

FLOWER' MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2013, 07.30AM – 08.50AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Flower Advisory Committee Members

Geoff Maguire – Chairman
Adrian Parsons
Greg Duffy
John Boon
Phillip Mays

DBI Representatives

Mary Baker – Stakeholder Relations Manager

MMA Representatives

Gisela Marven - Board Member
Mark Maskiell - CEO
Darryn Coulson – CFO
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker

The committee welcomed the MMA's new CEO, Mark Maskiell. Mark gave a brief background of his career.

David Gundy from RPA gave a presentation on traffic management for Epping and noted the following:

- the traffic management plan was designed after discussions with the MMA operations team to define access, trucks, management of vehicles and other important operational items and traffic volumes were recorded over a period of years.
- there are defined areas for loading/unloading for fruit and vegetable wholesalers.
- fruit and vegetable growers will have rigid truck parking, car spaces as well as designated loading/unloading areas.
- the flower market has a much larger canopy where it spans 8 metres from the building edge.
- there are 82 rigid truck parking, 85 rigid truck parks adjacent to the building and 250 car spaces.
- florist parking is adjacent to the flower market precinct.
- forklifts are not able to drive between the fruit and vegetable and flower market during trade.
- there are multiple points of entry to gain parking and flower market access; and .
- the trading hours are still work in progress and the Minister has noted he wants an open transparent forum of discussion and consultation on the issue. This will be completed closer to the relocation date and will take into account traffic data on the Western Ring Road

Ballot

- Letters to the flower growers eligible for the ballot will be provided to confirm their details from DBI.
 - the committee agreed that the ballot should be held after Mother's Day and agreed on 17 May 2013.

Update of rear doors at Epping

- the Advisory Committee confirmed their unhappiness with door heights. DBI agreed to address door heights.
- a letter will be provided by the Flower Market Advisory Committee to the Minister and the department (DBI) requesting that the doors be made higher at the original heights advised to the Committee.
 - Geoff Maguire moved the motion, Greg Duffy seconded.

Flower market cafe

- the proposed location for a café is at the southern end of the flower market.
- it was agreed (despite acknowledgement of the disappointment of the fact that a full café was not being provided) that a hybrid version café should be provided, meaning;
 - there will be no ceiling (false ceiling) and no walls;
 - it will have counter space and roller door to secure the operators café fit out; and
 - it is not entirely closed in.
- the committee agreed to support the hybrid version in its discussion with the Minister.

The committee noted the following:

- The committee recorded its concern that the fruit and vegetable patrons of the market may park in flower designated zones.
 - The MMA noted this will be an operational issue that will need to be monitored and actioned appropriately.
- The committee also recorded that there are concerns that patrons of the the warehouses that are adjacent to the flower market may park in flower market designated parking areas.
 - It was noted that the warehousing will be sectioned off from the flower market and that the MMA has authority and reasoning to ensure this is monitored and actioned appropriately.
- The committee noted that it is likely there will be need for forklift access to the flower market.
 - It was advised this will be a decision by WorkSafe who will assess the operational and accessibility of the flower market.
- The committee recommended that there should be designated forklift pick up areas as at the current site in West Melbourne.
- The committee noted there should be another date to visit the flower market prior to the ballot. They also noted that the visit should be later in the morning to enable flower growers to finish trading and pack up their stand.
 - DBI to speak with Bovis and provide some dates for the visit.
- The committee agreed that future meetings will only be held on Tuesday's and at a start time of 8am.

West Melbourne site

- The committee noted the cyclone fencing that separates the Toll storage yard and the Melbourne Markets is bent and being pushing into the market land.
 - The MMA will investigate this matter.
- The committee noted that there was no toilet paper in the male toilets from Monday 25 March to Tuesday 26 March. Also it was noted that the state of the toilets is not hygienic and should be rectified.
 - The MMA will speak with the cleaning contractor.
- The cars being parked between gate 7 and the NFC are not flower patrons and it's assumed that they are Warehouse 0 employees. It was also noted that a red Ute (1 tonne) has been parked in this area (moved intermittently) for at least a week and it's thought this person is from the fruit and vegetable section of the market.

- The MMA will follow up this issue.
- The committee stated that there is a person selling flowers off the back of their truck in the car park on flower market trading days. The person comes in at 2am and takes orders off people walking past and on sells the product. It was also advised that this person and others have someone pose as their employer who signs a Statutory Declaration to state they work for that employer. The MMA will look into this further.

Meeting closed at 8.50am.