



City of Nedlands

Minutes

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting

16 July 2012

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Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 16 July 2012 at 6.00 pm.

Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.10 pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

Councillors	His Worship the Mayor, RM Hipkins (until 7.41 pm)
	Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member)
	Councillor K Walker Hollywood Ward

Committee Member	Ms B Tyson
	Mr G Davies
	Ms K Whyte (from 6.43 pm)
	Ms S Hartley (from 7.01 pm)
	Ms A Pallagi

Staff	Mr A Melville	Acting Director Technical Services
	Ms G Martyn	Planning & Development Services Administration Officer

Community Members Nil

Leave of Absence Nil
(Previously Approved)

Apologies	Ms Bronwen Channon
	Mr Rod Griffiths

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1. Public Question Time

Nil.

2. Addresses by Members of the Public (only for items listed on the agenda)

Nil.

3. Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act* to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter was discussed.

There were no disclosures of Financial Interest.

4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors/Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the *Local Government Act*.

There were no disclosures affecting Impartiality.

5. Declarations by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

Nil.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting – 7 May 2012

Moved – Councillor Walker
Seconded – Ms Tyson

The Minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 7 May 2012 are confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/-

7. Items for Discussion

NOTE: Regulation 11(da) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires written reasons for each decision made at the meeting that is significantly different from the relevant written recommendation of a committee or an employee as defined in section 5.70 (but not a decision to only note the matter or to return the recommendation for further consideration).

7.1 Subcommittee Reports

7.1.1 Energy and Waste

No Report was received. Committee Member Ms Agnes Pallagi was nominated to sit on the Energy and Waste Sub-Committee. All members agreed and no vote was taken.

Committee Member Ms Whyte joined the meeting at 7.01 pm.

7.1.2 Water

No Report was received. Sub-Committee Meeting was held 31 May 2012, minutes are yet to be circulated. This meeting was attended by His Worship the Mayor, RM Hipkins, Ms B Tyson and Ms Sue Hartley.

7.1.3 Transport

Tony Blackwell, Principal of Blackwell and Associates made a presentation on Transport and the Built Environment to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee.

Committee Member Ms Hartley joined the meeting at 7.01 pm.

Mr A Melville, Acting Director Technical Services left the room at 7.19 pm and returned at 7.21 pm.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr RM Hipkins left the meeting at 7.41 pm.

7.1.4 Built Environment & Traffic

The following information was tabled from the Built Environment Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday, 18 June 2012.

Attendees: Nigel Shaw [convenor], Gordon Davies and Sue Hartley

Apologies: Mayor Hipkins and Rod Griffiths.

Agenda: This was left open to enable discussion on matters pertinent to the built environment and/or traffic, as it relates to the City, the idea being to establish a workable agenda as the sub-committee and full committee proceeds.

Discussion points:

1. Are the SNC and indeed the City 'committed' to potential outcomes of and feasible actions suggested as we proceed?
2. Gordon raised the ongoing issue of control of street lighting times, and the impact on energy costs.
3. Potential and possibility for 'mini TP Schemes' for the 4 City Wards. An interesting possibility, as the 4 Wards have different characteristics of among other things geography, lot sizes, residential coding, population numbers, infrastructure services, the presence/use/potential of ROW's, etc.
4. City and Council to be advocates for 'sustainable design and practices'.
5. Help people, especially senior citizens, to understand how to save running costs; the City can be a conduit for information that is available from a wide range of sources, e.g REIWA, WALGA [?], professional organisations, and of course written material and the knowledge base within the community.
6. The retrofitting of housing to respond to energy auditing is going to become increasingly mandatory, and advice is needed.
7. Planning, design and building practices should encourage recycling of materials for example, and

perhaps find ways of retaining and refitting more dwellings, rather than knocking them down and starting again. More materials are going to waste dumps, as storage space (i.e. salvage yards) is becoming scarce and therefore less economical.

8. Can the City have any useful dialogue with local schools with respect to students being driven to and from; and this obviously means schools outside the City as well as those within our boundaries. There is something for example, about the 'amount of stuff' that students need to take to school that makes walking, cycling or taking public transport less desirable options?
9. Tap into school curricula that talk about sustainable practices, and consolidate the City's role in 'spreading the word'. It is possible that the older, busier sectors of our community are those who don't relate too readily to so called 'sustainable practices'.
10. How are we going with the mapping out of a 'logical' cycle network?
11. Do we have the opportunity to create any precincts or streets that can rearrange priorities of use from vehicles to shared use, as happens everywhere else (e.g article in "West" on London Street, and of course all the examples from Denmark, and throughout Europe).

Committees could build up some 'key words' from their discussion points to help create an agenda.

7.1.5 Natural Environment

No Report was received. Sub-Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 and 3 July 2012. Minutes were circulated to members in hard copy format and are included as attachment one (1) to these minutes.

7.2 Committee Meeting Venue

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee discussed meeting venue options for the future.

Mr A Melville, Acting Director Technical Services advised Mr Michael Cole, Acting Chief Executive Officer expressed the venue of meetings should remain in the Council Chambers as this is a Sub-Committee of Council.

Councillor Walker would like to promote the meetings to have more of the community attend and include an invite to media representatives.

7.3 Wikispace Workshop

Councillor Walker will provide via email to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee information of how to upload and use the wikispace.

