

FLOWER' MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2013, 07.30AM – 09.15AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Flower Advisory Committee Members

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

DBI Representatives

Frank Mohren – Transition & Operations Manager
Mary Baker – Stakeholder Relations Manager
Melanie Bond – Contractor - Commercial

MMA Representatives

Gisela Marven - Board Member, MMA
Darryn Coulson – Acting CEO, MMA
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel, MMA
Colleen Buckley – Minute Taker, MMA
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker, MMA

Meeting opened at 7.35am.

The DBI noted:

- The meeting was held to discuss draft operating rules for the new market and obtain the feedback from the Flower Advisory Committee on the rules. at Epping.
- DBI provided an overview of current by-laws and the proposal to move to operating rules that provide a framework for regulating conduct in the market. It was noted that the current by-laws are often very specific in nature with examples developed historically to address behaviours of particular tenants, not often enforced, duplicate existing law and are expensive to enforce and involve considerable time in the courts.
- In contrast, the operating rules are streamlined and would be enforced as a condition of leases, licences and access cards.
- DBI confirmed that fork lifts would not be permitted inside the flower market building during trading hours and that fork lift access would be reviewed under OHS and independent consultants would seek the assistance of Work Safe to ensure pedestrian and forklift traffic is kept separate.
- The Committee noted that 38 members of the flower market visited the Epping market site and that the visit was well organised.
- The Committee discussed options for the cafe at the new flower market:

- Option 1 A fully built structurally enclosed building;
- Option 2 a hybrid option – not fully enclosed, false ceiling, seating, barriers to the sides
- Option 3 Pop up Café

- The Committee recorded its disappointment that after 7 years of being promised a café, the café has been removed from drawings. The Committee requested that the costings on the three options be provided.
 - The Committee advised that the flower market could not effectively operate without a café and that it would make a request to the Minister to provide a café.
 - The Committee noted that the ballot for flower market stands would be conducted in April.
 - The Committee recorded its disappointment at the height of rear doors in the new market as they are below the height required to accommodate trolleys. DBI undertook to investigate the door height and report back.
 - The Committee reported that the sundry operator was not happy with the size allocated for the sundry business space (190 square metres compared with the current space of 220 square metres) and the fact that there is no rear access door to accommodate deliveries. The Committee requested that DBI prepare a market circular outlining the ballot process and updating on the ballot timelines to be handed out around the market.
 - The MMA requested that the Flower Market community refrain from parking outside the MMA Admin building after 7.00am to accommodate visitors for both the Admin building and NFC offices in view of increased transition work underway.
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- Meeting closed @ 9.15am.

Date of Next Meeting

MMA Board Room. – MMA