



Community Consultative Committee Carlton Elgin Towers Meeting 3

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Meeting agenda

Time and date	Monday 15 November 2024, 5:30pm – 7pm
Chairperson	Fiona Simpson – Head of Engagement, Homes Victoria, acting in place of 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	5:15 pm	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country, Housekeeping	Chairperson
3	5:20 pm	Briefing on final designs	HV Staff – Project team
4	5:45 pm	BREAK	
5	6:00 pm	Group to share/celebrate community stories and incorporate into redevelopment – focus on naming of spaces, possible murals and artwork (<i>align with below questions</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are some ideas for how the community spaces can be activated? What do you like best about the public spaces? Semi-private spaces? What questions do your communities have? What information do you need? 	HV Staff
6	6:50 pm	Evaluation and reflections	HV Staff

7	6:55 pm	Next session	Chairperson
8	7:00 pm	Close	Chairperson

Meeting Minutes

Time and date	Monday 25 November 2024, 5:30pm – 7pm
Location	Community Room at 38 Elgin Street, Carlton
Chairperson	Fiona Simpson – Head of Engagement, Homes Victoria, acting in place of Katie Hall, Parliamentary Secretary for Housing
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1. Opening, welcome members and Acknowledgement of Country (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. Overview of planning process (HV Staff – Project Team)

Project team gave an update of the Elgin Towers planning pathway:

- Homes Victoria wants to hear community feedback on the plans. This will help put the final touches on the design.
- The final designs will be submitted in January/early February 2025.
- The plans will include feedback and ideas from this Committee, drop-in sessions and the online Engage Victoria survey.

Project team also had posters showing the proposed floor plans of the new Towers.

3. Carlton CCC's role in promoting Phase 2 Engagement

Committee members were encouraged to share information about the online survey and the drop-in sessions with their networks and the community.

- The Engage Victoria online survey will be open for 3 weeks, closing on 18 December
- Three drop-in sessions held on the 4th, 6th, and 13th December.

4. Engagement activity

Committee members discussed how naming shared spaces, sharing community stories and celebrating community could feed into the Elgin Towers landscape and artwork design.

Celebrate the history of Elgin Towers:

- Clearing the 'slums' to make way for the new red bricks towers in the 1960's
- Renter voice via the 'Elgin Square' residents' groups and Tenants' Association
- Acknowledge the waves of migration/cyclical migration from different countries over the decades (communities in the area include Egyptian, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Greek, Africa, the Middle East and many others).

WHO - Celebrate community groups and key community members:

- Mothers' group meetings in community rooms – hearts of community and activities over the years
- First Nations peoples and Traditional Owners
- Kids and young people in the community
- Recognise our thriving community - communities in Carlton care about and look after each other
- Celebrate food and the diverse cultures that bring people together - Festivals and expos (Spanish fiesta, Lygon St festival, Eid celebrations and more), fresh produce and farmers markets.

HOW - Ideas on how these stories can be reflected in the redevelopment:

- Murals, artwork and signage on the estate
- Naming of shared spaces.

5. Evaluation and reflections

Committee members were invited to share their reflections on CCC meetings to date:

- *I was part of another Community Consultative Committee, and it wasn't as resident-friendly as this one is. I felt out of place and missed what was spoken about.*

- *You have been really organised, and these meetings are far more resident friendly. Please keep this up.*
- *Meetings are very inclusive and it's really good to see the designs and ideas that have been taken on board.*
- *This is my first [CCC] and I think it's good.*
- *Residents have been asked what they think about the project – it's good to be heard.*
- *The level of detail and the openness is appreciated. It seems like you are taking on our feedback.*
- *It's not just about nice ideas for the community, it's what works for us, including safety.*
- *First there were 3-bedrooms, now there are 5- bedroom places. I'm relieved and happy, it's good to hear all the information.*
- *It's been great to be part of it, it seems promising, lots of positivity, and so good to have diversity.*
- *I hope we can continue conversations about how we look after the community.*

6. Next session: Monday 3 March 2025

Action: Committee members have requested a presentation on measures being taken about safety at the new Elgin Towers, including changes made to this design as a lesson learnt from previous projects.

7. Acting Chair thanked the Committee for their time and contributions

8. Meeting closed at 7.00pm.