



City of Nedlands

# ***Minutes***

## ***Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting***

***1 September 2014***

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## City of Nedlands

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 1 September 2014 at 6:00pm.**

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### **Declaration of Opening**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.06 pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

### **Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)**

<b>Councillors</b>	His Worship the Mayor, Max Hipkins Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member) Councillor R Binks
<b>Committee Member</b>	Ms Bronwen Tyson Ms Bronwen Channon Ms Gail Stubber
<b>Staff</b> Compliance	Mr Andrew Melville      Manager      Health      and
<b>Community Members</b>	Susie Wang Elizabeth Howard
<b>Leave of Absence</b> <i>(Previously Approved)</i>	None
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Gordon Davies Mr Rod Griffiths Ms Agnes Pallagi

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**1. Public Question Time**

Nil.

**2. Public Address Session (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 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995* 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 and Staff of the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

There were no disclosures of interest 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 – 5 May 2014**

Moved: Ms B Channon

Seconded: Ms B Tyson

That the Minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 10 March 2014 are confirmed.

Carried 6/-

## **7. Items for Discussion**

There was discussion that Ms S Wang be nominated to be a member of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee at the next meeting of Council.

### **7.1 Waterwise Garden Competition**

There was general discussion regarding the competition. There was a focus on the capacity to nominate entrants from the previous year. Mr A. Melville advised that an automatic renomination was not appropriate although those gardens where additional work had been completed to improve it from the previous year would be eligible.

There was concern raised that there was a feeling amongst some residents who are concerned that the competition will bring additional compliance scrutiny on their verge.

### **7.2 Mayo Community Garden Update**

Ms G. Stubber addressed the meeting to provide an update on the activities at the Community Garden. Ms Stubber advised that there was a meeting with the working party tomorrow night. The concrete slab to be constructed for the shed is yet to be laid. A retaining wall has been built which is also associated with the construction of the shed. Carpets have been placed on the ground for weed control. The carpets had been donated by a local business. To date that is one tiered garden that has been installed. Thirty people turned up and assisted in the working bee which was held in August.

Electricity will be connected following the installation of the shed.

### **7.3 ISO Standard, Sustainable Development of Communities – Indicators for City Services and Quality of Life**

Mayor Hipkins discussed the ISO Standard for local government which was presented at the Sustainable Cities conference in Singapore in June.

Mayor Hipkins advised that he has discussed the standard with the City's Directors at his weekly meeting.

Mayor Hipkins suggested that Committee members who have an interest in certain areas they may wish to take the opportunity to become involved.

A Melville agreed to ensure that Committee members have access to the SAI's Sustainable Development Indicators for City Services and Quality of Life. This will be in the form of an extract.

### **7.4 Recycling in Public Places**

Mr A Melville provided an update to the Committee on information gathered on this matter since the previous meeting. Costings for the installation of recycling bins within the City are as follows:

Post	\$180
Bin	\$55
Installation	\$80
Servicing	\$40.30 (annual cost)

Mr Melville proposed as a result of recent discussions with the City's Waste Officer as follows:

- 4 recycling bins at College Park (2 at the top and 2 at the bottom)
- 2 recycling bins at Allen Park Reserve adjacent to the car park and building
- 2 recycling bins at D. C. Reserve adjacent to the football club.

This will incur a cost of \$2,520 for the installation plus an annual cost of \$322.40 for servicing.

The committee had general discussion on this issue and were generally supportive of the initiative.

### **7.5 Plastic Bags**

Mayor Hipkins advised the matter of disposable plastic bags was referred to WESROC who wrote to the Parliamentary Committee advising of their support of the City of Fremantle's Local Law initiative.

### **7.6 Innovation Award Criteria**

Mr R Griffiths was not present at the meeting. Ms S Wang a community member has participated in some preliminary discussions with members of the Committee and advised that a summary paper

has been developed and that a discussion was had that the announcement of the award should be a whole page advertisement in the Post.

Additionally, key dates were to coincide with other City events where there was a theme of innovation or sustainability.

Mayor Hipkins advised that a 12 month timeframe would be appropriate for implementation and this would allow for a budget to be allocated and an aim for a Science Week launch.

### **7.7 Street Lighting Audit**

Ms B Channon presented the results of the sub-committee's street lighting audit. There was general discussion on the issue

Recommendation

Moved: Ms B Tyson  
Seconded: Ms G Stubber

The Committee recommends that the information tabled by B Channon be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee to be presented to the administration.

Carried 6/-

### **7.8 Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting**

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) in association with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) have released a practice note titled "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting". The document supports widespread use of LEDs in street lighting.

