



CRAIGBURN AND THE PARK WARDS COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

**HELD ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017
BLACKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Chair: Cr Yvonne Todd

Elected Members in attendance:

- Mayor Glenn Spear
- Cr Nick Greer (Craigburn Ward)
- Cr Karen Hockley (Craigburn Ward)
- Cr Lindy Taeuber (Craigburn Ward)
- Cr Jane Bange (The Park Ward)
- Cr Tim Hein (The Park Ward)

Staff in attendance:

- Matt Pears, Chief Executive Officer
- Howard Lacy, Director Engineering & Horticulture
- Lyn Young (Secretary)

Apologies:

Community attendees: 44

Other Elected Members in attendance:

- Cr Stephen Fisher (Gault Ward)

The meeting commenced at: 7:00pm

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and introduced the Elected Members and staff present. He also acknowledged the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of the land. The Mayor also welcomed Sam Duluk (Member for Davenport) and Martin Hamilton-Smith (Member for Waite).

The Mayor then handed the meeting to the Chair, Cr Yvonne Todd.

Cr Todd welcomed attendees and advised them of housekeeping matters in accordance with WHS requirements. A short explanation was given of the procedures for the evening. It was requested that attendees submit their questions in writing to formally record their questions or maintenance requests so that Administration can respond in due course.

Cr Todd then asked for questions from the floor. Questions received in writing are listed below.

NAME	ISSUES AND COMMENTS	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
Annette James	<i>What steps do we need to take to get lights at the T crossing of Sergeant Parade and Shepherds Hill Road? Especially in the morning and afternoon when parents take their children to Bellevue Heights Primary School, this intersection is a major difficulty with long line ups. Lots of drivers are taking risks that are dangerous to turn right from Sergeant Parade to get onto Shepherds Hill Road.</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> There is currently no action by Council to seek traffic lights at the intersection of Sargent Parade and Shepherds Hill Road as Shepherds Hill Road is managed by the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure.</p>		
Robert Rowe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Is Council fully aware of the dangers to old and young pedestrians, to young mothers with babes in arms that are presented adjacent the Hawthorndene Oval, and specifically Joan's Pantry, by vehicles travelling in the area?</i> 2. <i>Have any traffic observation studies been carried out to make note of vehicles, pedestrians and the difficulty presented when people try to cross the road between the Pantry and car parking adjacent the oval? I do not mean traffic count.</i> 3. <i>Have any effort been made to calculate the cost of providing simple speed restrictions (signage), a passive pedestrian crossing (road Marking, poles) and / or a pedestrian access with stop lights or ANY other options towards improving safety in the area? If not, why not (it has been raised in Council before) and if so, what are the potential costs?</i> 	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council is aware of the safety concerns raised by the community in relation to pedestrians and road users on Watahuna Avenue around Hawthorndene Oval. Council has commenced a study into traffic volumes and speeds on Watahuna Avenue and this may lead to options to improve pedestrian facilities in due course. Once complete the results of the study and possible options will be presented to the Council for consideration. 2. A formal traffic study including a road safety audit has recently been completed in the area. The study area extended from the Main Road / East Terrace intersection to just north of the Watahuna Avenue / Forest Avenue intersection with particular attention to the area around Apex Park and Joan's Pantry. The study assessed pedestrian safety, vehicle speeds/volumes and possible options for access across Watahuna Avenue. A first report will be presented to Council in February/March 2017. 3. Various options will be considered. Not all options may be technically feasible without major infrastructure changes which, if implemented, could affect parking/access to premises, however, staff will consider options that are feasible and cost effective. 		
Peter Bull	<i>Will Council ban roosters from built up residential areas within its districts. Particularly streets such as Winns Road?</i>	Development & Compliance

