

## PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held March 5, 2013

**Present** Robert Krelle, Gerry Noonan, Lucille Voullaire, Mary Duckworth, John Drennan, Kay Thorne, Tim Todhunter, Margaret Dean, Ros Morgan, George Morgan, Brenda Frok, Bruce Strange, Marwin Davison, Anne Phelley, Marg Jungwirth, Loretta Krelle, Terry Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Margaret Coucher, Brendan Smith, Charles Parsons, Alexis Becket, Paul Becket, Alan Wise, Heather Lacey, Liz Dohmann, Mark Dohmann, Charles Coppel, Wiy Adams, Stuart Wyithe, Julianne Bell, Anne Newton, Lourdes Brent, Krina Smith, Edwina Kearney, Sarah Turberville, Gary Fitton, Lesley Bretherton, Norah Killip, John Killip

The Meeting was addressed by Cathy Kiss, Senior Parks Planner, City of Melbourne & Ian Shears, Manager of Urban Landscapes. The purpose was to inform Parkville residents of the developments in planning of the Return to Royal Park site, previously occupied by the old Royal Children's Hospital.

Points which emerged included the following:-

The plan was developed taking into account ideas of the local and wider community.

Factors which affected planning included the different levels of the site. There is an 8 metre drop from West to East.

As trees take time to establish, there will be built in structures to provide shade.

Design will continue the Australian landscape character consistent with the greater Royal Park. There will be some garden beds and meandering pathways.

Three main entrances with Gateways will hopefully attract people to the park.

There will continue to be car parking on the edge of the new park but the number of car spaces will be reduced by about half.

A children's playground will be located on the Northern Boundary.

A toilet will be sited on the edge of the park in Gatehouse Street, approximately facing Story Street in line with indented five car parking space for the disabled.

The proposals for the location of the car parking spaces and the toilet provoked considerable discussion. A show of hands indicated 2/3rds of those present opposed the siting of the toilet. Many of those present expressed alarm that there would be two toilets in Gatehouse Street.

The toilet recently constructed in the native garden has been observed to be used mainly by commuters passing through the street and NOT by park users.

\*The address was followed by a general meeting of the Parkville Association.

**Apologies:** - Barry Jones; Tony McClure Graham Tongs

**The president** delivered the president's report which covered the following issues:-

**Heritage issues.** The Parkville Association has monitored plans submitted to Council and taken the appropriate action.

**Gatehouse Street** Calming measures are now complete. Thanks were expressed to Brenda Frok for her extensive work in ensuring that this work went ahead to a satisfactory standard.

The PA has been monitoring proposals for the Eastern Freeway and the potential train line.

**Web-site** is in the process of being redesigned and reactivated.

**Traffic Issues** have been vigorously discussed and ongoing liaison with the MCC engineers has led to plans for some modification of Park Drive particularly at the Southern End.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Margaret Dean.

Tim Todhunter moved and Norah seconded the acceptance of the report.

**Election of Office Bearers**

John Drennan took the chair for the election of office bearers for 2013. He explained that there had been a change in the Association Incorporation Act and it is no longer necessary to have a public officer. These duties will be assumed by the secretary.

The following people were elected as office bearers for 2013.:

**President:** - Robert Krelle

**Vice Presidents:** - Tim Todhunter; Gerry Noonan

**Treasurer:** \_ Margaret Dean

**Secretary:** \_ Anne Rickards

**Committee:**

Bruce Strange  
Heather Lacey  
Brenda Frok  
Graham Tongs  
Nick Dohrmann  
Brendan Smith  
Krina Smith  
Anne Newton  
Anne Phelley  
George Morgan  
Bruce Strange  
Marwin Davison

**Archivist:** - Graham Tongs

**Auditor:** - Richard Wingrave

A vote of thanks was moved by Norah and seconded by Tim for the tireless work over four years by Gerry and for John Drennan for over 20 years work as public officer and for his extensive involvement in drafting the Constitution.

**General Business**

Robert Krelle took over the chair for General Business.

**Heritage Issues**

Anne Phelley raised the issue of plans for 155 Royal Parade. TT2013-2011 the plans break a lot of regulations including Height limit, distance from sides of site. Rob will follow up.

**Web-site**

Anne Newton has done a lot of work on Web-site.

**College Church Hall**

Tim gave a history of unsatisfactory negotiations with Council for purchase of the Hall. PA had support only from Kevin Chamberlain and Jacqui Watts.

The Hall will be up for sale in April. The M Church has an interest in buying. If so we may have some success in negotiating with them re our continuing use of the Hall.

**Return to Royal Park**

Following further discussion concern was expressed regarding location of the toilet.

A motion was put by Brenda Frok that

1. The Parkville Association and residents of Parkville object to the location of another public toilet in Gatehouse Street and

2. Object to the construction of a new car park in Gatehouse Street and

3. That this motion be communicated to the Return to Royal Park Committee Meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2013.

The motion was seconded by Anne Newton and was carried.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.