

St Catherine's Development Community Consultative Committee

Meeting No: 14

Date: Monday 17 June 2019, 6.30pm

Venue: St Catherine's School, 26 Albion Street, Waverley

Attendees	
<p>Community Members: Danny Caretti – Charing Cross Precinct/ neighbouring resident</p>	<p>St Catherine's Andrew Grech Warwick Smith</p> <p>Independent Chair Roberta Ryan</p> <p>Traffix Matthew Thompson</p> <p>Minute taker Sandra Spate Stella Cimarosti</p>
<p>Apologies: Cathy Davitt – Bronte Beach Precinct, Julie McAlpin – Charing Cross Precinct, Kate Marshall – Resident, Peter Monks – Waverley Council, Office of the Member for Coogee</p>	

Item	Description	Action/Responsibility
1	Welcome and introductions	
	The chair welcomed attendees and introduced Stella who will be taking meeting minutes as Sandra is retiring.	
2	Apologies	
	As listed above. AG noted that the member for Coogee is planning to send a representative to the meetings. Invitations will continue being sent to the member's office.	
3	Acceptance of the minutes from March 2019	
	DC moved and WS seconded acceptance of the minutes from previous meeting.	
4	Actions arising	
4.1	Action 6.2 (b) August 2018. WS to check staff survey results against the distribution map and update map. WS noted that a new survey has been carried out this year. Survey acts as an indicative number of where people park. DC noted that the numbers recorded in the survey look small given the number of staff. MT replied that not everyone provided information due to privacy. The survey was voluntary, and some staff chose not to advise where	WS will send parking survey and map to RR for distribution.

	<p>they parked.</p> <p>DC questioned the accuracy of the report given the low participation rate</p> <p>MT replied that the numbers are factual based on what people have said.</p>	
4.2	<p>Action 6.4 August 2018. MT to provide the number of vehicles 4% represents. WS will follow up.</p> <p>MT advised the 4% represents approximately 8 less vehicles travelling to the school however, the number of staff and cars aren't fixed. Percentages have been used as its not quantifiable due to changes in staff numbers from year to year. Report gives good guide to show the number is not going up.</p> <p>WS noted this percentage represents the fact that the number of vehicles isn't going up.</p>	
5	Stage 1 Update	
5.1	<p>AG reported that the modification to stage 1 has been submitted to DPE – stage 1 includes the pool, car park, research centre and auditorium. Stage 1 has been separated into two parts for the modification. Stage 1A and Stage 1B. Stage 1B consists of the research centre.</p> <p>WS advised that there is no set timing for approval of the modification and that Waverley Council will be informed of the submission.</p>	
5.2	<p>DC asked if there were any amendments to the proposed new buildings?</p> <p>WS noted that the building envelope would remain as per the original design. However, there are changes to the cladding, using a composite instead of the aluminium based cladding. A new building code of assessment means the two parts of Stage 1 need to stand alone regarding regulations and are quarantined.</p> <p>WS advised there were also changes to the orientation of the underground building and minor internal changes to configuration.</p> <p>DC asked if the grassed area near Leichhardt lane will remain?</p> <p>AG replied that this would.</p> <p>Given complexity of the design RR suggested the new design be displayed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Attendees agreed.</p> <p>WS agreed to provide the plans which will be sent out with draft minutes.</p> <p>RR noted that committee members should send through any questions about the proposed design prior to the next meeting so that answers can be prepared ahead of time.</p>	<p>The modified drawings to be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>WS to send RR/ SC the key floor plans to attach to the minutes.</p>