8. ICLEI Water Campaign Milestone Update

Mr Andrew Melville, Acting Director Technical Services provided an update to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee on the City's progress regarding the water campaign.

Moved - Mr Davies
Seconded - Councillor Shaw

That the Sustainable Nedlands Committee recognises Administration's efforts on the water campaign and would like to commend them for their efforts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/-

9. Draft City of Nedlands Climate Change Local Adaptation Plan 2012-2017

This item will be presented to Council for adoption on Tuesday 24 July. Prior to proceeding to Council, any comments on the plan, its philosophy or language of the document, are encouraged.

TS14.12	City of Nedlands Climate Change Local Adaptation Plan 2012-2017
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Committee	10 July 2012
Council	24 July 2012

Applicant	City of Nedlands
Owner	City of Nedlands
Officer	Phoebe Huigens - Sustainability Officer
Director	Andrew Melville – Acting Director Technical Services
Director Signature	
File ref.	M12/11263
Previous Item No's	Nil
Disclosure of Interest	No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act (1995)</i> .

Council Committee Recommendation

Council endorses the City of Nedlands' Climate Change Local Adaptation Action Plan: 2012-2017 with referral to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee before the next Council Meeting for comment.

Regulation 11(da) – Not applicable – Recommendation adopted.

Moved – Councillor Walker
 Seconded – Ms Tyson

That the Committee receives the City of Nedlands' Climate Change Local Adaptation Action Plan: 2012-2017

**CARRIED 6/
 (Abstained Hartley)**

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Recommendation

That the Committee accepted to receive City of Nedlands' Climate Change Local Adaptation Action Plan: 2012-2017.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, 17 September 2012 commencing at 6.00 pm.

Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

Attachment to Item 7.1.5

Sustainable Nedlands Committee – 16 July 2012

Natural Environment - Sub-Committee Minutes – 17 May 2012 & 3 July 2012

Sustainable Nedlands - Natural Environment Focus Group

Discussion Notes - Meeting 17.5.12

It was decided that are of Natural Environment fell into two areas and could be split

- Coastal and River Issues
 - SGIO Insurance - talk back radio on liability and implications for building - climate change legislation and industry changes (Insurance) impacts would be socio-economic driver for examining impacts on and affirmative action required of the City and/or may have to forced to undertake
 - BH & KW to look at issue globally
 - What other Councils are doing in this regard
- Biodiversity, Microclimates and Education (BC/SH)
 - Changing Needs/Trends as the driver for investigating the impacts on infill.
 - (BC/SH) to investigate what local governments do in Australia in relation to densification and education programs and incentives to raise awareness in conserve trees, corridors and building/maintaining biodiversity and microclimates.

Costal

Action Items: BT & KW to investigate insurance liability issues for the City in respect to building at coastal and river edges by investigating other local government areas NSW/SA/VIC/QLD

Biodiversity & Education

Action Item: BC&SH&KW to investigate local government initiatives on education with the pressures of densification on the natural environment

BC to do SA/VIC - KW to do NSW& QLD until SH is back.

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Discussion Notes – Meeting 3.7.12

Arising out of research of sub groups the following topics to be raised:

Biodiversity & Education

1. Raising Community Awareness

- Linking CoN website to 'Friend' sites
- Creation of 'Smart Hubs' Tresillian/Drabble House/Mt Claremont Library/Leckie Pavillion
 - i.e. development of Environmental courses and speakers

Possible Recommendation: CoN create 12 Month Environmental Programs with Living Smart ® for 2013

2. Volunteerism, Community Capacity & Biodiversity Funding

- Better recruitment of Environmentally Minded Volunteers
- Official Recognition of Hollywood & All CoN 'Friends' groups as Volunteers
- Create Data Base of Environmental Volunteers & Partner with other Western Suburbs Friends Groups
- DEC Grants for Community 2012-13 – Identification of Environmental Community Grants
 - Investigation of suitable projects and initiatives¹

¹ The Government will allocate \$1.53 million in grants this year (2012) to help with projects involving:

- biodiversity conservation (\$500,000)
- sustainable catchment management (\$300,000)

Possible Recommendation: CoN officially recognize and support Friends groups, community groups and individuals to undertake an identified local project in association with the CoN

3. Community Connectivity

- SNC Support Garden Competition with nominations
- Create a CoN Blog where residents and ratepayers exchange local garden and water wise tips and showcase local gardens
- CoN Environmental Citizen of the Year Award

Possible Recommendation: CoN weekly advert in the media (the Post) should have information on environmental projects and/or group activities including smart hub programs.

Costal & River

1. Climate Adaptation: Risks & Planning Policies

Initiate discussion with Swan River Trust to discuss climate adaptation policies and risk management

- Progressing the Nedlands Foreshore Enhancement Plan and feedback from SRT
- Development of All Abilities Playground @ Tiwarri – Risk Management & Adaptation Considerations

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- rescue and rehabilitation of injured or incapacitated fauna (\$50,000)
 - interpretation and sustainable recreation in natural areas (\$180,000)
 - regional parks (\$105,000)
 - Bush Forever sites (\$75,000)
 - support for major conservation/environmental organisations (\$120,000)
 - protection of high-value areas by landholders on private land (\$200,000)
- <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/full/5135/2274/>