PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION INC
Box 54, Parkville 3052

1967 – 2017
Celebrating 50 years protecting Parkville's heritage and amenity

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE/GENERAL MEETING, 13 June 2017
held at Walmsley House, Gatehouse Street at 7.15pm

	Item		Action
1	**Attendees**		
	Committee members: Rob Moore **(RM)** Rob Krelle **(RK)** Helen Weston **(HW)** Gerry Noonan (**GN**) Tom Agar (**TA**)	**Association Members/Visitors:** Heather Mathew Wayne Morrison Loretta Krelle Brian Evans	
2	**Apologies**		
	Dave McGregor **(DMcG)**		
3	**Conflict of interest**		Noted
	None declared.		
4	**Minutes of meeting 9 May 2017**		
	Not addressed		
5.	**Correspondence**		
	Not addressed		
6.	**Metro Tunnel**		
	Guest speakers from Melbourne Metro Rail Authority — James Tompkin (General Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Relations), Alison Karmelich (Senior Advisor, Communications and Stakeholder Relations) and Matt Van Der Peet (Engineering Team for Parkville Station) provided a presentation on the Metro project overall and Parkville Station in particular and answered questions from attendees. (A copy of the presentation is to be posted on the website). The principal contractor is expected to be appointed in late 2017. John Holland Group is undertaking early works and services relocation in the vicinity of the station boxes. Once the contractor is appointed, development plans based on new architectural designs will be prepared for each station precinct – which will replace the Reference Plans that are guiding the early works. In relation to consultation on the Parkville Station, a Precinct Reference Group composed of institutional stakeholders (including Uni of Melbourne, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Research Facilities, and Uni High School) has been meeting since September 2016. Metro is looking at setting up a Community Reference Group for Parkville in the next couple of months – the Association will be invited to be part of this group. The Parkville Station will have three station entrances – one outside VCCC, and two on north side of Grattan Street – all entrances will have three escalators and a lift with weather protection on the surface. on the question about the provision of an entrance on the RMH corner, Matt		

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	indicated that a review is being undertaken to see if this can be achieved in this complex location including emergency vehicle access to RMH, heritage issues on Royal Parade. Grattan Street between Leicester Street and Royal Parade will be closed in early 2018 for about 5 years. Queensberry Street is being widened to 2 lanes in both directions to form one of the preferred diversion routes. Electronic signage boards will be installed on approach roads to the Parkville Station area with variable messaging about traffic conditions. Bus routes will divert along Pelham Street. The City of Melbourne has specified that Gatehouse Street is not to be a preferred diversion route. The main truck routes will be along Arden Street, Flemington Road and Royal Parade – not Gatehouse Street. Holding zones for trucks will be within construction compounds – not on public roads. Contractors have been advised that construction workers are not to rely on on-street car parking. There will be some loss of paid parking during construction and a permanent loss of about 100 spaces. The 'legacy' traffic arrangements on Grattan Street above the station have not be finalised yet but likely to be one lane in both directions and wider footpaths. Demand for buses along Grattan Street is likely to reduce substantially once the Metro is operating after 2026. The environmental management measures that will be put in place for the institutions should mean that the nearby residential areas will not be affected. A separate environmental auditor will be appointed to keep an eye on the contractor's environmental performance in accordance with the Minister's approval. In relation to the naming of the Parkville Station, the residents' preference for Parkville was noted in the light of the University is lobbying for it to be 'University'. Metro will be calling for public input on station names especially for the CBD North and CBD South Stations. The Metro team expressed a willingness to come to another Association meeting in the next few months. RM expressed the Committee's appreciation for the time and detailed presentation.	
7.	**Overview of the Parkville Association 2017** Work done to date in 2017 – not addressed in detail	
8.	**Key issues for Members** Not addressed	
9.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	In DMcG's absence, there was no Treasurer's report.	Noted
10	**Governance**	
10.1	**Community grant** Two applications were lodged – one for $1550 'operations' grant and one for $3000 to digitise the *South Parkville* book.	Noted
11	**Events and community issues**	
11.1	**50th anniversary of establishment of the Parkville Association in 2017** RM and HW reported on progress on arrangements for the dinner on 13 July – discussions to be held with guest speakers. Ideas for a streaming photo presentation are being investigated along with information from the Association's records at the University Archives	RM/HW

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	Suggestions for a speaker for the August Meeting HW suggested that relevant officers from the City of Melbourne be approached re a range of streetscape issues in Parkville including street trees, need for seats, bicycle parking on Royal Parade footpath etc.	HW
12	**Heritage and planning issues**	
12.1	*Planning policy submissions* Submission on Amendment c258 Local Heritage Policy Review lodged with Melbourne City Council.	Noted
12.2	*Policy for objecting to permit applications* Not addressed	HW
12.3	*Planning applications – update on decisions/objections/appeals* **28-30 Morrah Street** No further information.	Noted
	263-281 Royal Parade (Whitley College) Wayne Morrison (who owns a property on The Avenue to the west of Whitley College) addressed the meeting to express concern about the scale of the proposal and the potential for overlooking of residential properties in the The Avenue. A draft objection by the Association was circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed that this objection including reference to issues likely with the proposed zero parking provision is to be submitted to Council in a timely manner.	HW
12.4	**Parkville Detention Centre – meeting with adviser to Minister for Justice** RM reported on a meeting with the adviser to the Minister for Justice and representatives from DoJ about the future of the Parkville Detention Centre in the light of the State Government's decision to close this facility and relocate its functions to a new purpose-built at Cherry Creek by 2020 which was fully funded in the 2017 Budget. It is likely that the Parkville site would become 'surplus government land' and a disposal process would be conducted by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The Association has been invited to liaise with the adviser to the Minister for Finance about the disposal process and to keep up to date with the youth justice centre development via: mailto:https://engage.vic.gov.au/youthjusticecentre	Noted
12	**Traffic and parking issues**	
12.1	**Melbourne Metro Rail project** See item 3.	Noted
12.2 12.2.1	**Other traffic and parking issues** **Roundabout at Park Drive and Morrah Street** This is complete. No obvious impact so far on afternoon peak "rat running" northbound	Noted
12.2.2	**Organise meeting with Haig Poulsen, City of Melbourne** Not addressed	
13	**General business**	
13.1	None raised	
	Meeting closed at 10.00pm	
	Next Committee meeting – 7.15 pm, Tuesday, 11 July 2017, Walmsley House	