



PORT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Steve McGuire, Ross Island Residents Association
Vern Veitch, NaREF
Roy Shearer, Small Vessel Operator
Tanya Thoreau, MICDA
Allison Hope, MICDA
Paul Holden, Townsville Enterprise Limited
Brian Pickup, Sunfish NQ
Michael Offermans, South Townsville Neighbourhood Watch Committee
Arwen Rickert, Environment and Behaviour Consultants
Barry Holden, TPA
Lesley McMahan, TPA
Catherine Hobbs, TPA
Melinda Loudon, TPA
Ranee Crosby, TPA

APOLOGIES: Peter Mellor, DSDI
Jackie Hutchinson, Jupiters Hotel and Casino
Frank Hynard, Metro Quays Apartments
Leigh Turner, South Townsville Neighbourhood Watch Committee
Thea Hiskins, TRAC
Richard Perkins, Urban Quarter Apartments
James McLellan, NQCC

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Eastern Access Corridor Update (Arwen Rickert, Environment and Behaviour Consultants)

Arwen Rickert provided a brief overview of the status of the proposed Port Access Corridor. She stated that a number of delays in the process have been experienced. The public consultation period is expected to be held in November, where the proposed design work will be presented to the public. It will be advertised prior to commencement.

Members were informed that the Department of Main Roads plans to put in a bid for the construction of the Eastern Access Corridor in the 2009 round of Auslink funding.

Vern Veitch expressed concerns about an increased risk of flooding in the area adjacent to where the road is proposed to be constructed.

2.2 Simsmetal, proposed Hubert Street Development (Patrick Mullen, Simsmetal and Mark Tocchini, Planning Initiatives).

Patrick Mullen announced that Simsmetal is planning to expand operations at their Hubert Street facility. They will install a metal shredder which will reduce costs and increase exports through Townsville. There will be fewer trucks on Boundary Street as the shredding machine will eliminate the need for trucks to go to its plant in Rocklea, Brisbane. It is estimated that there will be a reduction of 1,000 to 2,000 truck movements annually. The facility will also employ an extra 8-15 people.

Michael Offermans asked what sort of noise levels would result from the new facility.

Patrick Mullen stated that Simsmetal is looking at ways to eliminate any possible noise. The facility will only operate two days a week initially, during business hours. An acoustic plan is being finalised. He also stated that Simsmetal is proactive in eliminating dust issues by frequently spraying water around the Hubert Street site.

Steve McGuire asked if Simsmetal had a cyclone plan for its Hubert Street operations.

Patrick Mullen replied that it does have a plan. Simsmetal will minimise inventory held during a cyclone. In addition, heavy scrap metal that won't blow away will be placed on smaller pieces.

Steve McGuire stated that a number of trucks carrying scrap metal on Boundary Street are uncovered and bits of metal can be found scattered along the street. He also stated that these trucks have been seen speeding.

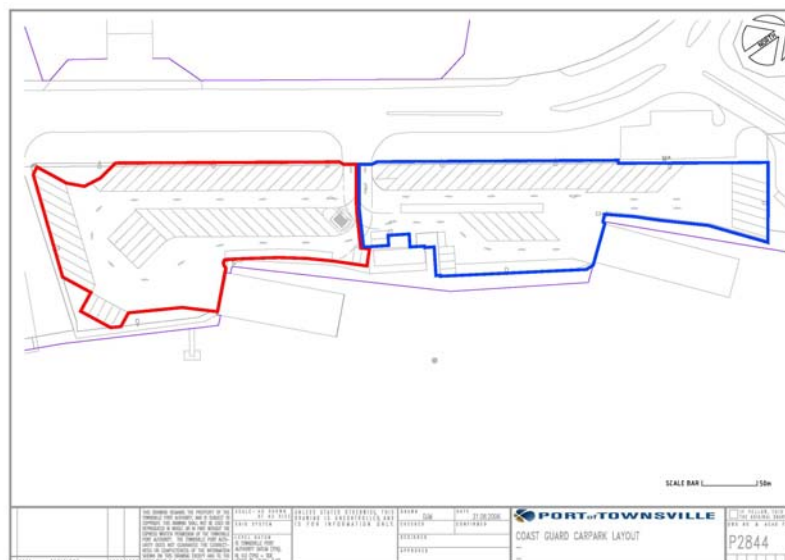
Patrick Mullen said they would investigate the issue. He also stated that Metalcorp use the Simsmetal bins as well.

Lesley McMahon stated that any truck seen to be speeding or carrying dangerous loads should be reported to Simsmetal with the registration number and the time of the sighting so they can determine which company is at fault and how to solve the problem.

2.3 Ross Creek Boat Ramps (Barry Holden, TPA)

Barry Holden stated that at 12.01 a.m. on Monday, 25th September 2006, only car and boat trailer combinations will be allowed to park in the area outlined in red on the plan below. Infringement notices will be issued to any vehicle found parked in the area that do not have a boat trailer attached.

The current parking regulations will continue to apply for the area outlined in blue. That is any vehicle is allowed to park in the area excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays when the area is reserved exclusively for car and boat trailer combinations. Infringement notices will be issued to any vehicle found parked in the area on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.



2.4 Townsville Port Authority Statement of Proposal (Catherine Hobbs, Townsville Port Authority)

Catherine Hobbs presented the Authority's Statement of Proposal. It is the first step in a process that will result in a new Land Use Plan for the Port of Townsville.

The Statement of Proposal is available for review and comment by the community and other stakeholders from Tuesday 12 September to Thursday 9 November. Feedback received from the community, key stakeholders and Government agencies will be considered for inclusion in the draft Land Use Plan.

Catherine Hobbs stated that Townsville Port Authority is required to develop a Land Use Plan for Strategic Port Lands under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*. The Authority's current Land Use Plan was last revised in 1996.

Catherine Hobbs requested that all feedback be lodged by way of a written submission. Information regarding the closing time for a submission and submission procedures are outlined in the Statement of Proposal.

Ranee Crosby said that the Statement of Proposal is primarily a consultation tool that provides the opportunity for community members to gain a clear understanding of the major issues and challenges within and surrounding the Port area.

Copies of the Statement of Proposal are available on the Authority's website or by contacting Catherine Hobbs on (07) 4781 1600.

2.5 Dust Issues (Steve McGuire, Ross Island Residents Association)

Steve McGuire provided two written complaints from local residents regarding dust levels from Hubert Street, particularly from Pentarch Forests.

Melinda Loudon stated that the log yard has been identified as a contributor to the dust issues and she is talking to all Port users on Hubert Street. She stated that the Authority hopes to have an outcome in the near future.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Port Industrial Park

Barry Holden stated that the Port Industrial Park, which is adjacent to Archer Street and Boundary Street, is being subdivided for future commercial use. The Authority will soon commence preparation of the land which will house nine light industry sites. Each of the inhabitants of the Park will be Port-related businesses.

3.2 Environmental Park Bins

Steve McGuire enquired if the Authority would place small bins along the walking track in the Authority's Environmental Park.

Barry Holden said that the Authority didn't have any plans to do so in the near future as previously Authority provided bins were used as a dumping ground for a large range of rubbish.

3.3 Ocean Terminal Facility

Brian Pickup enquired about the role the Authority would play with the new Ocean Terminal facility.

Barry Holden stated that the Authority will almost certainly maintain the facility once it is constructed.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 28 November at the Townsville Port Authority Administration Building.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.