

Meeting Notes

Kings Reserve Master Plan Community Reference Group (CRG)

Thursday 29 August 2024. Meeting opened by Mayor Coxon at 6.03pm

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

1. Opening / Welcome to Country - Paul Herzich

2. Attendance / Apologies - Mayor Coxon

CWT representatives

Mayor Michael Coxon

Shanti Ditter

General Manager Communities

Thomas Campbell,
Children, Youth & Families Officer

Teresa Desteno
Community Planner & Property Advisor

Cr Graham Nitschke, Thebarton Ward

Cr Zoi Papafilopoulos, Thebarton Ward

Consultants

Mr Tim Conybeare, Aspect Studios

Mr Simon Lee, Aspect Studios

Mr Paul Herzich, Mantirri Design

Apologies:

Nil

Community representatives

Ms Lisa Allison

Ms Roxane Adams

Ms Narelle Walker

Dr Rebecca Bilton

Dr Emma Dawes (arrived at 6.20pm)

Mr Tom Slowinski

7 members of the public were also in attendance.

3. Meeting notes and Design Brief from previous meeting confirmed by CRG without amendment.

4. Business -

- T2D Update - Mayor Coxon
 - A key milestone has now been achieved with a consortium comprising John Holland, Bouygues Construction, Arcadis Australia, Jacobs and Ventia, being selected as the joint alliance partner to deliver the project.
 - Mayor Coxon advised that up-to-date information is available on the T2D website and encouraged all members to go online to gather information. Website: www.t2d.sa.gov.au

- Kurna Cultural Themes and Opportunities - Paul Herzich
 - Paul outlined his presentation and initial considerations for the project, focusing on the historical context of Karrawirra Parri and its significance to the Kurna People. He highlighted the importance of trade, noting that a major trade route aligned similarly to South Road, extending from Victor Harbour to Alice Springs.
 - A secondary theme emphasises the area's importance to the daily lives of the Kurna People. This includes its role as a water and food source, a supplier of materials like river red gum for making spears, and providing shelter, birthing trees, and scar trees. The landscape supported native species, with River Red Gums lining the riverbanks. The specific location referred to is Karraundongga - Red Gum Spear Place (Hindmarsh/Thebarton).
 - Paul then presented various methods for conveying these key themes, such as through sculptures, pathways, etching/sand blasting, embedded objects, the inclusion of native species, custom furniture elements, interpretive signage, and screening. Paul also suggested QR codes to link to Council's website with further information or videos to explain concepts depicted in the park.
 - The subsequent group discussion affirmed Paul's proposed approach and suggested incorporating Kurna language elements and audio components. Audio components could be included through the QR codes (videos on the linked webpage). Everyone agreed that the concept of exploring the area, uncovering stories, symbols, and features, and then interpreting them will be a valuable and well-received addition to the site.

- Draft Masterplan - Simon and Tim
 - The consultant team presented the beginnings of a draft masterplan report that has been developed based on information gathered from previous meetings.
 - The vision for the site was reconfirmed:

Kings Reserve will become a beautiful and vibrant inclusive community park, celebrating nature, sustainability, and heritage, and creating a profound sense of place. It will be well connected to its surroundings and provide a variety of experiences to meet the current and future needs of the community.
 - The existing site conditions were detailed, noting limitations such as access issues, unattractive features, safety concerns, the interface with AFC, connectivity problems, insufficient irrigation, lack of playspace and the poor condition of the skate park.
 - Previously agreed opportunities were also identified such as Bush Kindy, Skate Park extension, existing trees retained, removal or replacement of existing fencing, and cultural heritage to be revealed through design elements.
 - An update was given on the skate park design, revealing plans for redevelopment due to the poor condition of the existing bowl. The popular features will be reconstructed, and new street elements will be introduced to create a facility suitable for a diverse range of ages and abilities.
 - A draft masterplan was then presented with precedent imagery and group discussion followed.
 - Some points raised by the group include an alternative location for the public toilets; less hard surface for the plaza area; reduction in open green turf area, addition of netball rings, seating areas for students close to Meyer Street, safety fencing along Meyer Street, increased water play/dry creek bed, timelines to include layers of earth that exist beneath the surface of the site, location of the play tower and indigenous plantings.

- The group confirmed the arrangement of the draft masterplan. The consultants will now refine the areas based on the group's comments and provide more detail of each area.
- It was noted that it will be important for Council staff and consultants to gather information regarding the AFC design and proposed operation of a number of elements in order to progress the draft masterplan design further.

5. Other business - Mayor Coxon

- Nil

6. Next meeting and close - Mayor Coxon

- Next meeting date will be communicated to members and will likely be following advice received from AFC.
- Meeting closed 7.56pm