

# City of Vincent Community Engagement Panel

## Welcome Meeting 3 August 2021

Last week on Tuesday 3 August 2021, we met with panel members for the first time at the Welcome Meeting held at the City of Vincent Community Hall. There were a couple of collaborative activities during the welcome meeting, based around establishing the panel and including forming some 'ground rules' for etiquette, understanding how we will reach agreement and general Q&A about the panel and about the first project the panel will be working together on; the draft Asset Management and Sustainability Strategy.

Please see the notes taken at the session below. These notes were taken in conjunction with a presentation, which will be distributed with these notes as a PDF.

## Ground Rules

When discussing panel member etiquette, we asked the present panel members to identify some 'ground rules'. Here's what they came up with as a group:

- Keep jargon to a minimum – accessible language
- Understand the role of the decision maker
- Time to contribute (& spare)
- Be positive in your feedback – constructive
- Seek diversity in discussions
- Maintain level emotions
- Focus on the issues to find actions

## What does agreement look like?

- Identifying the issues that can't be solved and park them
- Declare conflicts and biases (eg. land developer) and move on
- Majority rules? Depending on topic – other topics need full agreement
- Other data on the table to be collected
- Collaborative decision making – per table
  - Drill down and find out why someone disagrees
  - Dig deeper to understand

## Q & A

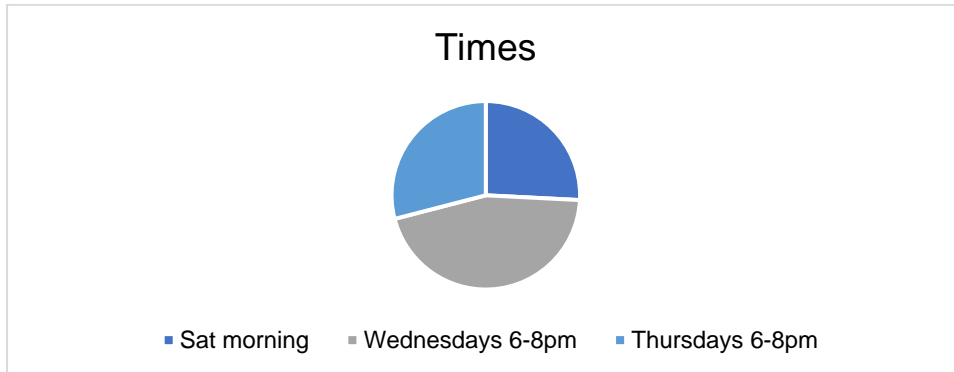
The following questions were asked during the meeting. We will collect these and create a rolling 'FAQ' for the panel – to be updated in due course.

- What is the annual budget and what percentage is the AMSS?
- How do we compare to other councils in terms of our upgrades?
- Do developments increase revenue for assets? eg. new ABN building – neutral impact
- Will increasing cost of parking help to increase revenue?
- Do all assets have an asset rating?
- Buildings are in disproportion to our budget? Are there any other areas that are disproportionate?
- Are our rates in line with other councils re: asset needs?
- Does the age of the City affect our asset issues?
- Are Beatty Park and Litis Stadium the biggest 'drains'? If the City dealt with these would it help the budget?

- Are we making decisions on behalf of ourselves or on behalf of the City?

## What date & time do you prefer to meet?

For the next two meeting in the workshop series, we will consider Wednesday nights as the preferable date based on the feedback from the first session. The preferred date and time of a session will be reviewed as the panel evolves.



Saturday mornings – 8 people  
 Wednesdays - 14 people  
 Thursdays – 9 people

## Individual responses

What motivated you to join the Panel?	What does agreement look like to you?	What etiquette ground rules should we establish for the panel?
I have opinions about the way the City of Vincent moves forward and believe in participating at a local level	Majority rules – consensus – weighting on importance  Timeframe  Understanding the groups it impacts  Response from 'me' representing my envision of the "City"	Keeping discussions on track don't veer off course  Speak in simple language – dealing with people from different background, cultures, education etc.  Set time limits on questions and answers
Viewing communications on social media and elsewhere, and driving through suburbs, Highgate seems like the poor cousin. It is a small suburb that seems to be flagging. There is such a lot of history in the area – it should be a centrepiece	Asset sustainability rate of 33% is very concerning!	Make room for new knowledge and keep jargon to a minimum  Diversity – seek and name who may be left out
Want to understand how this consultation may feed into our City's decisions  Modelling and learning about being more of an active citizen	Identify issues that can't be resolved and park them  Pragmatic approach	Mobile phones on silent
I believe in the importance of active citizenship and was keen for the opportunity to collaborate with my neighbours and community members on future development	All participants feel heard  Declare conflicts & identify biases  Factual evidence based decision-making  Acknowledge position	Maintain level emotions  Do not interrupt the person talking  Listen

To have a voice about plans for Vincent and my local area To find out about future plans for Vincent	Good notes / record keeping Clear record of recommendations and identification of key disagreements / issue points / caveats	Issues identification Focus on outcomes / actions
Influence development in City of Vincent – have a voice	Incremental decision making – working towards consensus	Understand the role of the ‘decision maker’ Provide a positive contribution
I’m interested in the future plans of the City of Vincent and feeding into the views of how best to take it forward	Secret ballot for contentious issues	Be inclusive of everyone Be willing to grow and change when necessary
Bring a different perspective to the community panel	To make informed decisions based on the demographic of XX of the XX impacted	Be positive in your feedback It is very easy to shoot down ideas – much hard to offer an alternative
Provide input into the future development of the area to ensure that it has focus, common sense and liveability	Ranking preferred options Discussing then reaching consensus with notes and explainers	All discussions should be ‘positive’
I live, work and shop in the City of Vincent area. My work is in asset management and development so combining the two, I am very interested in assisting the City of Vincent in their consultation process	Majority for general agreement Understand where a decision may have an unequal impact on different groups Discussion with input from a diverse group For ‘critical’ items, consider higher than majority agreement	Give everyone a chance
To improve living in the City of Vincent	Majority rules  Depends on the topic at hand (sometimes consensus wanted)  Consider different things important to different people  Consider groups that aren’t being included  Sometimes consensus is wanted – the model may need shifting to meet this  Try and bring a wider feel of others in our community? Unsure – or only representing our own views	Ensure time and space is made for individual contribution – don’t let ego/personality dominate the conversation.
Wanting to be part of solutions, not problems. Not to be a complainer on the outskirts.		
To be a contributor to the community rather than only a resident		
Being new in North Perth loving it here so want to be more involved		
Have a say in the future needs of the City having lived in various suburbs		

<p>Local 20+ years</p> <p>Experience relevant to panel</p> <p>Not done anything with Vincent yet!</p>		
<p>Resident of 16 years, love living inner city and what to participate for room for improvement of Vincent area</p>		
<p>Opportunity to contribute to my community and meet other residents</p> <p>In my job, we will be using a deliberative panel for our project, so this is an opportunity to be on 'the other side'</p>		
<p>To get better insight into what is being done in City of Vincent and to have a say and influence towards things</p>		
<p>To be participating in what is going on around the neighbourhood I live in</p>		
<p>Have lived in central Leederville for roughly 3 years now and myself and my partner love it, so I was wanting to see and be a small part of where Leederville is going</p>		