

MEETING 2 MINUTES

Meeting: Rozelle Parklands Working Group meeting 2

Date / time: Wednesday 17 March 2021, 6pm– 8pm

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
John Eagan	NSW Office of Sport	Director, Infrastructure Strategy, Planning and Delivery
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



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Item 1: Welcome, meeting agenda and minutes from Meeting 1– all

Item 2: Acknowledgement of Country – Lynne Machin

Item 3: The outcome of today’s meeting and what the Group needs to achieve – Rachel Wheeler

Main points discussed:

- The focus of this meeting is an initial list of desired items for the Parklands. This will enable TfNSW to review the desired items in terms of their feasibility (i.e. ability to construct, current planning approvals and other requirements etc) as well as indicative costs of the items. This can be provided to the Group at the next meeting.
- TfNSW will assess what items might fall within the project’ current planning approval, if a Consistency Assessment is required, or a new planning approval process to be undertaken.
- Community members requested more information regarding the designers’ considerations that informed their initial Parkland design. TfNSW will ensure the recommendations of this Group will be assessed by the urban design firm, Hassell, to ensure the Group’s recommendations are in line with the original concept and provide context if not.

Item 4: Sport and amenity sub-group presentation – John Eagan, Aaron Callaghan, Troy Brewster

Main points discussed:

- Sporting grounds must be multipurpose in form and function.
- They must be shared spaces and time allocation should be allowed to support passive recreational use (i.e kite flying and frisbee), not just planned sport.
- The space needs to be an activated community precinct.
- Key considerations - multi-cultural use, family-based use, inclusive for disability use and infrastructure must provide for women and girls.
- The design of the sporting grounds should be focused on evidenced based research as pursuant to Inner West Council’s adopted Recreation and Needs Study and NSW Government Open Space Charter and strategic plans for open space.
- IWC is carrying out an audit of all the sporting facilities within the LGA to identify the greatest needs.
- Facilities would be required such as shade, changing rooms, lighting (some of which will be covered by the Rozelle Interchange project) and storage for sporting equipment, possibly space proofing for a canteen.
- The Group would like to look at relocating the amenities building to cater for both fields.
- IWC advised that natural turf can be utilised 25 hours a week, including training which leaves the rest of the time available for passive use. Synthetic turf can be utilised up to 60 hours per week.
- Discussions around the requirements of each potential sport – i.e Little Athletics track, hockey surfaces, soccer, AFL, cricket, rugby union/league.
- Discussions around the length of the synthetic turf that will accommodate multiple ball sports.
- IWC manage the sporting schedule for the LGA and plan to balance sporting use and the impacts on local residents.
- Office of Sport and IWC will continue their work with determining sporting needs and discussions with their sporting contacts.



Item 5: Parking and access sub-group presentation – Cathy Edwards-Davis, Lynne Machin, Michelle Haerewa

Main points discussed:

- There needs to be a balance between the parking and access needs of the broader community and the need to mitigate potential impacts on the surrounding local residents.
- All facilities will be accessible for people with mobility issues, including pedestrian access point and pathways, toilets and some playground equipment.
- Active transport facilities will be provided, including cycle paths/parking, pedestrian paths and through linking.
- Discussion around keeping car parking outside the parklands to maximise green space. This could involve adjusting current parking on Lilyfield Road and changing parking restrictions (subject to IWC consultation with the community).
- Discussions around active transport paths and safety considerations such as the interaction between pedestrians, cyclists and general park users.

Item 6: Passive recreation and amenities sub-group presentation- Aaron Callaghan, Celia Murphy, Caroline Butler-Bowden, Pieter van Zwieten

Main points discussed:

- The Parklands should be inclusive for all and include a range of opportunities for passive recreation for multiple users.
- Parks and open spaces in the Inner West are recognised by the community as an extension to the backyard, and in many cases for those living in apartments this would be the backyard.
- Children’s play should include considerations around nature play to allow children the space and time to explore and develop their own abilities.
- The Group agreed that they would recommend the two children’s play areas should be combined and made appropriate for all ages.
- Discussed location of amenity blocks as well as additional cover from sun or rain when watching sport or using BBQ facilities and inclusion of tables and chairs in the BBQ area.
- Need to confirm the ideal surface for the children’s play areas.

Item 7: Art, culture and heritage sub-group plan presentation – Lynne Machin, James Naylor, Aaron Callaghan, with George Shearer (TfNSW Aboriginal advisor) and Gareth Collins (TfNSW landscape architect)

Main points discussed:

- The Parklands must be respectful and inclusive of Country, local Aboriginal heritage and should also reflect the railyard-industrial heritage.
- There has already been a considerable amount of work done to date with regards to art/culture/heritage that included Aboriginal representatives. The Group needs to ensure that all of this thinking/planning is considered and included.
- The Group agreed that the naming of the Parklands should be an Aboriginal name appropriate to the area. Additionally, there may be an opportunity to name the ‘Green-Link’ Landbridge and the shared user path bridge. NB naming elements are to follow the relevant TfNSW/IWC/GNB processes.
- Look at ways to integrate the community such as a path with bricks laid by community members, or an art competition.
- Must involve the IWC Aboriginal representative group and the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council

Item 8: Group discussion about sub-group outcomes and moving forward – Rebecca Spencer

Main points discussed:

- Review information and learnings available regarding the integration of cyclists and pedestrians.



- Further discussion and outcomes of the IWC audit about the types of sports that have the biggest need for facilities.
- Further investigation about facilities such as amenities block and additional cover over seating areas and BBQs.
- Further discussions about Aboriginal engagement and appropriateness of some of the cultural elements
- The Group agreed that the recommendation must include the NSW Government 10 Principles of Public Spaces and make sure we are assessing recommendations against these.

Action Items:

Actionable items	Responsibility
TfNSW to consider feasibility and costs of the desired items and provide this at the next meeting.	James Naylor
An audit of all the sporting facilities in the Inner West LGA to identify where the greatest needs are.	Aaron Callaghan
Determine turf requirements for both fields.	John Eagan
Further discussion with sporting groups including Little Athletics regarding surface and space required.	Aaron Callaghan
Further information about the storage requirements for each sport.	John Egan
Further data on local parking along Lilyfield Road.	James Naylor
Provide facility shed/amenities block dimensions and examples so Transport can assess footprint and possible appropriate location(s).	Aaron Callaghan
Reconnect with various Aboriginal representatives to discuss the proposed representation.	Aaron Callaghan with Gareth Collins
Review information and learnings available regarding the integration of cyclists and pedestrians. Lynne to speak to the TfNSW Active Transport team, DPIE and IWC to share learnings from other parks.	Lynne Machin / Fiona Morrison / Cathy Edwards-Davis
Conduct tour of other best practice parks.	Lynne Machin / James Naylor

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15PM

