doncaster Hill Boulevard and Art Fence project, which improved the link between the Playhouse and Old Shire Hall, and the urban plaza on the corner of Doncaster Road and Council Street to improve the amenity of the Old Shire Hall.

Federal Government funding of \$37,727 has recently been secured for a Heritage Soundpost project in Precincts 1 and 2.

#### **4. Purpose of tonight's workshop/Review of Issues Forum**

Paul Molan outlined the purpose of the discussion – to address a review of the Issues Forum which is due to complete its term, under the Terms of Reference in February 2010.

#### **5. Group discussion**

Members broke into two groups to discuss the following issues:

- Process for assessment – survey to be posted to members
- Format of meetings
- Have topics been relevant, worthwhile
- Addressing low attendance
  - Is there a viable alternative to quarterly meetings?
- Ways to best achieve objectives of Issues Forum
- Improving Doncaster Hill communications and consultation

#### **6. Report back from groups**

##### **Group 1**

- Include question on survey asking, if member has not been attending meetings, what is the reason – is the night right? Is the time right? Are you satisfied with informal meetings?
- Important to keep information channels open (3 meetings per year may be sufficient)
- Possibly send a separate letter to non-attendees
- Consider refreshing membership
- Could consider starting from scratch
- Should more effort be made to keep members up to date between meetings – not everyone is getting eNewsletters
- Presentation on issues such as affordable housing development in Tram Road

##### **Group 2**

- More graphics – virtual reality model, something interactive
- Ask whether members are satisfied that their concerns have been addressed
- Explore electronic communication opportunities
- Create ownership through project-based involvement
- Include question asking what topics still require further consultation

- Ask why members are not attending meetings

## **7. Closing remarks**

Paul Molan advised that the minutes from the meeting will be mailed to attendees, or emailed to those who have requested receiving minutes via email. The minutes will also be published on the Doncaster Hill website.

Council will take this opportunity to reassess the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum and how those members interested in continuing to be involved can provide input into this significant project. All members will be sent the survey members reviewed at this meeting.

The results of the review will be considered by a Council meeting in December 2009.

Paul Molan thanked attendees for their contribution to the Issues Forum over the past two years.