

Active and Healthy Ageing Community Advisory Board Meeting

MINUTES – Thursday 16th June 2016

Chair: Cr Julie Williams

Facilitator: Gillian Damonze

Minutes: Fionnuala Spillane

Community Representatives Attendance: Marika Bozinova, Frances Hennessy, Virginia Herts, Anne Learmonth, Nick Nicholaou, Geoffrey Richards, Robyn Vote

Darebin Council Representatives Attendance: Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Gaetano Greco. Bridget Monro Hobbs (Manager, Aged and Disability) Gillian Damonze (Coordinator Community Participation and Development), Sophie Jordan (Marketing and Community Engagement Officer) Nicola Johnson (Community Development Officer).

Apologies: Lyn Austin, Audrey Grace, Draga Kostantinova (Community Representatives) Katrina Knox (Director Community Development), Ronnie Spykers (Community Resource Support Officer).

AGENDA

Item	Key Discussion Points	Action – Who/When
1. Welcome and agenda overview	Cr Greco welcomed Board members.	
2. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – feedback on market stall , forthcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council staff ran information stall Preston Market earlier today (16th June) providing information to the public about Elder Abuse.• Language specific brochures and flyers published by Seniors Rights Victoria were handed out to shoppers.• Community agencies working in this area also attended and provided information ie Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, Darebin Legal Centre, Darebin Community Health, Aboriginal Community Elders Service.• Audrey Grace, Marika Bozinova and Virginia Herts from the Board attended to provide support.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff have organised 3 Elder Abuse Awareness sessions in consultation with Seniors Rights Victoria, Ethnic Communities Council Victoria and Macedonian Community Welfare Association. to be held over the next couple of weeks. • These will be held at Senior Citizens Centres and will Include an Italian Specific and a Macedonian specific session. • Discussion around ideas for next year – fridge magnets, Notices through primary school newsletters • Discussion around culturally appropriate ways of communicating messages to be further explored. 	
3. Northland Urban Renewal Precinct – presentation by Strategic Planning	<p>Yvonne Rust (Strategic Planner, Darebin Council) presented on the Northland Urban Renewal Precinct (NURP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unused ex industrial land surrounding Northland Shopping Centre • Early planning stages of 20 year project for renewal of use • Ideas to develop around flexible community use and environmental sustainability • Important to get some simple actions happening soon to establish community engagement • Pop up open space, innovative use of shipping containers (eg Christchurch post earthquake model) • See attached slide presentation for details • Yvonne welcoming of Board feedback • How does the Board want to be involved on an ongoing basis? 	
4. Questions and Discussion regarding Northland Urban Renewal Precinct	<p>Suggestions from Board around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea for recreation centre in Snake Gully drive • Important to have low cost exercise options • Potential for accommodation options in the North • Important to have enough and the right kind of seating for older people to feel safe to venture into open space • Chess sets in open space etc • Art gallery/arts space eg amenities surrounding Coburg Lake • Risk of places becoming sterile – how do you create soul? – developers don't focus on human aspect • Create spaces for emerging groups and older people • How is Darebin's recently launched Tourism Strategy linked in? 	<p>Further suggestions can be forwarded to Gillian</p> <p>Yvonne will return to Board quarterly to collect feedback, ideas.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing consultation with local universities important • Look at Public Transport services to area • Food van area would be good • Arboraetum idea eg Canberra model • Shelter in outdoor areas 	
<p>5. Active and Healthy Ageing Plan Council seeking input into the notion of exploring a partnership with PTNH.</p>	<p>Chis Lombardo. Manager of Preston and Thornbury Neighbourhood invited to talk about her role as Manager of Preston Thornbury Neighbourhood Houses. Council is embarking on an exploration with PTNH as a partnership to manage Leinster Grove. Council seeking feedback and considerations from AHAB that may be used to develop a set of principles about a potential arrangement such as this.</p> <p>Current Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leinster Grove is currently managed by Aged and Disability as a Senior Citizens Centre who take bookings from older people's groups for evenings and weekends. • PTNH have a lease agreement with Council giving them access to the building from Monday to Friday during the day for Neighbourhood House activities. • Only not for profit community groups eligible to use <p>Overview of some of the benefits as outlined by Chris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTNH has wide experience of managing large and diverse space • Nearby office to Leinster Grove for day to day management • Neighbourhood Houses main goal is lifelong learning • PTNH will develop use to be more diverse and reflective of local 	

community

- PTNH will increase numbers using hall
- PTNH will have flexibility to waive or reduce fees according to means of group
- PTNH propose use hall to support start up businesses providing for community needs
- PTNH looking at upgrade of kitchen to commercial status
- PTNH undertake to respect current users (older peoples groups) and work with them to provide for their needs eg computer classes etc
- Activities could include Mens Shed and Rainbow Shed, community garden on old bocce court
- PTNH also developing an outreach function as part of its services

To progress this work:

- Council would need to seek feedback and input from Board re proposal
- Council would look carefully at the needs of older people's groups who currently use Leinster Grove to ensure their continued use
- Council will consult with current users (older people's groups) to determine how to ensure their needs are met under any new management arrangement

Significant work will need to be done to continue the exploration of this kind of partnership.

6. NDIS/Aged Care Reform Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council continuing its work and conversations with National Disability Insurance Agency in the lead up to NDIS implementation 1st July 2016 • Council supporting clients to transition to new My Aged Care (MAC) system • Council Assessment functions have been split to reflect new system. • MAC will go live on 1st July 2016 	
7. Other agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaetano noted the reinstatement of home maintenance service - 	
8. Meeting Closed	<p>Next Meeting 5.00pm – 6.30pm Thursday 18 August 2016</p> <p>Conference room – 274 Gower Street, Preston</p>	