

Minutes



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- We serve the community
- We work together with honesty and respect
- We have a 'can do' attitude
- We take responsibility
- We listen, learn and improve
- We communicate effectively
- We take pride in the way we work

Wickham Community Hub (WCH) – Reference Group Meeting

Date: 25 March 2015

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Meeting Location: Proposed Wickham Community Hub (WCH) Site

Attendees: Richard Goscombe – Wickham Chaplain
Yohanna Kelly – Wickham Community Association
Ross Humphries – Wickham Wolves & Wickham Warriors
Jo Halpin – Pilbara Health Network
Kelly Nunn – Wickham Playgroup
Taryn Higgins – Point Samson Community Association
Eddie Kovac – Wickham Squash Club
Courtney Butler – Wickham Craft Room
Dani Hutchings – Wickham Kindergym
Liam Kelly – Wickham Youth Group
Brittany Cover – City of Karratha Youth Services
Melissa Munday – Wickham Library
Leigh Cover – City of Karratha
Natasha Hombsch – City of Karratha

Apologies: Fiona White-Hartig – Wickham Community Association
Matt Emery – Wickham Soccer
Naomi Randall – Netball
Brett Marsh – 6720 Muay Thai
Michelle Cross – Wickham Art Group
Coral Callan – CSSU
Andrew Ward – City of Karratha
Deb Ross – CSSU
Kim Riordan – Wickham Art Group
Sean Shields – City of Karratha Project Manager
Philip Gresley – Gresley Abas Architects
Alex Quin – Gresley Abas Architects

Meeting Purpose:

To discuss revised WCH Master Plan (MP) and reach group consensus on final MP design. Splash Pad details and location to be resolved.

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Introductions

Richard Goscombe (RG) opened the meeting outlining the key objectives of the March WCHRG meeting:

- Reach consensus of a final MP design for the WCH;
- Determine Splash Pad (SP) details including reaching consensus of the SP location.

LC discussed why Gresley Abas Architects did not attend this meeting

Each WCHRG member received a *Wickham Community Hub* booklet (Attachment 1) to reference throughout the meeting.

2. Revised WCH Master Plan

2.1 Proposed WCH Site Walk

- The WCHRG assembled at the centre of the proposed WCH site to discuss the revised WCH MP (refer to Attachment 1, Appendix A – Master Plan).
- RG made reference to February 2015 WCHRG meeting, supporting the revised MP had taken into consideration group comments and requested changes.
 - Skate Park is now in view from other facilities (i.e. courts);
 - Skate Park and Youth external area is now combined;
 - Multi Purpose Room 2 (MP2) and Hall have their own external areas;
 - MP2, Hall and section of Youth can open into large function area;
 - Right hand side of MP remains identical to February meeting (Library, Early Learning Centre, MP1 and Not-For-Profit Offices).
- Ross Humphries (RH) supported the revised MP design with the Skate Park now being visible from the courts, integrating the Skate Park with the existing sports facilities. RG agreed advising this combining of outdoor activities promotes safety and security.
- Members stepped out estimated measurements of the proposed WCH building and car park area. Liam Kelly (LK) suggested the car park takes up too much space and this could be utilised for further Youth external area. Brittany Cover (BC) believes the proposed Youth Skate Park and combined external space is extensive, stating if the full extent of the space be skate, it will be the biggest Skate Park in the City of Karratha.
- Eddie Kovak (EK) questioned the Not-For-Profit (NFP) Offices, concerned it was not utilising the space available. Leigh Cover (LC) confirmed the spaces are funded per square metre, therefore if this space was to increase, another area would have to reduce in scope.
- Kelly Nunn (KN) raised concern regarding one external area for MP1 and the Library. Melissa Munday (MM) advised the Library definitely requires access to an external area, mainly for kids craft, and can be flexible around users of MP1.

KN and MM agreed they can work together and program the external space efficiently so both MP1 and Library users can access.

