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| Minutes of meeting |
| Youth Justice Redevelopment Project |

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| **Meeting details** | | |  |  |
| **Meeting title:** | Community Advisory Group | | **No:** | 35 |
| **Date:** | Monday 21 February 2022 | | **Time:** | 4:00pm – 4:49pm |
| **Location:** | **Online** | | | |
| **Attendees** | |  |  |  |
| **Community Advisory Group members:** Justin Giddings (Chair), Barbara McLure (Deputy Chair, community member), Stephen Wall (CEO, Wyndham City Council), Cr Peter Maynard (Mayor, Wyndham City Council), Cr Heather Marcus (Wyndham City Council), Cr Susan McIntyre (Wyndham City Council), Lisa Heinrichs (community member), Les Sanderson (community member), Marisa Berton (community member)  **Other attendees:** Justin Balasa (Project Manager, John Holland), Corinne Cadilhac (Deputy Secretary, Justice Infrastructure and CEO, Community Safety Building Authority), James McCann (A/Executive Director, Operations, Youth Justice), Samuel Werner (Project Director, CSBA), Tess Mullenger (A/Executive Director Young People Outcomes and Workforce Support, Youth Justice), Andrew Green (Manager, Project Communication, DJCS), Nick Harley (Adviser, Project Communication, DJCS)  **Apologies:** No apologies | | | | |

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| **Actions from February meeting** |
| **Action 35.1** DJCS to provide contact at Melbourne Water to Chair for further exploration of tree planting  **Action 25.2:** (Ongoing) John Holland Group to provide regular update regarding local jobs on-site  **Action 29.9:** (Ongoing) Youth Justice to provide update on workforce planning and recruitment at Cherry Creek |
| **Actions closed at February meeting** |
| **Action 34.1:** DJCS to enquire with Melbourne Water possibility for trees to be planted on their land  **Action 34.2:** DJCS to provide further information on water pressure for fighting fire on site |

**Item 1. Welcome/ Apologies**

* Chair welcomed attendees; no apologies recorded.
* Chair introduced Stephen Wall, CEO, Wyndham City and Cr Heather Marcus as attendees of the CAG, noting that a formal brief is due to be approved by the Department of Justice on both appointments shortly.

**Item 2. Previous minutes and actions**

* **Discussion of Action 34.1** (tree planting) Sam Werner (Project Director, CSBA) noted communication with Melbourne Water regarding feasibility of planting trees in MW land adjacent to trainline and freeway. MW happy to provide contact to CAG should they wish to discuss further. SW noted complexities identified around use of land for this purpose relating to grass land management and environmental issues. Action closed.
* **Action 35.1** DJCS to provide contact at Melbourne Water to Chair for further exploration of tree planting
* **Discussion of Action 34.2** (water pressure) SW noted there is adequate water pressure and resources on site for purposes of fire control. CFA representatives visited site earlier this year and inspected water controls and systems in place. Les Sanderson (community member) noted conversations with Little River CFA Captain following this meeting and shared positive feedback re progress made with CSBA and John Holland Group. SW appreciated CFA’s input on project so far especially around access points. Action closed.

**Item 3. Project update**

* Justin Balasa (Project Director, John Holland) presented aerial footage of Cherry Creek and noted there are approximately 370-420 workers on site per day, with a total of just under 1.5 million labour hours reached. Over 1,800 sub-contractors have so far been employed since last year.
* JB outlined current activities on finishing works across site. Majority of buildings have been energized and entering or in full conditioning phase. Focus is being given to defects management and hard and soft landscaping. Contractor parking is being moved out of current car park location to enable work to begin on facility car park. John Holland sheds are starting to be decanted and relocated to access road.
* SW noted ongoing talks with Werribee Zoo regarding potential provision of excess rock from the site for animal enclosure upgrades. This follows similar donations to the Victorian Fisheries Authority to revitalise the state’s waterways. Marissa Berton (community member) commended the Department on looking for opportunities the project can provide for the local area.
* JB shared photographs at ground level and internal works of project, noting progress on accommodation buildings, classrooms and staff building. Progress of landscaping will become increasingly noticeable in the coming months.
* Discussion between JB and SW noting success of the project’s Local Industry Development Plan. Project on target to meet use of Locally Sourced Materials and Labour currently at 94.1% with Locally Milled Steel at 93.3%. The project is continuing to build on already surpassed Aboriginal Employment and Major Project Skills Guarantee targets.
* JB provided update on local engagement initiative, which raised over $12,000 for Delama Mok-Borryn Youth Leadership Program, part of the Wathaurong Community.
* Discussion between Chair, Corinne Cadilhac (CEO, Community Safety Building Authority), Barbara McLure (Deputy Chair), JB and SW regarding project completion. SW noted practical completion is on track to meet forecast of September 2022. CC noted this significant achievement, given impacts of COVID on the construction industry and supply chains over the last two years.

**Item 4. Youth Justice Update**

* Tess Mullenger (A/Executive Director Young People Outcomes and Workforce Support, Youth Justice) noted focus of Youth Justice is on familiarisation with the new facility, in consultation with CSBA and John Holland Group. Discussions with CFA continue in developing an emergency management plan for the site as well as dialogue with other stakeholders such as local hospitals.
* Discussion between Lisa Heinrichs (community member) and TM regarding interest from community in work towards opening of the facility and recruitment. TM noted workforce planning continues and YJ look forward to providing further information on staffing and recruitment when possible. **Action 29.9** (workforce planning) carried forward.
* Discussion between Cr Heather Marcus and TM regarding rehabilitation focus of the centre. TM noted facility will have a major rehabilitation focus. The centre will build on strategies and programs from existing YJ facilities as well as new services. There will be eight dedicated mental health beds on site and dedicated mental health professionals.

**Item 5. Community discussion**

* Discussion between Cr Susan McIntyre (Wyndham City Council) and SW regarding continued community feedback on visibility of the facility from Princes Highway and nearby trainline. SM noted ongoing CAG request for additional screening trees. SW noted planting of trees has been undertaken around perimeter of site, which should reach significant height within 3-5 years. Trees are elevated to provide some buffering.
* Discussion between BM, LS and SW noting other feedback from community has commented on difficulty of seeing facility from road, especially when travelling from Geelong to Melbourne.
* LS noted discussions with residents living near the facility – they have had minimal issues throughout construction and have been impressed by how construction management by John Holland Group and DJCS.
* Discussion between MB, SW and TM regarding vegetable patches planned for facility. TM confirmed these are part of planned recreation and vocational strategies to be implemented at the centre. Any planting of fauna within the centre is subject to analysis of risk and consideration of distance from walls and structures.
* MB commended the work of the Department in dialogue with Werribee Zoo, querying whether a partnership could be explored once the facility is open. TM noted that this being considered and may present an exciting opportunity.

**Item 6. Other business**

* Discussion between LH and SW regarding site visit for the CAG. Advice will be provided to the CAG in the lead up to next meeting on ability to conduct a site visit.

**Item 7. Meeting Close**

* Meeting finished at 4:49PM
* Next meeting Monday 11 April, venue TBC