

MEETING 1 MINUTES

Meeting: Rozelle Parklands Working Group meeting 1

Date / time: Wednesday 10 February 2021, 5:45pm– 8.30pm

Location: 33 James Craig Road, Rozelle
Ground floor, meeting room 1A/B

Attendees:

Attendee	Organisation	Role
Michelle Haerewa		Community Representative
Pieter van Zwieten		Community Representative
Troy Brewster		Community Representative
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Inner West Council (IWC)	Director Infrastructure
Aaron Callaghan	IWC	Parks & Recreation Planning Manager
Caroline Butler-Bowdon	Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE)	Executive Director Public Spaces
Fiona Morrison	DPIE	Director Open Space
Celia Murphy	NSW Office of Sport	Executive Director
Rachel Wheeler	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)	Executive Director Community and Place
Lynne Machin	TfNSW	Director Communication & Engagement, Greater Sydney
James Naylor	TfNSW	Technical Director WestConnex Rozelle Interchange Project
Rebecca Spencer	Becscomm	Independent Chair
Apologies:		
John Egan	NSW Office of Sport	Director, Infrastructure Strategy, Planning and Delivery



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Item 1: Introductions – all

Item 2: Acknowledgement & Welcome to Country – Rebecca Spencer

Item 3: DPIE - Parks and Recreation – strategy/data overview presentation – Caroline Butler-Bowdan and Fiona Morrison

Main points discussed:

- Fiona said that the local community is a major consideration, but with any new and well-developed space it becomes a destination that people will travel to come and visit. So yes, you consider the locals but also the visitors.

Item 3: IWC - strategy/data overview presentation

Main points discussed:

- Aaron acknowledged that the Group are on the same page with regards to the Parklands usage. The asset would be used to make memories, with multi-purpose and balanced usage.
- IWC ambition was for the Parklands to be a high-quality open space that catered for diverse needs of the community and that fit within the IWC strategic plans.
- He referenced the needs of the Inner West for space to cater for sports and recreation that green space was at capacity such as Little Athletics. Also use could be for local schools and that the aim would be to have co-located facilities with amenities.

Item 4: Office of Sport - strategy/data overview presentation

Main points discussed:

- Celia outlined the hierarchy of sport facilities. Also, that the Group would need to consider the volume of use and how many events could occur at the same time.
- She also highlighted the Office of Sport's priorities and other considerations such as fit-for-purpose, multi-use, hubbing, sustainability and tech considerations.

Item 5: Community key issues and considerations – Troy Brewster

Main points discussed:

- Happy with the general layout presented in the UDLP.
- Concerns around the lack of parking for visitors to the Parkland.
- Would like to suggest some cricket nets with floodlights.
- Advocate for sporting use and access for the Parkland.

Item 6: Community key issues and considerations – Pieter van Zwieten

Main points discussed:



- He wants to be able to explain the rationale behind decisions that are made for the Parkland to pass on to the community. For example, the reasons of selection process between grass or synthetic for the sporting fields or why the size/type of trees and plants were chosen.
- Requested that the findings and reasons behind the final decisions and recommendations be made available to share with his community. Particularly in relation to Hassall Group.
- Concern around the tiered seating and lack of shade in summer months.
- Play space looks fantastic but could we include some trees for children to climb, as well as natural play/explore opportunities allowing kids to feel free but still in a controlled environment.
- Asked about how will pedestrians be kept safe in the shared cyclist/pedestrian space? James Naylor answered that the shared path is 4.5m wide. Safety was the consideration when deciding to have no physical divide.
- The proximity of the toilets to the 2-12yo play area is a concern. At the moment it is 150 – 200m away.
- Raised points about the facilities be available for use at night and if so, what will the lighting arrangement be and ensuring the facilities and space do not feel dingy and rundown over time.

Item 7: Community key issues and considerations – Michelle Haerewa

Main points discussed:

- The sporting facilities should be multi-use, which seems to be the case.
- Concerned about damage to the sporting fields surfaces over time.
- Lack of parking is an issue.
- Suggested planting native trees to showcase them with labels to make them educational.
- Reservations around night use, the community would like to see more information.
- Requested a contour map to show the space and any impact that light and noise may have on local residents.
- Requests from the community about the Victoria Road stairs to be included. James Naylor's response was that it was currently out of scope, however it could be considered and is being discussed within wider Transport and for discussion within a traffic and access sub-group.
- Queried about the heritage buildings as part of the Working Group scope. James Naylor advised that they are not and subject to a Residual Land Management Plan.

