

Meeting summary

Meeting Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Parramatta Park community trustee board (CTB) meeting **Date** Tuesday 21 November 2023, 6-7.30pm

Attendees: CTB members: Stewart Thompson (Chair), Benedict Mitchell, Mustafa Agha, Thelmerie Rudd, Cheryl Bates OAM

GSP staff: Ben Tax, Director Property Services; Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events; Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Edward Kong, Project Manager, Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Mayor Cr Pierre Esber, Mayor Cr Lisa Lake, James Lawler

Topic	Summary	Action
Welcome and opening Stewart Thompson, Chair, Parramatta Park CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair. The Acknowledgement of Country was given. 	N/A
Parramatta Aquatic Centre Ben Tax, Director Property Services, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an update about the successful opening of the Parramatta Aquatic Centre managed by City of Parramatta. GSP also provided context about the broader precinct, including the playing field and overflow car parking. GSP and the CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether there are plans to link the Aquatic Centre with a bridge over Park Parade to the core of Parramatta Park. issue of connectivity between the Aquatic Centre and the CBD – safe walking options are limited, with limited lighting and no CCTV in the tunnel connecting people to the Aquatic Centre. Example of an effective solution is the Inner West Rainbow Tunnels. 	1. Thelmerie Rudd to share information about the Inner West Rainbow Tunnels case study.
Update on Safer Cities Project Edward Kong, Project Manager, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of the Parramatta Park Safer Cities program, including the engagement process and key feedback, lighting strategy, current status and budget for the project. GSP and the CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> suggestion to engage Muru Mittigar to harvest seeds when pruning of branches is conducted. note there is no plans for tree removal. cost and prioritisation for the total completed program (i.e., including installation of CCTV). whether there is NSW Police data for Parramatta Park. 	1. GSP to provide further safety data in the Park and future stages of the Safer City's project (including costs).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - alternative options to CCTV and rangers for the park, such as help points. - whether the new Metro station will impact the amount of people walking from the CBD to Westmead. - comparison between lighting at Centennial Park and Parramatta Park. 	
<p>Event Management Framework</p> <p>Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided information about the process for developing the new Event Management Framework for Parramatta Park. GSP also shared the key categories in the framework and outlined current and possible future events to be held in the park. • GSP and the CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - general site occupation timeframes for major events. - CTB pleased with the Event Management Framework. 	1. N/A
<p>WestInvest update and future of projects</p> <p>Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTB members were advised of the reallocation of priorities for WestInvest funding, and Greater Sydney Parklands has received confirmation that Parramatta Park’s bid will not receive funding. GSP noted the next step will be to reassess individual projects against other potential funding streams. • GSP noted that the Conservation Management Plan for Wistaria Gardens and Glengarriff House is planned to commence in the second half of 2024. • GSP and the CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GSP’s current understanding that the two bridge projects led by Property and Development NSW and City of Parramatta continue to be developed. - maintenance of the Governor Phillip Walk including slippage along the river. - safety and maintenance of Buttons Bridge. - GSP’s approach to maintenance in Parramatta Park. - the funding structure of Parramatta Park compared with other parklands, and whether the grant funding has increased at the rate visitation has increased. - request for GSP to schedule a future discussion about capital and maintenance works across the Park for a discussion regarding priorities and funding. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to confirm responsibility for maintenance of Governor Phillip Walk. 2. GSP to schedule a future workshop with the CTB to discuss capital and maintenance works priorities and funding.
<p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting planned for Thursday 29 February 2024 (6-7.30pm, online), combining all GSP CTB members to mark the one-year anniversary of CTBs, hear case studies of how CTBs have informed GSP decision making, and provide a finance overview. • CTB members expressed interest in an out-of-session meeting if required. 	1. GSP to circulate the November meeting summary and presentations.