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Minutes of Deer Park Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday 18th July 2013 at 5:00pm

Present: Wendy Bitans (Resident), Eyal Cohen (Resident), Frances Carabott (Resident), Stefan Gangur (Resident), Marion Martin (Resident), Clare Brennan (Resident), Robert McNaughton (Resident), Stan Young (Brimbank City Council), Myles Whelan (EPA), Sian Harris (DSDBI), Rachel Tosolini (Justice Dept), Clete Elms (Boral Waste Solutions), Nick Stuhlemer (Boral Waste Solutions), Nick Clements (Tract), Darren Gregory (Boral Landfill), John Stewart (Boral Landfill), Lauren Trewin, (Boral Quarries), Cameron McIntosh (Boral Quarries), Greg Crawford (Boral Property Group), David Karstens (Boral Asphalt), Peter Longhurst (Boral Concrete), Paul Jackson (Boral Property Group)

Apologies: Steve Finlay (Shire of Melton), Neil Whiteside (Brimbank City Council), Sam Muscat (Resident), Jason Parr (Boral Quarry), Peter Bitans (Resident)

Others: Peter Batur (Resident), Victor Bulic (Resident), Jeff Finlow (Justice Dept),

1. Welcome

The Chairman (G Crawford) welcomed everyone on a wet winters evening following a record high temperature for July. A special welcome was made to Rachel Tosolini, Manager Communications & Media with the Ravenhall Prison Project, Nick Clements, Senior Town Planner from Tract Consulting, Clete Elms and Nick Stuhlemer from Boral Waste Solutions, Paul Jackson down from Sydney once again, and Lauren Trewin & Cameron McIntosh covering the absence of Jason Parr.

Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of last meeting – Confirmed without alteration.

3. Business Arising

- Meeting was held with Wendy Bitans and the Carabotts (Frances & Joe) following the last meeting to explain plans around rock extraction as we move closer to their properties and Hopkins Road.

4. What's New in Boral – Greg Crawford

- Greg very briefly reported that Boral continues to suffer from the downturn, as are many other businesses. Restructuring of businesses is in its final stages, and hopefully will lead to better company performance going forward.

5. What's new in the EPA – Myles Whelan

- Myles spoke about EPA's focus areas for the next 12 months
 - Landfills
 - Stockpiling of waste
 - Organics
 - Stormwater



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- Encroachment.
- Additionally Myles highlighted a new newsletter available on line for updates on EPA programs. You can subscribe at:

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/email-subscribe>

6. DPI amalgamation with DSE – Sian Harris

- Sian explained that not all of DPI moved to the new Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI), and that she is Senior Inspector of Mines, Earth Resources Regulation, Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI).

7. Business Reports

Quarries (C Macintosh)

- Blast monitoring continues to be in compliance.
- Nuisance Dust results were good except for the 1 result which was highlighted at the last meeting. It appears to be associated with earthworks carried out in the area, external to Boral.
- The meeting was informed that work has commenced on updating the Northern Grassland Management Plan following a weed mapping exercise. Meetings are being set up with Melton Council and DEPI to set 5 year targets for the management of the grassland. A consultant has been engaged to put together the documentation.

Concrete (P Longhurst)

- Peter indicated that it is business as usual at the Concrete Plant.

Asphalt (David Karstens)

- Asphalt volumes continue to be down. David is hoping that capital will be made available in the next few months to move forward with the planned upgrade of the plant. A key feature of the upgrade is to increase the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP).

Landfill (Darren Gregory)

- Darren gave an update on the action plan to improve management of litter. Poles for the new litter fence are installed and netting will be added shortly.
- Due to a number of odour complaints since the last meeting, Darren explained the common sources of landfill odours, and the controls that we have in place. He also mentioned planned improvements such as “lids” for the deep burial pit and deodorant chemicals that can be sprayed on odorous waste or added to the “spray on” cover materials also being investigated.
- There was some discussion around Pine Gro odour and Myles encouraged people to report to the EPA. He pointed out that Pine Gro has its own EPA licence to comply with. Note that from Midnight to 5pm that the Landfill weighbridge is manned, and generally can respond quickly to a complaint.



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The phone number is 93638833 Ext 1. It was decided that a meeting be arranged between Pine Gro, Boral, EPA and some resident members of the CLC. Marion, Clare and Eyal volunteered to participate. **Action: Greg Crawford**

- Eyal queried the southern slope and Darren explained that it will be modified to the final contour. There was some discussion around final height and contours.

8. Focus on a specific Operation

- None this meeting

9. General Business

- Rachel Tosolini briefed the meeting on the Ravenhall Prison Project and handed out an information brochure.

Presentation by Waste Solutions Business of proposed Transfer Station

- Nick Stuhlemer and Nick Clements (Tract) presented plans for a transfer station to be constructed at the SE corner of the landfill, with access from Christies Road. This will allow the public to dispose of household waste. The application was lodged ~2 weeks ago and it is expected that neighbours will be notified shortly. The application is for a 24hr operation, but this is unlikely to be implemented in the near future.
- There was much discussion around the dumping of waste in the area and whether this will improve the situation. There were differing views.
- Eyal was concerned that due to the transfer station being “open” that this may lead to increased litter problems. Nick & Clete explained that the type of waste from a domestic situation, that can't be picked up by normal council collections, will not have the same potential for litter escape as the waste received into the landfill. Even so, there will be extensive netting around the facility, and waste will be transferred promptly from the transfer station to the landfill for burial. There is always the option to enclose at a later date if found to be necessary.

Presentation by Waste Solutions Business of application to extend the landfill

- Clete Elms and Nick Clements informed the meeting that the Planning Application will be lodged the next day. Site plans and elevations showing the visual impacts were presented and discussed. It was pointed out that even though approvals are being sort for much of the Deer Park site, it would take many years to actually realise those visual impacts. Also, as technologies improve, and recycling increases, it could be envisaged that we may never get to those final contours.

10. Next Meeting : Thursday, 28th November. It was decided to have a site tour of the Concrete Batch Plant for those interested at 4:30pm, followed by the meeting at 5:30pm.

Greg Crawford, 19/07/13