Item 8: Agree objectives and key principles of park usage/time permitting agree specific areas usage – Lynne Machin/Rebecca Spencer

Main points discussed:

- Lynne spoke to the Group about the concept of using the existing green space principles outlined by DPIE. The Group was asked if using these would be an effective way for the Group to assess the scope items for the Parklands. The group agreed, a matrix was shown with the scope items and the group agreed that these were the "big ticket" items that needed deciding on.
- Lynne also asked the Group if they were in a position to rule out particular items such as a skate park as one was recently built nearby. Additionally, could the Group rule out a community garden? IWC suggested that usually a community garden would require a strong community driven support in order to maintain it, at this stage there was not overwhelming community support for this in the immediate future, however it could be considered in the future with community support. The Group will not pursue either for now
- IWC requested that the parklands not be over designed, leaving room for evolution of community needs over time.
- The Group was shown an image of the space-proofing designs developed by the Project team. This included two car parking sites within the Parklands to show size and scale of the site. It was acknowledged that these parking spaces would take away from open space. Final decision on parking to be made following more investigation.



- The Group requested some traffic modelling of the area for the next meeting? To assess the parking and access requirements.
- IWC suggested that alternative parking on Lilyfield Road would be an option, however this would have to be explored further.
- The importance of multi-cultural and inclusive sports and activities are considered in this process such as Tai chi, badminton, table tennis as well as teenage play and interaction space.
- The Group requested that the sporting fields sizing be confirmed at the next meeting.
- It was raised that the orientation of the sporting fields may not be optimal. The Group was advised that this area was up for discussion, sporting fields have been space-proofed for as part of the Project. The Group can recommend to change this, however it was felt by most of the Group that the use of the space for sporting facilities would be the best use of the space due to the data provided by IWC and shortage of sport fields in the area. Particularly soccer and Little Athletics. The open fields could be useful for non-organised sports and recreation during the day when they aren't being used by clubs.
- It was raised that passive play was also important to be facilitated, not only structured sport.
- The Group also requested information about the current design concept of the UDLP from the Landscape Architect from the Project.
- DPIE raised that heritage and cultural identity of the Parklands could be achieved through artwork, naming or landscape through a creative way – for example a play area with artwork on the playing surface or integrated into the design. Reinforced that it doesn't need to be traditional art pieces.
- The issue of a tight timeframe to make a recommendation was raised. James Naylor responded by explaining as the project is currently being constructed by the contractor, items that come out of the recommendation may need to be considered as part of current design and construction of the Parklands. Therefore, these items need to be confirmed and planned for as soon as possible. Rachel Wheeler responded by saying it is anticipated the Minister will receive this recommendation mid-2021. Further finer details of the Parklands (such as finishes) can be confirmed after the recommendation and may require additional discussion or planning approvals.

Item 9: Agree how to move the items forward and next steps

Main points discussed:

- The Group was asked how they would like to see these items advanced. It was agreed that the Group would break into sub-groups to do further work on the scope items:
 - **Sporting and amenities sub-group:** to discuss the types and needs for local sport and what would be needed to facilitate these sports. Discussion will be around multi-use courts and fields, surfaces, requirements for amenities/lighting/spectator/seating etc
Members: John Egan (Lead), Aaron Callaghan, Troy Brewster
 - **Parking and access sub-group:** to discuss the requirements of parking and access to the Parklands. The Group will outline what other information is required to help the Working Group make a recommendation such as local traffic data and what traffic/parking requirements is estimated in relation to various sports and activities. The Group may also discuss needs for public transport and local access, such as footpaths and stairs.
Members: Cathy Edwards-Davis (Lead), Lynne Machin, Michelle Haerewa
 - **Passive recreation and amenities sub-group:** would discuss the requirements for non-sport activities and recreation such as playgrounds, unstructured play, open space and what would be needed to facilitate this within the Parklands.
Members: Aaron Callaghan (Lead), Celia Murphy, Caroline Butler-Bowden, Pieter van Zwieten, James Naylor
 - **Facilities, heritage and culture sub-group:** will discuss the needs for lighting, security, shade, landscaping, artwork and heritage of the Parklands.



Members: Lynne Machin (Lead), IWC rep (TBC by IWC), TfNSW indigenous rep, James Naylor/Gareth Collins (TfNSW)

Next steps:

- Each sub-group to bring back to the Working Group a recommendation of what may be required to facilitate the agreed outcome. They will also determine the core principles and highlight any issues that would need resolving or further information. Each sub-group will present at the next Working Group meeting.
- The Chair will provide each subgroup with a framework and template to follow to assist with the discussion and help facilitate an outcome from each group.

Action Items:

Actionable items	Responsibility
Provide a contour map to show the topography of the space.	James Naylor
Sizing and layouts of the sporting fields and the standard requirement for each sport (including a running track).	James Naylor/Celia
Provide information from Hassal about the current UDLP concept to explain aspects of the design.	James Naylor
The Chair to provide a framework for sub-groups.	Rebecca Spencer

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