5.3	<p>DC asked if 1B links in with 1A? Will any rebuilding or demolition be required?</p> <p>WS replied that 1B will butt up against 1A. Link will be external stairs rather than a hole punched through. Timing for commencement of 1B isn't yet known.</p>	
5.4	<p>DC asked if the bin area would remain in the same place it is in now?</p> <p>AG replied that the area at Leichhardt Lane is currently classified as a service area on the new design. At this stage it will be used as a bin area.</p> <p>WS advised that they are looking at using the small car park off Albion Street during construction.</p>	
5.5	<p>RR asked how the modification impacts approval conditions and traffic management?</p> <p>WS replied that all of the approval conditions would be the same given the modification involves building a bit less of stage 1A. All of the requirements from stage 1 will apply for both A and B.</p> <p>DC asked if it is up to the approval authority to decide on the conditions.</p> <p>AG advised that as only modifications to the existing design were requested the conditions will not change.</p>	
5.6	<p>DC noted that the design was hard to visualise.</p> <p>RR suggested a walk around.</p> <p>AG concurred.</p> <p>DC commented that the walk around would need to be during daylight hours.</p>	<p>AG to organise a walk around for CCC members, either at the next meeting or individually.</p>
5.7	<p>RR asked what the presumed timing was around approval of the modification?</p> <p>WS replied that the town planner estimated about three months.</p>	
5.8	<p>DC asked if start of work was still planned for Christmas given the planning process?</p> <p>WS replied – yes. At this stage we need to have planning approval before start of work. We are looking to re-tender the works based on the modifications in July, which would allow start of work at Christmas.</p>	
6	<p>Operational Transport Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2019 Traffic Survey and tread counts 	
6.1	<p>MT advised the traffic survey indicated that less staff are parking on Bronte Road and MacPherson Street than last year. It was clear that parking wasn't all pocketed in one area. It is noted that the school cannot stop someone from parking on a public road.</p>	<p>The map of staff parking and traffic report to be sent out with minutes.</p>

	<p>AG noted that if the timed parking scheme is implemented by council staff will be forced to park further away from the school.</p> <p>DC noted that the results demonstrated that the school is talking to staff and encouraging them not to drive.</p> <p>MT advised that the survey carried out is an anonymous online survey.</p> <p>AG noted that the data goes straight to Traffix. The school does not see the raw data.</p> <p>WS noted that the response rate was approximately 25% of staff (about 50 out of 200).</p> <p>DC asked how many staff did we decide drive to school?</p> <p>WT advised that in 2014 74% of staff drove to school. That number has been reduced to 69%</p> <p>WS advised that equates to about 15 less staff driving to school.</p> <p>DC noted that residents were more concerned with how many are driving rather than how many aren't.</p> <p>RR noted that the relevance of the survey is that the number is not going up.</p>	
6.2	<p>WS noted that the next Operational Transport Management Plan would need to be prepared prior to occupation. The survey will continue to be carried out yearly.</p>	
6.3	<p>WS advised that the executive summary of the report is useful in comparing data from year to year.</p> <p>RR noted that if any committee members have questions about the report they should be sent in before the next meeting so that we can get the answer.</p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Any comments on or questions about the Operational Transport Management Plan- send to RR asap – and we can get the answers before the next meeting</p>
6.4	<p>MT noted that the current report demonstrated that in 2014 60% of students were being dropped off by car. This is now down to 51% despite the rise in enrolment.</p> <p>MT advised that the survey was carried out during the last week of term one.</p> <p>MT noted that public transport usage (including school bus) increased, 19% to 30% as had walking.</p> <p>MT acknowledged that cycling is not currently encouraged.</p> <p>MT advised that the report indicated that the number of students being picked up by car in the afternoon has also decreased. The number of students going home by bus increased.</p> <p>DC asked how this was measured?</p> <p>MT advised it is measured by how students respond to the survey noting that approximately 2/3rds of the student population</p>	

