

Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment Community Consultative Committee (CCC) MEETING NOTES

Meeting # 14, Wednesday 5 May 2021,
John Holland Offices on the SFS site, 5:45 pm

PRESENT			
Margaret Harvie (Chairperson)			
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES			
Linda Gosling	Vivienne Skinner	Robert Postema via Technology	
Chelsea Ford	Sofie Mason-Jones		
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES			
Mayor Danny Said (Randwick City Council) until 6.56 pm			
SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM REPRESENTATIVES			
Peter Hynd, SFS Project Director, Infrastructure NSW		Julie Shires, Group General Manager Infrastructure Development, Venues NSW until 7.11 pm	
PRESENTERS AND GUESTS			
Tiffany Jones Communications and Stakeholder Manager, John Holland until 6.56 pm	Shiraz Ahmed, Team Leader Department of Planning, Industry & Environment until 7.11 pm	Vlad Popovski, Senior Communication Officer, Infrastructure NSW	
APOLOGIES			
Julie Osborne, Community Representative	Steve Rankin, Community Representative	Tom Harley Community Representative	Cr Phillip Thallis (City of Sydney Council)
Mayor Paula Masselos (Waverly Council)	Suellen Fitzgerald (Chief Executive of Greater Sydney Parklands)		
MEETING NOTES			
Leanne Smith (Governance House Pty Ltd, Note Taker)			
STADIUM TOUR			

Participants undertook a tour of the Stadium site from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

1. AGENDA ITEM # 1: WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Margaret Harvie *Acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Aboriginal lands and paid respects to Elders past, present and future.*

Margaret Harvie Welcomed attendees to the fourteenth meeting of the Sydney Football Stadium (SFS) Redevelopment Community Consultation Committee (CCC) and declared proceedings open at 5.47 pm. Extended a particular welcome to Shiraz Ahmed (Team Leader, Infrastructure Management, Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE)), attending his first meeting in place of Erica van den Honert. Erica is in the role of Executive Director, Infrastructure Assessments and Jake Shackleton is currently in Erica's previous role. Noted that Suellen Fitzgerald (Chief Executive of Greater Sydney Parklands) was unable to attend the meeting, with Julie Shires (Group General Manager, Infrastructure Development, Venues NSW) present to provide an update on items that were designated to Sueellen.

2. AGENDA ITEM # 2: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS

No new actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest (pecuniary or other) were tabled.

3. APOLOGIES

Margaret Harvie Referred to the tabled apologies as recorded, noting that all CCC community representative apologies represented last minute matters arising including some related to Eastern suburbs Covid scare.

4. AGENDA ITEM # 7 & 6: ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS / UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE PRECINCT

- Margaret Harvie** Suggested that given he is online the presentation from Mr. Postema be considered as the first item of business (with agreement from those present).
- Robert Postema** Provided a PowerPoint presentation to the meeting regarding traffic and pedestrian issues arising on game days, including photographic documentation, highlighting:
- Images taken at three Sydney Swans matches held on 27 March, 17 April, and 1 May 2021;
 - Crowd numbers at those matches of 26,000, 33,000 and 29,000 respectively (noted as below maximum capacity);
 - A map showing areas of concern on match days including the Oatley Road and Regent Street intersections, noting traffic banking up to Oxford Street;
 - Issues relating to the pop-up roundabout used on match days, including blocking of cars going into the grassed area (noted as a separate issue);
 - Congestion caused in surrounding areas;
 - Construction of the roundabout, with traffic going over the footpath in areas where crowds walk;
 - Images of a near miss involving a reversing taxi within a narrow space;
 - Issues in relation to crowd drop-offs that are not being consistently managed (with people opening car doors into oncoming traffic etc.);
 - Suggested the consultation process and subsequent Plans should consider these matters closely;
 - No martialing of pedestrians on Oatley Road (with pedestrians crossing against red lights etc.);
 - Impact on residents who are unable to get out of the lane and onto Oatley Road due to impeded lines of sight;
 - Requirement for martial both pre- and post-match, at all intersections;
 - Images of post-match hazards including illegal stopping by ride share cars; mingling of pedestrians, cyclists, and cars; issues relating to pedestrians and the cycleway; requirement for dedicated pick up and drop off points – particularly for disability purposes;
 - Noted that traffic is often moving quickly within the precinct adding to safety concerns;
 - Post-match issues related to funneling of people out of the stadium and on to Regent Street;
 - Limousine drivers blocking lanes and driveways in Paddington;
 - Issues are likely to increase when the Sydney Cricket Ground is at capacity or where there are double headers;
 - Dangers associated with crowd surges;
 - Concerns around safety and the potential for accidents and incidents.
- Margaret Harvie/ Julie Shires** Confirmed that the two primary areas of concern will be discussed: what is happening now in relation to pedestrians and traffic during these events, and what this means for what will happen when the stadium opens.
- Julie Shires** Responded to the matters raised in the presentation, noting:
- Consideration of traffic management and parking as core elements of the Plans to be developed to meet the requirements of the Planning Conditions;
 - Events have now resumed at the Sports Ground since the easing of Covid19 restrictions allowing for accurate Transport data being captured. It is suggested that a dedicated CCC meeting be convened to table and discuss the four Plans¹ (noting that it is not a Condition that all four plans be shared with the Committee, but highlighting desire for transparency and to inform the consultation);
 - Josh Milston (Director, JMT Consulting) to attend / present to the meeting as the specialist consultant.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS & RESPONSE

