



Community Consultative Committee Carlton Elgin Towers Meeting 2

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Meeting agenda

Time and date	Monday 28 October 2024, 5:30pm – 7pm
Chairperson	Katie Hall, Parliamentary Secretary for Housing
Location	Community room at 38 Elgin Street, Carlton
Attendees	To protect privacy, names of committee members and Homes Victoria (HV) staff are not published in the agenda
Purpose	Community Consultative Committee for Elgin Towers, Carlton

#	Time	Description	Presenter
1	5:00 pm	Arrival and refreshments	Chairperson
2	5:30 pm	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country, Housekeeping	Chairperson
3	5:35 pm	Presentation of visioning engagement 'what we heard report and how we have responded	HV Staff – Project team
4	6:00 pm	BREAK	
5	6:20 pm	Question - Open space During this phase of engagement, we heard that open space is an important part of the design. Participants suggested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • space for kids to play • outdoor gyms, BBQs and bike connections • community gardens 	HV Staff

		<p>The images show the open space around the two Elgin Towers. The suggested design tries to balance the needs of different age groups and interests. We would like your feedback on which spaces are most important to you and why.</p> <p>Question - Community space During the first engagement we heard that renters would like community space that can be used for a range of meetings, gatherings and events. The ground floor of each building will have community space which could be used for different activities. We would like your feedback on which spaces are most important to you and why.</p>	
6	6:45 pm	Evaluation and reflections	HV Staff
7	6:55 pm	Next session	Chair
8	7:00 pm	Close	Chair

Meeting Minutes

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1. **Acknowledgement of Country, and opening of the meeting (Chair)**

- Housekeeping and summary of agenda.
- Minutes from previous meeting – committee members approved and accepted the previous minutes as read.
- Committee members agreed to the meeting being recorded for accuracy and once approved, minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Elgin Towers project page on the Homes Victoria website.

2. **Presentation of visioning engagement, what we heard report and how we have responded (HV Staff – Project Team)**

Project team gave an update on design of the new Elgin Towers and presented a report.

The committee discussed the plans and feedback from Committee members on the design was positive, particularly regarding:

- Increase in number of dwellings
- Inclusion of 4- and 5-bedroom dwellings
- Greater use of light in the buildings
- Slight increase in height of buildings (understandable due to increased ceiling heights)
- Bigger bathrooms and separate toilets, especially for older residents and people using wheelchairs.

*Question on notice for report at the next meeting: why do roads exist within the estate when other apartment blocks on the site are accessed from the street?

HV Project team confirmed that committee members' comments from this meeting will be considered for final design of the buildings.

3. Schematic design – open space and community space activity (HV Staff)

Open space

During the visioning engagement, we heard that open space is an important part of the design. Participants suggested:

- Space for kids to play
- Outdoor gyms, BBQs and bike connections
- Community gardens

Largescale images were provided at the meeting showing the open spaces around the two Elgin Towers. The suggested designs try to balance the needs of different age groups and interests.

Committee members were asked to provide feedback on which spaces are most important.

Open spaces for children:

- Better equipped play areas for children
- Play areas where parents/carers can watch over children.

Gathering space for communities to get together:

- All agreed gathering spaces are important
- Mixed views on BBQs, some like the idea but others didn't
- Community garden space for residents to share.

Community space

During the visioning engagement, we heard that renters would like community space that can be used for a range of meetings, gatherings and events.

The ground floor of each building will have community space which could be used for different activities.

Largescale images were provided showing the open spaces in and around the two Elgin Towers. The suggested designs try to balance the needs of different age groups and interests.

Committee members were asked to provide feedback on which spaces are most important.

Use of community spaces:

- A place to bring community together
- A flexible space for a multitude of community activities, including larger gatherings plus a quiet space for study and passive activities
- Well-designed with storage and access to outdoor area
- Access to natural light
- Facilities that complement other community spaces onsite.

4. Evaluation and reflections

The Chair asked Committee members to reflect on and evaluate the meeting:

- Safety must continue to be front and centre of all designs.
- It was great to have printed plans of designs to view and comment on.
- Homes Victoria has done well with the design of the new buildings and have listened to the community about what is important.
- Maintenance and upkeep of the new buildings is important and needs to be considered.

HV will seek to include information on maintenance in a later CCC meeting

5. Next session: Monday 25 November 2024

6. Chair thanked committee members for their time and contributions

7. Meeting closed at 7:00 pm