

Meeting Notes

Kings Reserve Master Plan Community Reference Group (CRG)

Wednesday 23 October 2024. Meeting opened by Mayor Coxon at 6.04pm.

Thebarton Community Centre, cnr South Rd and, Ashwin Parade, Torrensville SA 5031

1. Opening / Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country - Mayor Coxon

2. Attendance / Apologies - Mayor Coxon

CWT representatives

Mayor Michael Coxon

Shanti Ditter
General Manager Communities

Teresa Desteno
Community Planner & Property Advisor

Thomas Campbell
Children, Youth & Families Officer

Cr Zoi Papafilopoulos, Thebarton Ward

Cr Graham Nitschke, Thebarton Ward

Consultants:

Mr Tim Conybeare, Aspect Studios

Mr Simon Lee, Aspect Studios

Paul Herzich, Mantirri Design

Apologies: Nil

Community representatives

Ms Lisa Allison

Ms Roxane Adams

Dr Rebecca Bilton

Ms Narelle Walker

Mr Tom Slowinski

Dr Emma Dawes

4 members of the public were also in attendance.

3. Meeting Notes from previous meeting were confirmed by CRG without amendment.

4. Business -

- AFC Interface Update
 - Trees - At this stage, all trees committed by AFC for the Kings Reserve / Thebarton Oval site have been designated, with just over 110 trees proposed for the western section of Kings Reserve as part of this masterplan. The specific tree species have not been selected yet, as we are still working at a high-level masterplan stage. Once the group reaches general consensus on the masterplan, relevant Council staff will be invited to provide input on suitable species as we move into the detailed design phase.

- Training Oval Positioning - AFC and Council have agreed that the final positioning of the training oval may change from its current design, depending on the availability of land after the completion of the T2D motorway project. Since this project is still several years away and work has not yet started, the Council is committed to collaborating with the State Government and AFC to negotiate the best outcome for the community regarding any potential surplus land. However, specific details cannot be determined until further progress is made on the motorway.
- Access - An update was given regarding AFC game days, noting that access will be limited to Thebarton Senior College or South Road. However, the specifics of access along South Road during or after T2D works remain uncertain and will only be clarified once road-project construction begins. Group members expressed interest in understanding non-game day access, specifically pedestrian and cycling pathways across the site from Ashley Street to Ashwin Parade, and whether these pathways will be DDA accessible. An update will be provided at our next meeting.
- Public Toilets - The existing public toilets within the MA Hawks club building will be within the construction zone during the AFC works at Thebarton Oval / Kings Reserve East, making them inaccessible during this time. After construction, there may be an opportunity for these toilets to be open to the public. The Council will continue discussions with the AFC on this matter and will provide updates as they become available - likely as the construction period ends.
- Additional comments and updates - The AFC has indicated that they are not opposed to having soccer goals available in or near the training oval, but they are concerned about their management. They often get damaged at other sites due to people moving them and climbing on them, and the AFC would prefer not to have to relocate them every time training occurs. This can be further discussed as the construction period comes to an end to find a practical solution. The trees that will be removed during the Thebarton Oval construction have been approved for use as park nature play features in Kings Reserve West. The logistics of this will continue to be addressed in discussions between the Council and the AFC.

- **Draft Masterplan Update**

The refined masterplan was presented to the group, which reached a general consensus on the changes. The following comments and refinements will be considered in the next iteration and during detailed design, as some are not relevant at this master-planning stage.

- Add additional drinking fountain and ensure dog bowl is also included.
- Add power points to Gazebo's for pugging in chargers or boom box etc.
- Add extra picnic tables south of gazebo (south-east) near carpark and under the trees.
- In junior play area, add a small mound slide.
- More bins required - this will form part of the waste management strategy through detailed design.
- Add path lighting through to Ashwin Parade from the central lawn area.
- Active areas to have lighting until 10pm.
- Move gym equipment to under trees - away from basketball area and convert the gym equipment base area to a dedicated netball ring.

- Add fencing along Ashwin Parade for safety.
 - Consider climbable trees as part of the tree palette.
 - Consider the growth rate of trees during detailed design to ensure some trees grow quickly for early shade.
 - Consider the link to the AFC leased area carpark - pathway into the site as this will be used by families to access the playspace.
 - Consider foundational works for underground support or leaving allocated areas for potential future shade sails to be installed over skate park area - minimising abortive work.
- **Kaurna Cultural Themes & Opportunities**
 - The refined concepts were shared with the group, and everyone concurred with the approach. These elements will continue to develop during the detailed design phase.
- **Skate Park Design - Update**
 - Consultation was undertaken at a local skate, scooter and BMX competition held at West Beach in late September. Feedback was split between people wanting a bowl and wanting a larger street skate area. Comments from a street skate area were that a lot of bowls now exist and they are close by. Those that wanted a bowl wanted it deeper than proposed (4ft, 7ft and 10ft compared to 4ft, 5.5ft and 7ft). This will still accommodate learners. Moving forward, the group agreed that the current draft design will be used for the upcoming period of community consultation. Following this consultation period, a small group of local skate/scooter/bmx users will be engaged to assist in refining the design and confirming whether a bowl or street area or a combination of both is preferred.
- **Next steps**
 - Given the general consensus that the draft masterplan is ready for presentation to the Council for approval to move forward with Community Consultation, our next CRG meeting will focus on the consultation framework, including the guiding principles for the process. We propose to conduct the consultation in January 2025 due to the Christmas break. After the consultation period, minor adjustments may be made to the masterplan as needed. However, any significant changes to the project scope arising from feedback will be presented to the CRG before any decisions are made.

5. Other business - Nil

6. Next meeting and close -

- Next meeting date has been scheduled for Thursday 14 November 2024 at 6pm at Thebarton Community Centre.
- Meeting closed at 6.04pm