- Sofie Mason-Jones** Supported the proposal to have a session to share the Plans with the Committee. She also noted the concerns that had arisen from the data presented by the consultant at an earlier meeting, with desire to understand how the research and data has progressed since then.

¹ Transport Plan, Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan, Passenger Drop-Off and Pick-Up Plan and Event Carparking Management Plan

Julie Shires Reported that there has been capture of data from the beginning of the year (for every game held at the Sydney Cricket Ground), adding to the existing data pool, with analysis undertaken to inform the Plans.

Julie Shires Tabled a proposed date for the recommended meeting as the evening of 23 June 2021, with a view to presenting where things are at / seeking input from the Committee.

Margaret Harvie Suggested that considering the significance of the issue, it is important to ensure that a majority of Committee members can attend / participate in the consultation process. The experience has been that picking a date is unlikely to lead to all being able to be present.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed:

- Elements/ Plans to be considered that are *Conditioned*;
- Requirement for consultation with the Committee prior to review by DPIE;
- The importance of the Committee having the opportunity to review the Plans and to provide feedback and the desire that these might be available in advance of the meeting.

Robert Postema Noted for the record that the Light Rail was not operational on the day of the 17 April match, highlighting the need to ensure that in the future there are not shutdowns for maintenance on scheduled match days.

ACTION # 1

Venues NSW to note Committee feedback in relation to avoiding scheduled public transport related maintenance works on match days.

Sofie Mason-Jones

Highlighted concerns that data captured during the COVID-19 pandemic may not be indicative of the impact when the stadium/s are at full capacity.

Julie Shires

Discussed analysis showing that event attendance is higher now than attendance in 2019.

Sofie Mason-Jones

Tabled desire for the Committee to be provided with detail of the data modelling.

Vivienne Skinner

Discussed the Green Travel Plan previously presented, noting that it showed no proposed increase in Public Transport, and therefore no additional incentive for match attendees to utilise available public transport options.

Sofie Mason-Jones

Reported her understanding that buses would be replaced by the Light Rail service.

Margaret Harvie

Indicated the need to agree a date for the proposed meeting to maximise participation, suggesting that it should be convened as a meeting of the CCC and subject to standard protocols, including consensus around the day and timing, with recording of the discussion by the independent note taker. Highlighted the distinction between community-wide consultation, and consultation with the CCC.

Julie Shires

Confirmed the obligation to consult with the CCC and the desire to have a meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed:

- Desire for wider community involvement in the meeting/ review of the plans;
- Issues relating to the sharing of confidential information;
- Timing – with requirement for lodgement of the Plans with the Department in October 2021;
- Confirmation of the intention of Venues NSW to continue to consult during this period;
- General agreement to address the matters relating to current traffic and pedestrian issues (as raised by Robert Postema) at this same meeting to consider the plans;
- Obligation/ need to consult with the local Police as part of the overall process;
- Request from the CCC members that all relevant transport Plans be shared prior to the meeting (on the 14th) to allow Committee Members time to review and digest the content.

The Committee agreed to hold the next CCC meeting (additional to the standard 4 that might have been scheduled) at 5.30 pm on 14 July 2021. This is to consider the various transport Plans, with the venue to be confirmed.

ACTION # 2

Julie Shires to ascertain whether the Plans can be shared with the Committee on a confidential basis in advance of 14 July, and to notify the Chair of the outcome.

Post meeting note: JS confirms that an agenda along with pre-reading material will be available prior to the meeting. All confidential information will be marked as such.

