

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
22 JUNE 2009**

SUPPLEMENTARY

A12	ST. KILDA SKATE PARK
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	ST. KILDA & ENVIRONS
RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	GEOFF OULTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
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ATTACHMENTS:	1. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES 2. COMPLETE LIST OF ISSUES RAISED (CIRCULATED SEPARATELY)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Further to the report considered at the Strategy & Policy Committee on 1 June, a consultation meeting was held with residents of Marine Parade who are concerned about the potential location of the skate park on Marina Reserve.
- 1.2. The meeting, held on Monday 15 June in the Council Chamber at St. Kilda Town Hall, was attended by 30 residents, council staff and Councillors O'Connor and Thomann.
- 1.3. The outcome from the meeting was a prioritized list of issues. The complete list of issues raised, along with a prioritized summary of key issues, is presented to Council for consideration.
- 1.4. This report should be read and considered in conjunction with the original report to Council of 1 June.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

- 2.1 Note the outcome of the consultation meeting held on 15 June 2009 and the range and importance of issues raised.
- 2.2 Include in any design brief for a skate facility at Marina Reserve a requirement to consider the issues raised by the community at the 15 June 2009 meeting as attached to this report.
- 2.3 Note that the St Kilda Skate Park Community Reference Group, was established and conducted in accordance with Council resolutions of 18 December 2008 and the 23 February 2009, and came to a consensus view that the Marina Reserve site was the preferred site for a skate park.

- 2.4 Note that the Independent Assessor, Mr. Richard Simon concluded that the preferred site for the proposed St Kilda skate park is the Marina Reserve – Parkland Area.
- 2.5 Adopt the Marina Reserve site as the preferred site for a skate park in St. Kilda.
- 2.6 Thank the community members of the CRG for the considerable effort and time they put into the process.
- 2.7 Formally commence a process to facilitate development of a skate park on the Marina reserve site by writing to the relevant Minister(s) and requesting the cooperation of the relevant government Department or Authorities to gain approval for this site.
- 2.8 Continue a process of engagement with the local community to identify issues to be addressed in the design and operation of the skate park.
- 2.9 Request a further report be presented to Council, following a response to the request for relevant approvals for the Marina reserve site and, subsequently, feedback from the community on a potential design of a skate park.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **CONSULTATION MEETING:** Following media reports and the publication of the Council report on the internet prior to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, a number of residents of Marine Parade and surrounding area approached Council with concerns about the proposed location for the skate park.
- 3.2 To enable the issues of concern to be understood and communicated to Council, a consultation meeting was held on 15 June to identify and prioritise issues of concern.
- 3.3 The meeting included a welcome from the Mayor, a short description of the process to date from the Executive Director Community Development & Planning, followed by a facilitated discussion at round tables.
- 3.4 The discussion and recording of issues was done under the following headings:
 - Resident amenity.
 - Management issues.
 - User behaviour issues.
 - Site issues.
 - Other issues.

- 3.5 Once the complete list of issues was developed, the table groups then discussed and agreed the major issues of concern.
- 3.6 The major issues of concern from each table were then collated into a summary list for each category.
- 3.7 The summarized lists were then used as a basis for prioritization of the issues by the residents. Each person was given 10 red dots and they placed them against the issues of most concern to them. They were able to place dots in any way they felt appropriate.
- 3.8 **ISSUES:** The outcome of this process was that the most important issues identified, in priority order, were:
- Various safety related issues.
 - Loss of green space.
 - Proximity to residential issues.
 - Flawed Process.
 - Hours of use.
 - Inappropriate location on foreshore.
 - Impact on view lines.
- 3.9 Should Council proceed with designing a skate park at this location, it will be important that these issues are considered as part of the design process.
- 3.10 **PROPOSED PROCESS:** The next logical steps required to progress the establishment of a skate park at Marina Reserve are:
- Gain State Government support for use of the site.
 - Develop a design informed by the concerns of the community.
 - Consult the community on the proposed design.
 - Council endorse a final design, after considering the further consultation. This would also be the appropriate point in the process to consider any additional issues such as management protocols.
 - Prepare construction drawings and documentation.
 - Advertise and award a construction tender.
 - Operate and maintain the skate park.