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee was asked to consider recommending that a notice of motion be put to Council to support the recommendations contained within the document.

Recommendation

Moved Ms B. Tyson  
Seconded Mayor Hipkins

The Committee Recommends:

That Council: adopt the recommendations contained within the "Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting" and conduct a cost analysis in 2014/15 to develop actions for future work, to be considered in future budgets.



That the Sustainable Nedlands Committee:

1. Prepare a letter to the Honourable Dr Mike Nahan, Minister for Energy, to provide support for the Recommendations for State Governments contained within the “Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting” document, and request a response.
2. Prepare a letter to Mr Paul Italiano, Chief Executive officer of Western Power, to provide support for the Recommendations for Utilities contained within the “Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting” document, and request a response.

Carried 6/-

### **7.9 Promotion of Sustainability at City Events**

The Committee discussed the availability of committee members to attend City events to promote sustainability initiatives. Possible events included Summer Concerts (each Sunday in February), Community Tours (4x yearly), 4Sure Festival (April), Senior’s Week NCC Expo (November), Blessing of The River (December).

The Mayor has advised that he will follow up with the administration with an initiative to encourage sustainability at the City’s public events.

### **7.10 Youth Committee Member**

There was general discussion regarding the progress in appointing a youth member to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee.

Mr A. Melville advised that he would follow up this matter with the City’s Youth Officer.

### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, 3 November 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm.

Cr Shaw advised the Committee that he has invited Peter Ciemetis of RobertsDay Group to discuss the heat island effect and urban heat within a planning context.

There was some general discussion regarding energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives within the Building Code of Australia.

### **Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

## Waterwise Garden Competition

<b>KFA</b>	Natural and Built Environment
<b>Status</b>	Council
<b>Responsible Division</b>	Planning & Development
<b>Objective</b>	To outline the purpose and award process of the City's Waterwise Garden Competition

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### Context

The City of Nedlands is a Waterwise Council endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water. The City is committed to provide leadership to the community in the area of water conservation. The City's Waterwise Garden Competition started in 2011 as a way to encourage residents to convert high water using areas of garden (such as lawn) to waterwise, native gardens.

### Statement

The City's Waterwise Garden Competition is bound by the following principles:

- The competition will run during winter of each year, to encourage residents to plant native plants during the winter which is the optimal time to be planting;
  - The competition will launch in conjunction with the WESROC native plant subsidy scheme to allow residents to purchase subsidised seedlings and reduce the overall cost of the garden;
  - The City will seek sponsorship from local businesses for the competition;
  - The entry form will clearly state the judging criteria;
  - The competition will be judged by an independent judge who has knowledge in the area of water conservation, landscape design and biodiversity principles; and
  - A residential property that has won the overall prize or a finalist prize in a previous year cannot be renominated in a subsequent year.
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### Related documentation

Nil

### Related Local Law / Legislation

Nil

### Related delegation

Nil

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## **Review History**

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCILS

1. Undertake total life-cycle cost modelling in order to understand the implications of new street lighting options for your council.
2. Seek improved arrangements with your utility; but if that is unsuccessful and regulation allows, consider taking direct control of lighting to either manage it internally or outsource it to specialist providers.
3. Work with other councils served by the same utility to achieve a stronger negotiating position, to achieve economies of scale and to jointly push for regulatory change with State governments.
4. Develop management-level KPIs and reporting for street lighting (e.g. \$ per light, kWh/km/yr, total energy, greenhouse gas emissions, maintenance performance etc.).
5. Devote resources, particularly as part of a regional grouping, to improving lighting expertise as change is now happening rapidly in street lighting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS

6. Reconsider whether electricity distribution utilities are best-placed to manage the growing need for street lighting re-investment and either facilitate a transfer of

the assets to councils or introduce a robust regulatory framework to better align the interests of the utilities with councils and wider community needs.

7. Resolve the current uncertainty about street lighting contestability in many jurisdictions.
8. Write down the valuation of old street lights to reasonable levels reflecting their age and obsolescence, as happened in Victoria with the privatisation of utilities, so that councils can afford to have new lighting technologies widely deployed.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UTILITIES

9. For utilities wishing to remain in the street lighting business, develop management and service approaches that are able to embrace the emerging lighting technologies that councils are seeking.
10. Explore opportunities to add value for street lighting customers and others by providing new services based around street lighting in conjunction with the introduction of smart grid and smart metering technology (e.g., remote monitoring of lighting, adaptive lighting, CCTV, weather monitoring, traffic flow monitoring, parking sensors, WiFi to support other infrastructure and services, and enhancements to mobile telephony).