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Our first public meeting was a great success with 120 residents coming to hear guest speakers Jane Lomax-Smith and Diana Carroll. There was a full report on what SECRA has been doing since the December meeting and plenty of time for questions and discussion. A straw poll showed that residents are almost equally concerned about the future of Afton House, Victoria Park and community access to the Box Factory. Many people took the chance to become financial members and to show their strong support for a genuine association dedicated to the needs of residents in the south-east. SECRA is planning its next meeting for April with a focus on the provision of supported accommodation in the city. David Plumridge, Chairperson

WE WANT ANSWERS.....

Local member Hon Jane Lomax-Smith and Liberal candidate Ms Diana Carroll gave us encouraging answers about Afton House and the future of Victoria Park but **SECRA** has written to Mike Rann and Rob Kerin asking for written commitments that they will not support development of permanent grandstands in Victoria Park.

We have also asked Jay Weatherill and Isobel Redmond for assurances that they will not increase the size of Afton House and that they will review policies on supported housing in the city. At the time of writing we have had no answers



THE BOX FACTORY

SECRA has been working with Hutt St Precinct Association and U3A to determine user guidelines for the Box Factory. Jane Lomax-Smith is confident that the government will soon announce a deal which will breathe a new lease of life into the historical Box Factory.



Go to our website for a history of the Box Factory

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB GETS TRIAL LICENCE

Malcolm Rowe on behalf of local residents and David Plumridge on behalf of SECRA came to an agreement with the Public Schools Club at the Licensing Court to allow limited entertainment for a trial period of 12 months under stringent conditions. Adelaide City Council was very supportive. Perhaps we can soon enjoy 'eggs benedict' and champers on the newly licensed terrace!



CLIPSAL MAKES ITS MARK – again

Residents

support horse-racing in Victoria Park and reluctantly accept that there is a commitment to Clipsal until 2012 but vehemently oppose any additional buildings, tracks, roads and removal or lopping of trees

or extension of the SAJC footprint in Victoria Park to facilitate horse racing and entrench motor sport.

SECRA also calls for shortening of the set-up and pull-down time for Clipsal that annually transforms Victoria Park from a pleasant place for recreation and enjoyment into a dismal construction site for 4 months of the year.

Clipsal organisers have shown complete disdain for the concerns of residents or care of the Parklands as these photos clearly demonstrate.



MEETING WITH LORD MAYOR

We had a very constructive meeting with Lord Mayor Michael HARBISON on 15 February. Full details will be posted to our website as soon as our summary of the discussion has been confirmed by the Lord Mayor.

On **Victoria Park** the LM supports horse-racing (as we do) and is opposed to motor racing in the Parklands (as we are). We believe the Council needs to review its current policies and strengthen its resolve to oppose new buildings in Victoria Park.

On **Afton House** the LM understands our concerns but pointed out that at this stage there are no proposals before the Council.

A request for help in running the **Box Factory** would receive his sympathetic support if the building is refurbished by the government and made available for community use.

The **heritage study** for the south of the city will go ahead as soon as the North Adelaide study is finalised.

Shortcomings in the valuable **Connector Bus** service were discussed; it is now clearly a de facto Uni shuttle service and older residents are often left standing at peak times. Council needs to deal with this problem.

The LM personally supports the reintroduction of **Wards** with councillors and some councillors elected 'at-large'.

BRING BACK THE WARDS – STOP PRESS!

As the Writs for the State election have now been issued our joint SECRA/NAS submission on wards will have to wait until Parliament reconvenes and can amend the LG Act to allow it to be considered this year, hopefully in time for the 2006 elections

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Plans shown to select few

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By LOUISE RUSSELL

THE City Council spent \$54,000 to promote plans for Victoria Park including detailed designs for a 200m-long race-course grandstand.

The design of the grandstand - which is yet to be budgeted or approved - was unveiled at an open day at Victoria Park late last year and circulated to selected members of the public.

The City Council refused a request by the *City Messenger* for a copy of the plans earlier this year. The paper has since obtained a copy of the plans.

Lord Mayor Michael Harbison confirmed this week the council had hired consultants, Oxigen, to design landscape plans for a community consultation on the council's Victoria Park community land management plan. Oxigen in turn used Troppo Architects to design the concept plans for the grandstand, he said.

Mr Harbison said the plans were simply intended to help with the \$54,000 public consultation.

The concept plans show in broad detail how Victoria Park would be used for horseracing and cycling.

It also shows a layout for motor racing which is in more



PARKLANDS Alliance chairman Peter McWilliam sees the grandstand plans.

Picture ROY VAM DER VEGE

detail - right down to the locations of TV cameramen, the Premier's suite and the catering kitchen. The grandstand is proposed by the South Australian Jockey Club (SAJC) which wants to upgrade Victoria Park racecourse.