5. AGENDA ITEM # 3: PROJECT UPDATE: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS / ACTIVITY

- Tiffany Jones** Provided a PowerPoint Presentation to the meeting highlighting the site tour as demonstrating good progress and tabling images (taken within the last two weeks) showing: completion of the concourse; work in relation to the fitting out of internal spaces; and commencement of the roof installation.
- Peter Hynd** Discussed elements of the roof installation including placement of the structural roof supports ('derricks') with the truss to be installed between the two, and the next steps relating to the grid to support the roof fabric.
Highlighted that the façade at the Moore Park Road end is close to being ready and noting that two major concrete pours on the eastern and western sides remain - after these the structure will be largely complete.
- Tiffany Jones** Continued her report, noting:
- That crane demobilisation will commence within the next few months;
 - An aerial view detailing the overall site / perspective;
 - Permissions obtained with regard to out of hours work;
 - Confirmation of roof coverage in relation to seating, with the pitch to be raised by one half metre.
- Discussed complaints received since the last meeting including:
- Complaints relating to parking and trucks;
 - Issues relating to the electrical cable works in Regent Street, Oxford Street and Moore Park Road, noting respite (hotel accommodation) offered to impacted residents;
 - Minimal complaints received during the period, with the majority dealt with and closed;
 - One outstanding item, with the results of vibration monitoring pending (following a complaint of cracking by a resident - it is believed that this is not likely to be related to the works).
- Margaret Harvie** Asked the community members present whether the concerns regarding communications around the Electrical works had been addressed/ communication improved.
- Robert Postema** Noted that while that there was little information provided at the beginning of the process, residents are now receiving regular communications, with the community well-informed. It seems that the CCC raising the issue had led to this change.
- Linda Gosling** Indicated that it has been tough for residents of Regent Street and surrounds, noting improved communications, limited late night work and reduction in the size of the storage depot on upper Regent Street (that was impacting parking etc.).
- Tiffany Jones** Reiterated the offer of respite to impacted residents, noting that she now reviews communications to ensure consistency with other communication. She indicated that another six nights of work may be required prior to completion.
- DISCUSSION** The Committee discussed:
- Limited streets in the area without time limited parking;
 - Requirement for ongoing due diligence around parking fines as a deterrent to overstay limits;
 - Resident concerns around lack of parking during construction work in the area.
- Tiffany Jones** Continued her report, noting:
- Continuation of emails and Letter Box drops including of Project Updates and advice of out of hours work approved by DPIE
 - It was noted this is occurring in the next few months but not on consecutive nights to ensure respite.
 - Ongoing Noise Vibration and Dust monitoring and reporting.
- Shiraz Ahmed** Confirmed that out of hours work request for installation of roof structures is approved up until 31 August 2021, across approximately 38 (non-consecutive days including Saturday, Sunday or public holidays) occurrences.
- Tiffany Jones** Discussed Media and Events, highlighting increased activity and promotion including across the codes.
- Julie Shires** In response to a query regarding the stadium name, she noted that this would not be released until 2022.
- Peter Hynd** In response to a question, he discussed the opening date as being still the NRL Final Series 2022 (generally held mid to late September 2022).

Tiffany Jones and Danny Said left the meeting at 6.56 pm.

6. AGENDA ITEM # 4: ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Committee discussed the Actions arising from the previous meeting, noting the following:

Item 1 was closed, with the broken website link addressed immediately post meeting.

Item 2 was closed as discussed under the Project Update (Regent Street Electrical Works).

Item 3 was closed as captured in the meeting Agenda, with the Chair reiterating request for the CCC to be informed when a Modification is advertised (noting it is also possible to get auto-generated advice to registered parties from the DPIE Major Projects website).

Item 4 the public Art Plan is an upcoming Agenda item for this meeting.

Item 5 was closed, with the Chair responding to correspondence about the cycleway (response provided prior to the meeting with the agenda).

Item 6 was closed, with Suellen Fitzgerald noted as unable to attend the meeting.

Item 7 was closed, as per the report from Julie Shires recorded below (contact with Transport for NSW).

Item 8 was closed, with a meeting focused on this and transport plans scheduled for 14 July 2021.

Julie Shires Reported Venues NSW continues to foster discussion with Greater Parklands (Suellen Fitzgerald) and Transport for NSW regarding transport within the broader precinct, noting the importance of their engagement in the proposed solution.

Discussed wayfinding to satellite sites (“alternate parking”) at recent events, with data to inform the Plans / alternate parking solutions.

Vivienne Skinner Highlighted the importance of the inclusion of qualitative analysis from users.

In response to a query regarding inviting Suellen to attend future meetings of the CCC, she suggested that she should be issued with standing invitation as a key stakeholder in the process.

