

Meeting summary

Parramatta Park community trustee board - Meeting 2, 25 June 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

CTB members: Stewart Thompson (Chair), Benedict Mitchell, James Lawler, Thelmerie Rudd, Cheryl Bates OAM, Mayor Cr Lisa Lake

GSP staff: Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance; Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations; Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Mayor Cr Pierre Esber and Mustafa Agha

Topic	Summary
<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Stewart Thompson, Chair, Parramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair and an Acknowledgment of Country was given. No new conflicts of interest were declared.
<p>Landscape and heritage projects, asset renewal, and maintenance</p> <p>Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery and Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided information about the strategic and financial context for Parramatta Park. GSP presented on landscape and heritage projects, asset renewal and maintenance. GSP advised the recent NSW Budget announcement (\$1.6m over 4 years, \$400K each year commencing 2024/25) for critical asset work, including improvements to the riverbank near Noller Bridge, and replacing broken equipment at Domain Playground. GSP advised that it has gone to market for a new service maintenance contract and noted a significant price increase compared to previous contract. The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether the park receives federal government funding in addition to state government funding. whether there is scope to consider increasing parking options (such as near the Cumberland Hospital Precinct area) to increase revenue for and improve access to the park. It was noted that increasing parking within the park would conflict with other objectives for reduction of traffic and improved outcomes for heritage listed site. concern that the park areas has reduced over time, e.g. land lost to the RSL and Leagues Club. Reminder that the park is designated a World Heritage Site as the Governor's Domain. whether there is an indication as to priorities for future capital priorities/unfunded projects. in relation to the Mays Hill Master Plan, it was noted that Cumberland City Council recently approved a draft planning proposal for the rezoning of the Westmead South area. Cumberland City Council understands the importance of the Mays Hill Master Plan. GSP to write to Cumberland City Council regarding funding contributions for Mays Hill as part of the Westmead South planning proposal. <p>Actions:</p>

	<p>1. CTB members to liaise with stakeholders regarding additional funding sources to support the park. CTB members to also consider planned projects and prioritisation.</p> <p>2. GSP to write to Mayor Cr Lisa Lake regarding funding contributions for Mays Hill associated with the Westmead South Planning Proposal.</p>
<p>Safer Cities project update</p> <p>Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the Parramatta Park Safer Cities project including an overview of future stages of the project. • The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – whether there will be additional garbage bins installed in the park along the route. – recommendation for Traditional Custodians to be acknowledged within the park. Sydney Metro interpretation in Parramatta was referred to as a precedent with suggestion for collaboration. – lighting throughout the whole park, and through the pedestrian railway tunnel, is a key priority for the CTB. – whether onboarding of infrastructure means there will be permanent or temporary structures in the park. GSP advised there will be no permanent structures to support activation. The project includes conduits to support future lighting of monuments and power supply only to the monument area to support future small-scale events and associated food and beverage. <p>Action: GSP to respond to the query regarding additional bins for the park.</p>
<p>CTB performance evaluation</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reporting requirement outlined in the Terms of Reference to evaluate the CTB's performance, including self-evaluation of its level of effectiveness against its purpose and responsibilities. Provides opportunity to reflect on first year of operation. <p>GSP provided an overview of the self-evaluation findings and next steps for reporting.</p>
<p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Stewart Thompson, Chair, Parramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTB Chair thanked the GSP management team for the information presented and reflected on the contribution the CTB has been able to make to date. • The CTB invites the GSP Trust Chair to the next meeting to further discuss project prioritisation for Paramatta Park.