

Meeting notes

Kings Reserve Master Plan Community Reference Group (CRG)

Thursday 4 April 2024

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

1. Opening / Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting opened at 6:00pm by Mayor Coxon.

2. Attendance

CWT representatives

Mayor Michael Coxon

Shanti Ditter
General Manager Communities

Teresa Desteno
Community Planner & Property Advisor

Cr Zoi Papafilopoulos, Thebarton Ward

Cr Graham Nitschke, Thebarton Ward

Community representatives

Dr Rebecca Bilton

Ms Lisa Allison

Ms Narelle Walker

Mr Tom Slowinski

Apologies:

Thomas Campbell (Children, Youth & Families Officer)

Ms Roxane Adams (Community representatives)

Dr Emma Dawes (Community representatives)

The meeting was open to the public and 1 member of the public was present.

3. Confirm meeting notes

- Meeting notes of 21 March 2024 accepted without amendment. Confirmed that the meeting notes will be posted onto CWT website.

4. Business

Report on actions of 21 March 2024

- Information Teresa sent to Members was noted.
- At the previous meeting, the number of trees being replaced was queried. The following response was provided and noted. Council is expecting 3:1 new trees for every regulated or significant tree removed, and an overall number of 220 new trees being planted as per the approved masterplan. These are to be planted within the precinct - including Kings Reserve. The new trees would be determined and located in collaboration with a Council staff and Landscape Architect.
- Additional queries, not previously responded to, were answered and noted:
 - Estimated cost for pathways that are gravel rather than paved or exposed aggregate: Approximate costs are \$40 to \$50 per square metre for compacted gravel/sand compared to \$100-\$120 per square meter for concrete.
 - Electrical/trenching costs for lighting vs solar lighting: solar lighting is not Council's preference where power is readily available due to ongoing maintenance issues, life-span and reliability of the solar lighting. Kings Reserve has available power supply.
 - Queried contingency costs at 15%: Cost consultants are currently allowing this for most projects.
 - Available budget: Discussion surrounding the process which will see this group develop a design for presentation to Council for approval. Community consultation will then be undertaken followed by refinement of the design and final endorsement by Council to proceed with the work. This group should not be constrained by costs. Council has committed not to descope the Kings Reserve project (based on the 2018 Masterplan). Prioritisation of elements will assist refine costs if required and a designer/architect will also assist in guiding the process to meet proposed budget constraints.

Brainstorming outcomes of 21 March 2024 - expand refine, prioritise.

- Questioned the inclusion of "some recreational sport facilities". Following discussion, it was agreed that this was included in the list of "what we want" as it referred to elements such as soccer goals or table tennis table. All agreed and volleyball was added as a potential element to be considered.
- All other items listed were confirmed as correct.

- Prioritisation: Group prioritised elements to "Must Haves" and "Negotiables".

Must Haves:

- Basic Park requirements - seating, shelters, drink fountain, bbq, lighting, bins, paths, multi-use tables for varied purposes such as for chess or table tennis
- Screening from major road and eastern boundary with consideration given to future growth to the east
- Skate park and basketball area
- Decentralising play area with good connections and well configured for multiple groups
- Lighting - not just security lighting (using spaces after dark)
- All abilities and ages - universal design
- Path to Brickworks and links to AFC area
- Ashwin Parage fencing with pedestrian access points and rubbish capture
- Tower
- First nations artwork and engagement (educational opportunities - signage)
- Current use considerations - waiting area, congregation, swim centre etc and add bins in these areas
- Toilets
- Play equipment
- Signage and way finding
- Edible/produce/play experiences with trees - cultural heritage/identity

Negotiables:

- Water Play or water feature/infrastructure
- Recreation facilities/multi-sport
- Running track around Thebarton Oval or Kings Reserve Oval - confirm with AFC
- Pump track
- Chess, table tennis
- Flying fox
- Wi-Fi, technology, smart furniture

Discuss Design Principles and Design Brief

The following principles were confirmed as proposed design principles, to be integrated with design principles listed within the Terms of Reference document. Teresa to develop a draft Design Brief for consideration at the next meeting:

- Kings Reserve is a decentralised (seating and play) park that has good connections and well configured for multiple groups- less built infrastructure, good connections etc
- All abilities and ages
- Use of natural topography/undulating terrain.
- Kaurua heritage - naming, art etc - cultural identity - relationship to the River, history of site
- Complimentary to its neighbours and uses/users and interface.
- Configure different elements so intended use can be achieved.
- Careful use of flat space
- Trees flowering throughout the year - Biodiversity is enhanced and retained.
- Improve amenity which complement the parks activities.
- Safe, accessible and sustainable (future proofing)

Other Business

- Discussion regarding a Design Consultant to assist the group with the next steps. David Cooke of City Collective to be invited to the next CRG meeting to discuss the overall masterplan for Thebarton Oval Precinct including Kings Reserve. Three Consultants to be considered to work with the CRG - consideration to be given at next meeting.

MEETING CLOSED

Next meeting: Thursday 2 May 2024, 6pm at Thebarton Community Centre.