	<p>responded to the survey.</p> <p>AG added that for the primary school parents are sent the survey to complete. For the senior school students complete the survey themselves during academic care.</p> <p>AG also noted that this is the third time Traffix have carried out this survey so parents and students are familiar with it.</p> <p>MT noted that the only difference would be some new respondents due to year 12 and kindergarten turnover.</p>	
6.5	<p>MT advised that 73% of staff responded to the survey. The number of staff driving is also down from the original survey. Public transport usage and cycling is steady, and walking has increased.</p> <p>MT noted that the survey results are getting close to target in some areas. For example, the target for driving is 65% and we are currently at 69%.</p> <p>AG advised that there are steps in place to achieve these targets. The issue is heavily managed by the school with a high level of focus.</p>	
6.6	<p>MT advised that looking at traffic there is a negligible increase during school term and outside school term. It is noted that traffic volumes seem to be increasing during the school holidays but remains steady during the school term.</p> <p>WS advised that the survey is carried out for several days during term and school holidays.</p> <p>DC stated that during school holidays the traffic is much better. This doesn't come through in the survey?</p> <p>MT noted that the survey is carried out across the whole day.</p> <p>DC advised that there is a noticeable difference in the traffic in school holidays, particularly in the morning.</p> <p>RR suggested that traffic is more spread out during the school holidays hence the results whereas during term everyone moves at the same time.</p> <p>MT concurred that people have different trip patterns during the school holidays.</p> <p>AG noted that the numbers indicate a 10% variance between school holidays and school term.</p> <p>DC noted that the crucial thing for residents is the concentrated periods.</p> <p>MT reiterated that the results show a decrease in parents dropping students off by car. For example, traffic on Bronte Road (during school term between 8am and 9am) has dropped by about 10%.</p> <p>RR suggested sending summary document and committee members preparing questions prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>AG suggested more detail could be provide around times of day and</p>	<p>Include in the report a table showing times of day and car numbers.</p>

	car numbers.	
6.7	<p>DC added a final question about traffic on Bronte Road where the new traffic counter is. Did you find that there was an indication that people use Bronte Road after dropping off students?</p> <p>MT advised that there was a decrease during 8am and 9am on Bronte Road according to data.</p> <p>DC replied that if there is a decrease that is good.</p>	
7	<p>Current traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correspondence relating to traffic infringements in the vicinity of the school 	
7.1	<p>CD submitted a comment via email regarding the latest traffic infringements. Noting that St Catherine's remain in the leading position amongst other schools.</p> <p>AG advised that the school has a Daily Digest which is a summary of news stories applicable to the grade of each student, which is sent to parents. Parking specific information particularly around big events or the start/end of term is included in the digest. The fact that there has been a large number of infringements is also put in the digest.</p>	
8	<p>Community Engagement Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event notifications and arising correspondence 	
8.1	<p>CD submitted a comment via email regarding the recent distribution. A number of residents did not receive the notice about the fair.</p> <p>DC also noted he was aware that some residents did not receive it.</p> <p>AG replied that the school have been dealing with the distribution company to resolve why some letters were not distributed. The distribution was made bigger than it needed to be with a target of 10,000 residences. The distribution company have advised that they cannot deliver to "no junk mail" and also don't deliver to every mailbox in an apartment complex where a common space is available for announcements. The school is disappointed with the response from the provider. The distribution was a genuine attempt and the school will look to work with another provider in future.</p>	
9	<p>General Business</p>	
9.1	<p>DC raised that parking across the driveway of neighbouring apartments is still happening. Specifically, the block near the lights on Albion Street towards Charring Cross.</p> <p>AG replied that he will make contact and look into this.</p> <p>DC added that there is also parking happening across the pedestrian crossing.</p>	
9.2	<p>Request received by KM via email for an update regarding the small private buses used to bring the students to and from.</p> <p>AG advised that there four private bus services are running. Maroubra service is a full-size bus. Bondi service 21-seater as it has</p>	

	<p>a smaller patronage. Buses are doing morning and afternoon pick up and drop offs – only one service for each route. Patronage is growing – about 150 registrations. This system remains the most effective means to reduce cars. The buses are heavily patronised from the primary school as parents are more comfortable as it is a private service. Senior girls do after school sport, so the private bus isn't often used by them. School has been organising timing of parents pick up and drop off in coordination with the buses so that they don't happen at the same time.</p>	
9.3	<p>Comment received from KM regarding the parking behaviour despite the traffic officers. Is it possible to explore more options?</p> <p>AG replied that the school has increased signs in the area and rangers are continuing to fine parents. The school cannot control the dollar amount of the fine. From a sanctioning perspective there is little else the school can do.</p> <p>KM commented that in general traffic management is running more smoothly on Leichhsardt Street.</p> <p>AG replied that Eduardo is the main traffic controller who works with the rangers. A lot of neighbours have his number and can liaise directly with him when there are issues. Junior School car line is running well.</p>	
10	<p>Date for next meeting</p> <p>Monday 26 August</p>	