- Taryn Higgins (TH) asked the size of the Multi Purpose Room external areas? LC advised the external areas of the Mutli Purpose Rooms are approximately 80 square meters each.
- RG suggested the Youth Skate Park / external area can have some water elements. BC responded the Skate Park and Youth have a clear relationship. The Skate Park is multi-functional and used in Youth programming. This is more important than Splash Pad and water play elements. KN, TH, Courtney Butler (CB) and Dani Hutchings (DH) agreed.
- RG asked all members if they are happy with the revised WCH MP and therefore, confirm group consensus is this will be the final WCH MP design? All members agreed, with the exception of LK.
- LK did not agree with the proposed WCH MP, concerned with the positioning of the Splash Pad (SP). LK suggested the car park be taken out of the MP design so a SP can be situated near Youth area. LK suggested the proposed building footprint be marked on site by cones/ground markings.

3. Splash Pad (SP) and Water Play Elements

3.1 SP design and pricing

- The WCHRG assembled at proposed Site 2 for the SP (refer to Attachment 1, page 6) where LC had marked splash pad sizes as follows:
 - 600 square meters;
 - 500 square meters;
 - 250 square meters;
 - 125 square meters.
- LC showed the marked area of a 600 square meter SP and made reference to the Vortex SP quote and design the Wickham Community Association (WCA) sourced in 2012 (refer to Attachment 1, Appendix B). LC commended the WCA on their work towards a great design wanting the best outcome for the Wickham Community. The City also wants the best possible outcome for the Wickham Community with the current funding allocation of \$1.6 million for the SP, noting this allocation includes any water play elements and additions to Youth area for older children's play equipment.
- LC discussed aspects that need to be considered when building a Splash Pad (refer to Attachment 1, page 4)
 - Re-using water or fresh water?;
 - Needs gutters or pits to catch water if re-use water;
 - Needs access to power, sewer and water services;
 - Needs to have ph., soda ash, acidic level and chlorine controls;
 - Needs to comply with WA Health Regulations, i.e. There needs to be a closure period 2 hours before use and 2 hours after use.
 - Water quality needs to be tested twice per day;
 - Must be fenced due to WA Health Regulations;
 - Further details in Attachment 1, page 4.
- LC advised the estimated costings to run services detailed on Attachment 1, page 5 is incorrect after LK advised there is a water hydrant on the proposed WCH site.

- LC advised the City had the Vortex quote independently reviewed by Geoff Ninnes (GN) Fong & Partners Pty Ltd (refer to Attachment 1, Appendix C). LC advised GN is an experienced Aquatic Engineer who designed the Leisureplex Splash Pad and aquatic elements.
- GN's review of the Vortex SP quote, taking into consideration all exclusions, project costs and construction in Wickham (regional WA), is \$2.73 million for construction only. LC provided an overview of elements excluded in the Vortex quote (refer to Attachment 1, Appendix C).
- LC advised, with all due respect to the WCA and their best intentions for the Wickham Community, he and the independent assessor does not believe the Vortex quote is a viable option. However, LC would encourage Vortex to put forward a quote/submission when the SP Project goes to Tender.
- RG asked if GN can provide an appropriate SP size for the allocated budget? LC advised no, the SP budget will have to be determined and then it will go through a formal procurement process. The first step is to determine how much of the \$1.6 million will be allocated to add ons in the Youth area and other water play elements. LC suggested an approximate estimate of 230 square meter SP would be more reasonable, noting this is the approximate size of the Karratha Leisureplex SP.
- BC raised concern with proposed Site 1 for the SP, advising it is unsafe having water play right next to the Skate Park. Youth and young children do not play together, therefore the SP and Skate park need to be segregated. LC confirmed there is a design issue under WA Health Regulations having the Skate Park and SP within the same proximity.
- RG advised Youth age group is considered 8-12 years old, and younger children are considered 7 years and under. It has been made clear throughout the meetings there is a distinct segregation between these groups and the SP will predominately used by the younger children.

3.2 Location of Splash Pad

RG requested all members refer to Attachment 1, page 6 and advise preference of location of Splash Pad and any comment. Noting it was confirmed in the February 2015 WCHRG meeting, Site 3 (close to Saylor Park) was not a preferred location by any member.

Stakeholder Name and Group Represented	Preferred SP Site No.	Fencing	Comment
Ross Humphries (Wickham Wolves and Wickham Warriors)	Site 2	External with access from pool.	Believes the SP is for family use, primary school aged children. Good security. In family friendly area surrounded by other family friendly activities.
Dani Hutchings (Wickham Kindergym)	Site 2	External with access from pool.	Likes Site 2 from a parents point of view, children can use pool and SP facilities at the same time, parent can supervise both facilities. This location is safe for little kids. Does not like Site 1 option.