Parklands Alliance chairman Peter McWilliams said the amount spent on the plans and their detail was concerning.

"Draft plans have a horrible habit of becoming the final

version very, very quickly. "It's a way of getting permanent buildings on to the parklands for car racing."

Adelaide Parklands Preservation Association chairman Ian Gillfillan said it was "outrageous" ratepayers should pay for the proposed grandstand designs.

SAJC chief executive officer Steve Floubidis said the club was contributing to "various areas" of the plans but would not elaborate further. He said

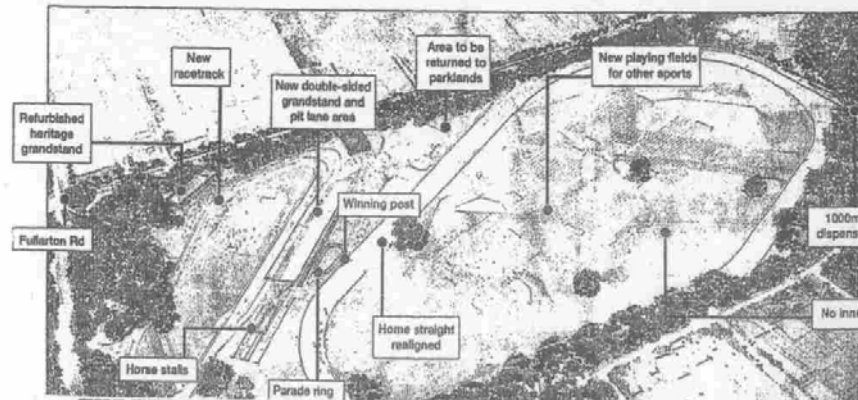
the proposed grandstand would mainly be for motor racing.

Mr Floubidis said the SAJC was still in talks with the state government over the proposed sale of Cheltenham - which would help fund any upgrade.

Clipsal 500 spokesman Mike Drewer said the event organisers would not comment until a decision had been made on whether the plans would proceed.

FOR SALE Cheltenham Racecourse TO BE REDEVELOPED Victoria Park

\$35m vision for future



THE THREAT TO VICTORIA PARK HAS BEEN WELL PUBLICISED
Sell Cheltenham and develop Victoria Park as a major events venue for horse-racing, motor sport and whatever else you can think of! SECRA strongly opposes these plans.

The item below appeared in the March edition of APPA's Parklands News

In the first week of January, the five-month desecration of Victoria Park started once again—five months of alienation and ugliness for four days of drunkenness, environmental pollution, health and safety endangerment and promotion of motoring behaviour that contributes to SA's death toll. This unequal and wholly repulsive ratio is described by government spin as providing enormous economic and social benefits to South Australia.

These 'benefits' have been challenged by Luciana Larkin, an APPA member who is a chartered accountant. She is concerned about the lack of standards and transparency in government reporting about the effects of the annual V8 Supercar race. Luciana Larkin wrote to Kevin Foley on 5 April 2005, asking some questions about how the 'benefits' are quantified. This began a sequence of letters between Ms Larkin and various ministers, deputy premiers and acting deputy premiers who kept passing her queries around, until 6 December when it again became the turn, apparently, of Kevin Foley to answer her letters.

Premier Mike Rann, in the meantime, had disassociated himself from the process. Needless to say, Kevin Foley reiterated the government's belief in the stated 'benefits' and its delight in having secured the race to 2015. At no time in this extensive correspondence did any of the government ministers address Luciana Larkin's main concerns.

As a chartered accountant, Ms Larkin recognises the need for integrity and standards. In her first letter to Kevin Foley she wrote:

"Governments and corporations worldwide are adopting ISO 14000 to satisfy the expectations of a broad range of stakeholders and to improve environmental management to reduce environmental impacts and costs ... does the 'economic benefit' to the state that is spruiked annually for the Clipsal 500 event include the adoption of this standard?"

The ISO 14000 series of standards were published by the International Organisation for Standardisation to assist entities develop an 'environmental management system'.

This system measures and monitors the environmental impact (eg air pollution) of

an entity's activities, processes and products.

In a global environment with an ever increasing awareness of environmental impact from activities and an expectation of reducing environmentally damaged incidents, it is appropriate that the government, as a responsible entity, leads by example and incorporates a system in its decision-making processes. By recognising and quantifying such impacts in financial terms, we can assess more accurately the real economic benefit of an activity.

At no stage, I understand, have the government or its consultants McGrath Research quantified the impact the Clipsal 500 event on the environment.

To date, Luciana Larkin is waiting on adequate response to her questions

Gentia Groves



This three-storey permanent structure with expansive bitumen surrounds now 'graces' Albert Park Reserve, Melbourne because of the annual F1 race. The Adelaide multi-storey, multi-function proposal is similar, if not larger, in size. Photo provided by Save Albert Park Inc.

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