

ST KILDA TRIANGLE SITE

Meeting Notes

Date: 25 January 2008

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: St Kilda Room, St Kilda Town Hall

In attendance: Helen Halliday; John Spierings; John Bennetts; Don Gazzard; Cr Cribbes, Cr Gross; Stephen McMillan; David Spokes; Ian McDougall; Rob Spinks; Geoff Oulton; Tim Nott; Simon Shield ; Chris Johnstone; Anita Lange .

Apologies: Karen Sait

1. SGS Economic and Community Impact Assessment
 - Tim Nott attended for part of the meeting and presented his review on the SGS Economic and Community Impact Assessment which was commissioned by Unchain St Kilda.
 - BBC advised that they have asked their consultants Urbis to provide a response to Mr Nott's review
 - Cr Cribbes undertook to ensure that Mr Nott's report is referred to in the consideration of the planning approval.

2. Review of changes to the Design
 - Ian McDougall and Simon Shield of ARM Architects presented a number of slides to show the cumulative changes to the development plan design. These changes include:
 - Changes outlined in the 13 December 2007 Statutory Planning Report, i.e. relocation of the Pearl building, changes to the Linden building
 - Recommended suite of changes proposed and agreed to by the applicant in the Design Review Committee Report of the 18th January 2008 to improve views from the Upper Esplanade to the foreshore
 - Additional changes to reduce the building bulk of the proposed "green " and "Nolan " buildings to reveal more of the Palais Theatre
 - BBC advised that they did not favour the more radical option contained in the Design Review Committee report as it would lead to a large windswept and unpleasant space and would be a poor design outcome
 - BBC advised that they will provide some new calculations of the extent of open space and other areas as a result of these changes

3. Presentation on landscaping
 - Chris Johnstone of Taylor Cullity Lethlean presented some slides on the landscaping concept and explained how the proposed grassed and treed areas could be successfully installed on a podium deck and gave a number of examples from across Melbourne.

4. Conclusion
 - It was agreed that there had been a number of improvements to the design as a result of these meetings but that the community groups did not feel that there had been sufficient changes.
 - Consideration will be given to arranging a further meeting on transport issues next week.