Melissa Munday (Wickham Library)	Site 2	External with access from pool.	Agrees with previous comments. Likes Site 2, value for money, more use, increased parent supervision and passive surveillance than Site 1.
Courtney Butler (Wickham Craft Room)	Site 2	External with access from pool.	Believes Site 2 is the best location for a SP.
Brittany Cover (Youth Services)	Site 2	External with access from pool.	Site 2 is a better fit for a SP. Dis-agrees with Site 1 for SP, however agrees with water elements in Youth area such as a mister for example. BC advised there are no exclusions for use of both the SP and Skate park and this is not encouraging separation, just choosing the most appropriate location of the facilities.
Taryn Higgins (Point Samson Community Association)	Site 2		Prefers Site 2 as it creates a line of sight from a distance, for example if playing netball, kids can play on SP. Site 1 is lower, distant and will not be visible from other facilities such as the courts. Does not agree with reducing the car park to make space for SP. Car parking is required to meet regulations. BC added it is also inconvenient if there is not sufficient car parking for WCH users.
Deb Ross – CSSU (apology, KN made comment on behalf of DR)	Site 2		Kelly Nunn advised on behalf of Deb Ross, that she prefers Site 2. Does not want SP on Site 1 near the Childcare.
Kelly Nunn (Wickham Playgroup)	Site 2	External to pool fence.	Prefers Site 2. Central, passive surveillance. Only concern is basketballs landing on SP from courts.
Jo Halpin (Pilbara Health Network)	Site 2		Agrees with previous comments.
Yohanna Kelly (Wickham Community Association)	Site 2		Agrees Site 2 is a better option due to security and lighting in pool area/ Concerned with lack of parent supervision. For example, parents will attend Bistro and kids will be unsupervised on SP. Would like to see the SP area incorporate BBQ's, tables and seating for events.
Liam Kelly (Wickham Youth Group)	Site 1		Raised concern SP too close to Bistro and basketball courts. Suggested it will be a "babysitting" club for responsible parents supervising their children, as other children will be left unsupervised. RG commented responsible parenting/supervision of children is a separate issue to SP location. BC suggested the 24/7 access and operation may need to be re-visited if the supervision of children is an issue.
Leigh Cover (City of Karratha)	Site 2	External to pool area.	From a facility management point of view, prefers Site 2 due to pool staff can be utilised to manage SP and monitor water quality twice per day as per WA Health Regulations, without leaving a Class 1 facility (the pool).

Eddie Kovak (Wickham Squash)	Site 2	External with access from pool – use of toilet facilities?	Believes Site 2 creates better value for money being closer to services. Encourages family interaction. Concern – toilet facilities?
Richard Goscombe (Chair)	Site 2	Suggested part of the SP be inside pool area and part of SP external to pool area.	Prefers Site 2, only concern is RG doesn't want the original plan of a water park in the youth area to be taken away. BC confirmed Site 2 is not excluding Youth from the use of the SP and Youth programming can incorporate use of the SP. RG wants to ensure the Youth area incorporates some type of water element.

Outcome:

RG confirmed Site 2 is the preferred location of the Splash Pad. RG requested comment from LK if he was comfortable to move forward with the consensus of the WCHRG confirming Site 2 as the location of the SP, noting LK's preference was Site 1. LK confirmed yes, he was comfortable with consensus of the group and that Site 2 is the determined location of the SP.

It was also group consensus some water element(s) are to be included in the Youth Area.

4. Next WCHRG Meeting

- Next meeting confirmed for Wednesday, 29 April 2015 6pm – 8pm.
- Next meeting will be held at the Wickham Library.

5. Closing comments

- YK referred to the WCH MP design and advised functions held in the Hall/MP2/section of Youth Centre and external areas will have to be well managed to ensure separation from the Skate Park area. EK agreed advising he and his younger children leave the current Wickham Skate Park when Youth arrive due to unpleasant language.
- KN suggested the WCHRG organise a stall at the Love Where You Live Expo, 6 June 2015 to promote and advertise the works to date of the WCH to the wider community. This would replace holding a community forum as previously planned. All members agreed.
- RG closed the meeting at 8.15pm.