Aro Valley Community Centre upgrade Steering Group meeting notes

Monday 2 July 2018

Attending: Luke Allen, Hilary Unwin, Lexi Taylor, Teresa Gianos, Jane Black, Sam Van Zoelen, Jenny Rains, Dan Males, Carlos Gonzales

Apologies: Daniela Butterfield, Brent Efford, John Tocker

1. Meeting notes from May and June 2018. Published on AVCC website.
2. Budget – note messages from last meeting.
3. Water bore update

Water bore is located on the community centre site, implemented by Wellington Water as emergency water station. Intent is to coordinate design and location with the community centre upgrade, while also meeting needs of community resilience/preparation for emergencies. TG has requested additional details from WW and will report back.

1. Consultant status reports and timelines

Reviewed proposed programme and timeline through October. Note stages for further updates, technical needs, and community feedback.

User group meetings and community events: Need purpose and agenda, with clear outcomes, continuing feedback loops with design. Please scope hall dates for AVCC hosting per recommendations. Suggestion for next as flexible event – with designers available for drop-in to further reflect on designs.

Reviewed recent architecture plan revisions per community feedback. Key items in big picture: building placement, relates to pinch point, connect to park, internal layout, form and appearance.

Highlights/changes relating to feedback:

accessibility - new alternative access along cc frontage to give choice of travel away from the pinch point

visibility - blind corner opened by building corner cut-off, creates new deck outside the whanau room. Whanau room smaller with this revision.

identity – arts/graphic potential below canopy, above canopy traditional weatherboard, for look and feel of Aro Valley. Question about keeping or re-cladding front façade. Most of front wall is asbestos so will need new, but can explore re-use of materials in good condition.

connection to park, external – suggest bigger deck at entry, provide connect to green space, place for casual use, flexible space and furniture (ie bean bags), potential stage, sunshine

connection to park, internal – explore opening west façade to include more windows at front office for visibility to park, take advantage of sun. Ask about exception to fire wall provision given no buildings and open space along this boundary.

staff offices - larger for better community connections. Internal spaces to continue adjustments to make it workable for staff and community – open feel, more glass

roof cavity – potential stair/access option for potential future use (archives, storage)

pavilion potential – removed veranda (roof) at rear extension to allow flexible option/choices for bunker repurpose/demolish. New works won’t interfere with pavilion potential. Options mentioned/considered: xmas trees, alternatives for unrefined workshop space, gear storage, partial demo and roof, keep 2-3 walls, needs engineering review. Also possible to reduce extension of hall – consider trade off loss of inside space with storage.

internal layouts - maybe lose concertina doors as expensive and not easy/functional

landscape – note to include further/wider discussion about landscape options to prioritise future projects

1. Communications

Special edition Valley Voice to proceed with summary, story so far, what we heard, what we are doing, and the feedback incorporated into design. Lexi to lead.

Graphics assistance, Teresa to connect Lexi with Belle.

1. Other matters arising:

Upcoming AGM for AVCC 25 July, with changes to committee members as several existing leaders are stepping down.

1. Next meeting dates

Teresa to send out invites per programme.

1. Actions

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| Meeting notes posted at AVCC website  | done |
| Programme | set up dates for community events, user groups; QS based on revisions |
| Valley Voice and graphics | AVCC to publish in July; TG to introduce graphics person |
| Water bore | TG to follow up with WW on design for well head |