

SPEARWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

6.30pm - 7.30pm **Tuesday, 7th July 2020**

Venue: Spearwood Dalmatinac Club

[6.30pm] Introduction

- Acknowledgement of Country – Aryo welcomed everyone to the meeting and performed an Acknowledgement of Country.
- Attendance: Aryo (Chair), Garth, Rosemary, Kristine, John, Megan, Jody, Anne, Ashley, Len, Michelle, Prue
- Apologies: Antony, Kevin, Cr Phoebe Cork, Karen and Pam
- New members introduced

[6.35pm – 6.50pm] General Discussion

- **Beale Park Re-development**

- John stated that he had a conversation with a member of council (Travis?) who was agreeable to starting a small working group from members of the SPA, to be involved in the development
- ****SPA members agreed to extending an invite for council member to attend next SPA meeting****
- **Megan:** concerned about population of Carnaby's Black Cockatoos that use Beale Park as a roosting site, light pollution from re-development might disturb them (unconfirmed)
- Concerned about playground at Beale Park, needs relocation because of same
- ****Megan to email submission and forward to SPA****
- **Aryo:** increase in cars in surrounding area might lead to the need for permit tickets to visit houses
- Suggestion to vote on issue and take to council
- Too much traffic, dangerous for residents and their children
- Tentative until October/November
- Infrastructure for area surrounding Beale Park not stated in budget

- **Manning Park Mountain Bike Trail**

- **Chrissy:** Catering to a very niche demographic who are mostly not residents of the area
- **Jody:** Jody and Megan part of an eco-conscious group known as "Friends of Manning Ridge"

- 60 hectares of urban bush, rare and precious, proposed MBT will disturb black cockatoos which are already endangered
 - 15-20km of bike tracks proposed
 - 2015 proposal to Northern and Southern quarries with little opposition, response may be indicative of the demographic that were addressed about issue
 - Impact on passive users of park e.g. dog walkers, runners
 - Jody observed area with botanist for 7 hours, botanist also stated area is rare and precious and needs protection
 - 36,000 bikers per year estimated to engage with proposed MBT
 - Damage to limestone cliffs
 - **Megan:** no communication or consultation with Aboriginal people (unconfirmed)
 - Main trail head set to be where turtles usually bury eggs
 - Potential litigation issues for the council due to injuries relating to mountain biking
 - **Len:** Section off area and use of stages?
 - **Jody:** geo-mapping occurred with botanist, Northern Quarry is predominantly low vegetation and grass
 - Suggested engineering wider tracks and use of compact limestone (to prevent erosion?)
 - **John:** MBT could be an asset for the area if the proposed plan is scaled down and controlled
 - ****All three West Ward councillors need to be involved in meetings to answer questions, discuss ultimate objective and bigger picture****
- **Spearwood Voice (Michelle)**
 - 100+ people on Facebook page
 - Cr Phoebe Cork and Mark Separovich both members
 - Lack of posts resulting in stagnation
 - Suggestion: members of page start a conversation
 - Friends of Manning Ridge could make a post to encourage discussion about pertinent issues e.g. Manning Park MBT, Beale Park re-development
 - No flyers due to COVID-19
 - Prue: post stories on social media to prompt members to engage with content

[6.50pm – 7pm] Actions from previous meeting (5th May 2020)

- SPA officially incorporated

[7pm – 7.05pm] New business

[7.05pm] NHW Update (Rosemary)

- COVID-19 impacted NW activity significantly
- Regular barbecues haven't been taking place
- NW members still permitted to wear green shirts and greet people at shopping centres
- Greater expectation placed on volunteers to keep activity progressing
- Brief meetings, uncertainty

Actions to complete before next meeting:

- **Aryo: **Thank Carole with a card and present****
- Pop-up meeting at Memorial Hall on the 13th of July regarding MBT
- Committee meeting re: submission for MBT on Tuesday the 14th of July
- Extend invite to member of council re: Beale Park re-development
- Megan to email submission re: Beale Park and forward to SPA
- Involve West Ward councillors to make contributions to MBT discussion
- Engagement from Spearwood Voice Facebook Group by SPA members

[7.10pm] Next meeting.

- Next meeting is Tuesday the 4th August 2020

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