

Junction Place CRG – Meeting #8 Minutes

Meeting date & time

Thursday 1 February, 6-8:30pm

Hyphen Wodonga

Attendees

Name	Role
Susan Benedyka	Independent Chair
Kellie Howard	CRG Member
Rachel Habgood	CRG Member
Jye McBurnie	CRG Member
Michelle Hudson	CRG Member
Elliot Child	CRG Member
Sam Cremean	Senior Engagement Advisor (Development Victoria)
Rhys Radcliffe	Assistant Development Manager (Development Victoria)
Jay Gleeson	Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager (Development Victoria)
Ronan Mellan	Senior Director, Precincts (Development Victoria)
Niall Cunningham	Group Head, Precincts

Apologies

Name	Role
Ben Peach	Senior Development Manager (Development Victoria)
Farrah Reid	CRG Member
Julie Rose Starr	CRG Member
Bobbi McKibbin	CRG Member

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair sincerely acknowledged Country and paid respects to Traditional Owners.

The Chair confirmed that there are no conflicts of interest arising.

The Chair asked each member to provide an update on anything relevant to the CRG which had occurred since the last meeting. This included updates from the group on how they have been engaging with their networks over the break between meetings. There was a consistent concern from the broader community that the project timing and next steps aren't clear.

2. RFP update

The Chair welcomed Development Victoria to provide an update on the Request for Proposal process which concluded in November.

Development Victoria explained that the procurement process is well underway and currently the applications are being rigorously assessed as apart of Development Victoria standard due diligence. This aims to ensure that the best possible outcomes are delivered for the precinct.

Development Victoria representatives also stressed that this due diligence process is particularly important for Junction Place understanding the community sentiment following the previous tender process.

3. Understanding and shaping our role

The Chair asked the members the following questions regarding the future role of the CRG.

What are our hopes and expectations moving forward from the process?

- Members stressed the importance of being informed and being able to inform the broader community with accurate information about what to expect.
- The importance of two-way communication was raised, including with City of Wodonga.
- Understanding of potential time frames moving forward was also important to the CRG members.

What is the best way we can fulfil that role?

- The CRG members are interested in sharing communications materials with the broader community to keep everyone well informed with support from Development Victoria.
- There was also interest in briefing City of Wodonga Councillors on the project to ensure they are informed.
- The members also agreed to aim to have a presence at upcoming events including the City2City run to inform and listen to the community further in this interim period.
- Various other engagement methods were discussed including social media and surveys.

4. Meeting close

The group agreed on the below key messages to summarise the meeting:

- Development Victoria is progressing well with the developer selection process for the sites at Junction Place.
- Development Victoria has a responsibility to ensure rigorous due diligence of all developer applicants. This aims to ensure that the best possible outcomes are delivered for the precinct.
- The CRG stressed the importance of due diligence in the process to ensure quality development outcomes and continue to take into account community views.
- The CRG proud of what they have achieved last year in listening to the community, raising key issues with Development Victoria, and ensuring that community views were a key part of the Expression of Interest process.
- The CRG are excited to continue engaging the community to ensure that Junction Place is exciting, vibrant and meets community needs.

5. Actions

Action	Responsibility	Timing
1. Continue to discuss potential opportunities to including Aboriginal voices in the CRG	Chair CRG members	Ongoing
2. Invite Aunty Valda Murray to a future CRG meeting	Chair CRG members	Next available meeting
3. Update on site signage to notify community the selection process is underway	Development Victoria	Prior to 18 February
4. Invite City of Wodonga staff to the next CRG meeting	Development Victoria	Next CRG meeting (18 March)
5. Provide information on indicative timing and future phases to the CRG	Development Victoria	Prior to 18 February
6. Attend upcoming events to engage the community on the next steps of the process	CRG members	Ongoing 18 February (City2City)

7. Next meeting

18 March 2024 6-8pm