

Wyee West Paper Subdivision Reference Group

Minutes: Meeting #16

DATE: Thursday 6 May, 2021

TIME: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: Wyee Seventh Day Adventist Church, 20 Gorokan Road, Wyee

CHAIR: Kirsty Hammer, Special Project Officer – Wyee West

ATTENDEES: Landowners – Lyndie Menken, Judex, Tracey Jones, Martin Foster, Kathryn Kacperek; LMCC Representatives - Kirsty Hammer; Jack Nicholas; Louise Bustin (minute taker)

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1	Apologies				
	Landowner - Joanne Cho; LMCC Representatives - Dwight Graham, Cr Nick Jones, Cr David Belcher, Cr John Gilbert				
2	Acceptance of Minutes 4 March 2021				
	Minutes accepted				
3	Acceptance of Agenda				
	Group accepted agenda				
4.	Review Action Items				
5	Updates on progress - all				
	Action item log reviewed. No new items to report on this meeting – all items were previously completed. Discussion of item 1 – Rates.				
	Council's Chief Financial Officer investigated this question – this information is not collected by Council. Rates are not tracked by suburb or area. Rates revenue is pooled and spent across the City. Fact sheet available on Shape Lake Mac page explains this further.				
	Discussion around increasing costs and past funding requests.				
	Discussion items				
6	Landowner Information session: Update on feedback received from landowners - All				
	Kirsty presented feedback from landowners. Survey still open, to date 32/140 landowners have responded.				
	Landowners' payment preferences:				

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	 12/32 pay on transfer of property (long term)
	 8/32 payment plan (like mortgage)
	2/32 upfront
	 10/32 would like some combination.
	- Combine payment plan with transfer (sale of land).
	First step is for Council to resolve they will officially offer the payment options.
	Reference Group advised we should physically take copies of information to landowners who are known not to have access to internet, so they feel more involved.
	Landowner feedback on how costs should be allocated:
	 No one chose uplift model – requires further explanation. Once Council resolve that they will forward fund the project, this option will be presented again to ensure all landowners understand.
	 Square metre was the most popular model. With this option, whoever has the most land, pays the most.
	Comments:
	Agree that concept is complicated. To help progress, suggest that Council simplify options of development.
	Council has the infrastructure plans for development – They can be changed, but changes would take possibly months to be approved. This would cause a delay to progress. Quantity Surveyor has estimated a cost of \$18.6 million to do what is currently on the plans. Council is at the point of adding up extra costs that are not known yet. Once additional costs known, staff will go to Council to ask for a resolution they will forward fund the project.
	When answer from Council is known, we will present total cost (quantity surveyor costs plus legal costs) to landowners to vote on method of payment. When 60% vote is achieved, Council goes ahead and carries out development. <i>Everything</i> on the plans is accounted for in the budget. Trees are included as the Biodiversity offset needs to be addressed.
	Council wants range (\$20-\$30 million) reduced before they will consider forward funding.
7	Reference Group tenure: Consideration of renewing membership of Reference Group - All
	Questions to reference group: Should we limit terms of Reference Group members to four years? Is it time for a change of membership?
	Feedback Kirsty has received from other owners is:
	Why is Reference Group a closed meeting?
	Who is on the reference group?
	Can more landowners join?
	Reminder of Reference Group Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct: Part of the role of reference group is to help spread information to the community.

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	Should we extend the Reference Group to invite more landowners?				
	Consensus:				
	 Having a Landowner Reference Group is a good idea - a smaller landowner body to represent the larger group. 				
	 More landowners involved would be great (one to two more only), but too many would be a problem. Keep the size of the group manageable 				
	• A complete change to Reference Group would be a disruption to progress. It would slow the process as a new group came on board. Good to keep existing group as they have the history and are well informed.				
	 Representation should be split 50% resident landowners and 50% absent landowners. 				
	 All landowners present, except one, confirmed they were willing and able to stay on Reference Group. 				
	 Lyndie Menkin advised she is stepping down from the Reference Grou as from this meeting. Thanked the group for their time. 				
	 Would like larger Landowners Group Meeting more regularly – these are more fruitful – more landowners feel like they are being heard. Important that owners feel represented. 				
	 Landowners need printed information to feel informed. 				
	Kirsty thanked Lyndie for her time and input while serving on the Reference Group.				
	1. Reference Group Members – the role will involve talking to landowner				
	community and relay their responses/concerns/ideas back to Council.				
	 Council will call for expressions of interest for new Reference Group members. Five members are willing to stay – Add two new members and a replacement for one member stepping down (3 in total). Ensure transparency in the selection process. 				
	 The landowner community will be informed of who reference group members are, and how to contact them. Name Reference Group members – add a picture and the way to contact members on webpage 				
	 Set up a Facebook page for landowners to post ideas/concerns WITHOUT Council involvement. Relevant information can be provided back to Kirsty. 				
	Action: Judex and Trace				

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	Reference Group members to review the Development Plan and provide feedback as to how this complicated document can be explained easily so that all can understand it and feel comfortable to vote in ballot.
	Action: All members
	Discuss feedback at next Reference group meeting
	Next Reference Group Meeting: 3 June 2021.
	The next Landowners' information session will be held after Council have voted on options and decided whether to forward fund the project. Then we can present new information to the whole landowner group. Likely to be July.
	Any other business - All
	Question: New estate (Radcliffe) has an access road through Waropara Road – has this been taken into account when our costing done?
	Response: At the moment building all of Waropara Road is included in our costs. If those developers build first, our costs will decrease slightly. They are only likely to be building a narrow connection without kerb and gutter. We will still have to upgrade it and add kerb and gutter.
	Close meeting

ACTION ITEM LOG:

ltem number	Details	Responsibility	Due	Progress
1	Confirm how much has been paid in rates and how much has been spent by Council on the paper subdivision area. Report back to LRG.	Dwight Graham/ Jack Nicholas	March	Completed
2	Research Riverstone payment options and report back to LRG.	Kirsty Hammer	March	Completed
3	Research if local government has authority to obtain investor information or administer a scheme.	Dwight Graham	March	Completed
4	Prepare an in-person information day at Wyee Seventh Day Adventist Church in first quarter of 2021.	Kirsty Hammer/ Karena Thomas	March/April date TBC	Completed
6	Set up Expressions of Interest process and advertise among landowners for three new Reference Group members	Kirsty Hammer	June	Listed
8	Set up a Facebook page for landowners to post ideas/concerns WITHOUT Council involvement.	Judex and Tracey	June	Listed
9	Reference Group members to review the Development Plan and provide feedback on how to simplify document so it is easily understood and landowners feel comfortable to vote in ballot	All members	June	Listed