

Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee

Meeting Notes

March 19 2019

The following items were considered and consensus reached.

- Location of major playground - The preferred placement of the major playground is as initially shown on the masterplan in the south eastern corner of the reserve. With the announcement of funding for the pathway along the drain from Weaber Rd to Blain St, a direct link into Purkiss Reserve from that pathway is a logical decision. As part of the pathway project, a pedestrian bridge could link the Civic Hall car park and the proposed BMX track with Purkiss Reserve. Potentially the major playground sited here is accessible from the site of the old bowling club. There is much more space at this location than the latest concept from the design consultants of combining the major and minor playgrounds and locating them next to the skate park. Existing softball canteen and small toilet block near The Mob to be upgraded for future use. Toilet block needs to be accessible to all and softball canteen could be storage or possible site for a pop-up shop.
- Stage/market site – No stage required. Markets can be held around the proposed day road that runs north/south between the skate park and existing toilet block to the north.
- Day road – accessible to cars/caravans etc and providing a shady/comfortable place for tourists and locals. Safety features like speed humps, speed signs. This one-way road was meant to be drawn onto the masterplan but didn't happen. Entry point was to be under the Ford Field sign and exit point into the car park outside the main oval gates. Suggestion now that there be a turnaround circle thus making it entry and exit under Ford Field sign. This alleviates the issue of having a one-way road that may be hard to police. This road will improve accessibility to the area and enable better utilisation of the upgraded site, particularly for tourists who would prefer to stay near their vehicles in a safe location. This has previously been identified as a priority of the Committee.
- Multipurpose field – Makes sense to site the field directly adjacent to the rear fence. Waiting to see how this is drawn onto the next concept plan.
- Bike/walking path – will be wide enough to facilitate access for emergency vehicles.
- Fitness stations – Previous PRCC stance was for equipment to be scattered along pathways. Latest concept plan has all equipment in 1 area. The thought of having them in a group is for group fitness sessions. It was discussed that if they were all in the one area that some people may not want to use them while others are. This would be a good one to consult community on.
- Car parking/grass on nature strip – No grass on Ambrose St nature strip. Angle car parking along Ambrose St as detailed in masterplan.
- Existing baseball infrastructure – Brick structures being the scorer's box and canteen be upgraded. All other fencing/netting to be replaced. Tin structures either side of scorer's box be removed.
- Skate park shade – Possibility this could go out as a priority project
- North eastern pair of courts – need to be raised and resurfaced.

ACTION ITEMS: Council to approve and correspondence forwarded to DIPL/Consultants and Project Control Group