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<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council is not in a position to ban Roosters from built up areas within its District. <i>The Local Government Act 1999</i> currently contains provisions under Part 2 – Orders, Section 254(1) that give power to Authorised Officers of Council to investigate and take actions by issuing an Order on owners of animals that may cause a nuisance or hazard. As of the 1 of July 2017 the provisions of S254 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> will be transferred to Local Nuisance and <i>Littering Act 2016</i> Part 4 – Offences – Section 17.</p>		
Peter Bull	<p><i>Can Council issue temporary parking permits for residents to use when unloading people and or car loads and for tradespeople requiring parking on Winns Road, for particular access issues?</i></p>	Development & Compliance
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council does not issue temporary parking permits for these type of activities. Council has a Residential Parking Permit system however that only applies to time limit zones and relate to resident properties that are adjacent to the time limit zone. Under the Australian Road Rules (208) - (6) “ <i>If the road has a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle at least 3 metres from the continuous dividing line or dividing strip, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.</i>” Given the road width within Winns Road, tradespeople will have to park within the residential property where they are working, or in a safe and appropriate location and residents/visitors will also have to park/stop within a residential property in order to unload goods/people.</p>		
Faye Barrett	<p><i>In the short term can Council take any steps to improve road safety if Council is aware of the potential road safety issues (parking and opening of car doors into traffic) associated with the couple of parallel car spaces narrowing the lane on Shepherds Hill Road outside the Blackwood Post Office approaching the Blackwood Roundabout?</i></p>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council will undertake a review of the parking conditions along this section of Shepherds Hill Road and consult with the shop owners in relation to any parking control changes, if warranted.</p>		
Faye Barrett	<p><i>Is there anything Council could do to limit the somewhat dangerous practice of car drivers regularly doing sweeping U-turns into the mouth of Ashmore Road / Shepherds Hill Road, Bellevue Heights junction given the narrow street?</i></p>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The intersection of Ashmore Road and Shepherds Hill Road is managed by the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) and therefore Council will forward this issue to DPTI for their investigation and request that they consider installing a “No U-turn” sign in the central median island in Shepherds Hill Road at this intersection.</p>		

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Rob Smith	<i>Can the vegetation on the Blackwood Roundabout be maintained at a sufficiently low height so that vehicles approaching the roundabout from Main Road can always be seen by drivers in vehicles approaching the roundabout from Coromandel Parade?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The agapanthus plants were trimmed the week of Monday 20 February 2017. Many residents and resident groups strongly encourage planting and colour in this round about so Council regularly maintain this area in order to balance this request and ensure there is adequate visibility.</p>		
Julie and Ian Kroehn	<i>Many residents of Craigburn Farm are getting more and more concerned about the lack of exit roads out of the development, bearing in mind the extra 1,000 plus homes to be built which are now in the pipeline. What plans do Council have to overcome this very dangerous situation?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture Development & Compliance
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> In November 2016, Council endorsed the process for the reopening of the Hayman Retreat and Craigburn Road intersection in Craigburn Farm. Once this process has been completed, it will provide an additional access point out of the Craigburn Farm sub division. There are no other plans to establish additional exits from Craigburn Farm at this point in time.</p>		
Russell Gardiner	<i>I would like to know how can Council justify spending \$250,000 on one road for the forty-seven Brighton Parade residents who voted for either Option 1 or Option 2, rather than the greater needs of the whole community? Especially where there are more pressing funding needs such as for the new Blackwood Library.</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Brighton Parade is a local collector road that services a broad traffic catchment of Blackwood South and Craigburn Farm. It also caters for a high proportion of through traffic travelling north-south through the area. Traffic studies have indicated that despite a 40kph speed limit, traffic is regularly exceeding this limit. The number of cars using Brighton Parade spikes significantly during the AM and PM peaks and the proportion of cars exceeding 60kph also increases significant during these times. Unfortunately this also coincides with the times that school children are travelling to/from school. On this basis, Council staff recommended traffic control devices be installed in Brighton Parade to reduce the speeding, particularly during the AM and PM peaks. Brighton Parade is over 1.2km long and due to the topography, gradients and layout of adjoining streets requires up to 10 devices to be installed. Due to technical road safety design requirements, standard speed humps cannot be installed on Brighton Parade, so Council has proposed flat top speed humps and platforms which unfortunately are more expensive. The cost is being driven in part by the length of Brighton Parade. The traffic conditions do however indicate that there is a safety issue with speeding which warrants traffic controls being installed.</p>		

A number of questions were raised from the floor and discussion followed on the following topics (in addition to the above):

- Hard Rubbish collections and the cost to Council with the new system of At Call pickups being cheaper with less waste collected than the previous annual whole of Council collection.
- Green Waste collections / Green Waste Depot opening times, especially after a storm event
- Planning & Development reforms being driven by the State Government, which will affect Council's Development Plan
- Council has adopted a new Sports Facilities Strategy, which is available on our website
- A new Signage Strategy will be included in the budget for consideration
- 3 main precincts being reviewed – Blackwood, Flinders / Darlington and Mitcham Square
- Rate capping may be an issue for Councils in the future
- Frank Smith Dam levels
- Historical Tourism Walks around Blackwood and districts
- Economic Development Plan
- Strategic Management Plan

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.