

Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
5 August 2014, 5.30pm – Meeting No.40
Agenda Item 6.2: Ministerial Referral: TPM 2014-12, 2 and 8-10 Riverside Quay, Southbank

Acquisition of Public Open Space

1. It is noted the developer has entered into negotiations with the City of Melbourne for the acquisition of a 46sqm triangular piece of land within Riverside Square.
2. Southbank Residents Group has reservations about the sale of any land which is currently utilised for the provision of public amenity through open space.
3. It is noted that at present this section of Riverside Quay is not welcoming, lacks life and somewhat barren.
4. After consultation with the immediate and surrounding stakeholders on the impact of scheme A and Scheme B to the immediate area, Southbank Residents Group believes Scheme B will offer the better outcome to activating this area through the lobby having primary access from Riverside Quay along with a larger and better positioned café in the northern corner.
5. While it is difficult for Southbank Residents Group to accept the loss of public space, no matter how small, we believe the benefits of activating this section of Riverside Quay outweighs the small loss of amenity to public space, therefore Southbank Residents Group provides in-principle support for the development proposal at 2 and 8-10 Riverside Quay and for Mirvac to continue their negotiations with CoM for the acquisition of the triangular piece of land to allow it to develop Scheme B.

Redevelopment of Riverside Square

1. It is rare to see a developer consider the needs of the community with their planning, while it is acknowledged that any such improvements will also be of direct benefit to the developers client and their staff, Southbank Residents Group commends the developer for their consideration of the condition and practicality of the surrounding open space and their proposal for redesign/redevelopment at their cost.
2. Southbank Residents Group would seek that CoM demand from the developer that a public consultation process to seek the desired outcomes that best serve the community and public.
3. (point was only verbally raised at the meeting) SRG Request consideration by Concil that any revenue received from the sale of the land be re-invested in public open space within Southbank.

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