ACTION # 3

Margaret Harvie to extend a standing invitation to Suellen Fitzgerald to attend future CCC Meetings.

Sofie Mason-Jones Asked whether discussion with the Codes around alternate close parking would be presented at the July meeting (It was confirmed that this would be part of the discussion).

Julie Shires Noted that the Plans will consider feedback provided by the CCC over the past 18 months, and the intention to consider the issues raised.

Highlighted desire to arrive at the *right* solution.

Margaret Harvie Asked for assurance to the groups that the meeting of 14 July will not be the end of the process in terms of consultation, with a need to ensure that all matters are identified, and gaps addressed.

Julie Shires Reiterated intention to take all matters into consideration.

Vivienne Skinner Requested advice as to whether public feedback on the Plans would be sought?

Peter Hynd Highlighted the requirements for stakeholder feedback defined by the Conditions of Consent.

Margaret Harvie Reported DPIE as the ultimate reviewer of the required Plans and the fact that they have been present and have been hearing some of the discussions / sentiment expressed by the CCC.

Vivienne Skinner Referred to the results of the Saving Moore Park Survey in which 96.4% of people surveyed sought removal of cars from Moore Park grasslands (noting close to 400 responses received).

Julie Shires and Shiraz Ahmed left the meeting at 7.11 pm.

7. AGENDA ITEM 7: CORRESPONDENCE

The circulated correspondence (as attached to the meeting Agenda) was taken as read and noted.

8. AGENDA ITEM # 5: PUBLIC ART PLAN

Peter Hynd Provided a high-level Presentation / update on the Public Art Plan, highlighting:

- Formation of a Public Art Advisory Panel;
- Engagement of the company “Cultural Capital” to prepare the Public Art Plan, noting their role in calling for Expressions of Interest from artists;

- A slide describing the curatorial themes – history (not linear), tribe, facility, ritual, glory, competition roar etc.;
- Opportunities and challenges associated with the site including the overarching public domain, crowd numbers and flow on event days, etc.;
- Desire for a “necklace of interesting things”.

Discussed the six opportunities including:

- Opportunity 1: Ground plane etchings across the site;
- Opportunity 2: A sculptural piece as the basis for a meeting place (noting requirement to consider height and scale);
- Opportunity 3: Tree 125 (Fig tree) feature - an immersive sound piece / sound sculpture;
- Opportunity 4: Screen to stop wind across the site (with visual appeal and not just a utility);
- Opportunity 5: Design for the basketball court soft surface;
- Opportunity 6: Artwork in relation to the stadium seating (injection mold seats) across the two tiers and bays.

Chelsea Ford

Sought confirmation of the process for the oversight of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous artworks.

Peter Hynd

Responded with discussion of the role of The Public Art Advisory Panel (including two independent members) including identifying shortlisted public artists to prepare concepts, the inclusion of multiple artists to be shortlisted across each opportunity and consultation with the local land and metro land councils and City of Sydney in preparing the plan.

Linda Gosling

Queried whether lighting in the stadium would also be considered as part of the overall Plan.

Peter Hynd

Discussed lighting in the facade and roof lighting to be considered, noting expense as a consideration and that lighting in the façade as part of the architectural design is confirmed.

In response to a query, he noted that shortlisted artists will be asked to prepare concepts (not bids), with the preferred artist and concept to be developed further. Reported that the specialist art adviser will identify artists that have relevant experience and capability to commission public art works of the scale of those identified, with the Panel to make the selection.

Confirmed that all shortlisted artists will be paid for concepts (irrespective of the outcome of who wins the final commission).

In response to a further query, he discussed requirement for the wind screen were due to wind funneling between the buildings and based on specialist analysis received and required to be completed as part of the public domain plan works.

Clarified that the process of selecting artists is currently in train.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed:

- Support for the proposal for different types of artwork;
- Goodwill associated with artworks leading up to the site (i.e., from Central Station), noting the need for some consideration of this.

9. AGENDA ITEM # 8: WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY

No additional items from those raised during the meeting

10. AGENDA ITEM # 9: NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was confirmed as **14 July 2021** at **5.30 pm** with the venue to be confirmed.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at **7.54 pm**.

ACTIONS ARISING

01_05/21	Venues NSW	To note Committee feedback in relation to avoiding scheduled public transport related maintenance works on match days.
02_05/21	Julie Shires	To ascertain whether or not the Plans / other advance reading can be shared with the Committee on a confidential basis in advance of 14 July, and to notify the Chair of the outcome.
03_05/21	Margaret Harvie	To extend a standing invitation to Suellen Fitzgerald to attend future CCC Meetings as a key stakeholder.