



City of Nedlands

Minutes

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting

3 October 2016

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Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers on Monday, 3 October 2016 at 5.05 pm.

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda

Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.05 pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

(NOTE: Council at its meeting on 24 August 2004 resolved that should the meeting time reach 11.00 p.m. the meeting is to consider an adjournment motion to reconvene the next day).

Present and Apologies and Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)

Councillors His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins
Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member)

Committee Members Ms B Channon
Ms B Tyson
Mr R Griffiths
Mr G Davies
Ms Diana Rees
Mr Ed O'Loughlin
Mr A Mangano

Staff Ms P Fisher Policy and Projects Officer

Leave of Absence (Previously Approved) None

Apologies Councillor R Binks
Ms G Stubber
Mr M Yap

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1. Public Question Time

A member of the public wishing to ask a question should register that interest by notification in writing to the CEO in advance, setting out the text or substance of the question. Questions tabled at the meeting may be unable to be answered due to the requirement for technical research and will therefore be answered direct afterwards.

There were no public questions.

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

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Session Forms will be invited to be made at this point.

There were no addresses by members of the public.

3. Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member to remind 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 is discussed.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors and 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 of affecting impartiality.

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

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.

Nil.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting 13 June 2016

Moved – Ms B Tyson

Seconded – Ms D Rees

Committee Recommendation

The minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held 13 June 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/-

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 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Terms of Reference

Mr E O’Loughlin requested that the Committee review its terms of reference, noting in particular its role to provide advice and recommendations to Council under nine terms of reference.

Mr E O’Loughlin gave reference to Item 7.5 in the Sustainable Nedlands Committee meeting Minutes from 13 June 2016, regarding informal meetings and how they are linked to formal, and suggested that minutes be taken for informal meetings to prompt agenda items for formal meetings. Discussion was had about minuting of the informal meeting or the taking of notes, in order to generate a list of discussion items for bringing forward to a section of the formal agenda.

Discussion was also had around how the Council can be invited to raise sustainable matters and ideas to the Committee, in order for the Committee to respond with research and advice as per the terms of reference. A meeting will be held between Councillor Shaw and Mayor Hipkins to develop a proposal that reviews the communications between the Committee, Council and Administration. Full Council to be sent a personal invitation to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting in December,

As a starting point, Mayor Hipkins suggested that the Committee may like to become involved with the Local Planning Scheme and Local Planning Strategy reviews, to identify where sustainable aspects can be promoted within them.

7.2 Future Water Supplies to Parks and Gardens

Mr E O'Loughlin requested that the Committee receive an update on the future water supplies to parks and gardens, further to the presentation provided by the Director Technical Services on 1 February 2016.

Mayor Hipkins advised this project is now under the ownership of WESROC and that he would list it for discussion the next WESROC meeting he will be chairing in order to provide an update back to the Committee.

The City is still actively participating in this project through its WESROC membership.

7.3 "Greening" of Swanbourne Beach Oval Environs at Allen Park

Mr E O'Loughlin requested that, with reference to Council's Planning Strategy, the Committee supports the "greening" of the Swanbourne Beach Oval environs of Allen Park, and opposes further development of clubs such as hockey and swimming. Such developments would lead to more traffic movements, more car parking, more bitumen and the loss of valuable green space. It is noted that 99% of the users of current sporting facilities and the WA Bridge Club in this precinct use private cars and not public transport.

Councillor Shaw advised that a formal motion would need to be submitted in writing for the Committee to consider moving a motion that puts such a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Hipkins raised that community consultation activities are undertaken by the City for such projects and development proposals, and talked about how submissions can be made in response to these by Committee members and other members of the community.

A member of Administration is to be invited to the next informal meeting to present an update on the development of masterplans to the Committee, including the Allen Park masterplan budgeted to be undertaken this financial year.

7.4 Underground Power

Mr A Mangano requested that a motion be raised by the Committee, supporting Council investigating underground power in the remaining areas of Nedlands without it, as it is now quite clear there is no State Underground Power Program (SUPP) funding forthcoming.

Councillor Shaw will raise the following statement as an announcement at the next Council meeting:

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee support the recent decision that Council investigate the cost and feasibility of providing underground power to the remaining dwellings in the City of Nedlands that are serviced by overhead power, outside of the State4 Underground Power programme, for the following sustainability reasons:

1. Reduced street tree pruning and improved streetscapes;
2. Reduced energy loss in the power distribution network;
3. Improved service availability – less outages;
4. Improved safety to the public – reduced risk of injury or death; and
5. Opportunity to provide LED streetlights.

7.5 Travel at Community Events and Meetings

Ms R Griffiths requested that optimising travel at community events and meetings (including sports/schools) be tabled for discussion.

The City's TravelSmart Officer from Administration is to be invited to the next informal meeting to talk with the Committee about existing initiatives and ideas for future.

7.6 'Did you know?' Sustainable Initiatives

Ms R Griffiths requested that a "did you know" facility be developed to alert residents of sustainable initiatives they could adopt or pursue to be tabled for discussion.

Mayor Hipkins suggested that the Committee could use existing promotional materials and adverts that are produced to send out sustainable messages, such as existing newsletter and newspaper updates. The Committee could develop and submit content for release. It was also suggested that a promotional article about the Committee itself and the members could be created to publicise its work to the Community.

Mayor Hipkins also suggested that the outcomes of the recent Community Perceptions Survey may be of interest to the Committee and for a presentation to be organised.

7.7 Gallop House Heritage Community Garden

Ms B Channon requested that the Gallop House Heritage Community Garden be tabled for discussion.

The National Trust would like to seek grant funding towards the project and require a letter of support from the Committee to support their application. Ms B Channon to draft a letter and provide along details of the grant to Councillor Shaw.

7.8 Street Tree Retainment

Ms B Channon requested that retaining street trees be tabled for discussion.

In particular the POST published a story recently regarding the removal of two street trees in Leon Road. The removal of the trees was undertaken following the City receiving a letter citing concerns regarding infrastructure damage. An inspection was undertaken and the tree species *Ficus macrocarpa* var. *hillii* - Hills Figs, was located on the Council nature strip in close proximity to the residential boundary. Damage to the City's and private infrastructure was identified.

A report regarding the tree was presented to Council in June 2016, this is available online, item TS09.16. Options for managing the root issues were investigated, but due to their proximity to the property and the wall, root management was not an option. The Council resolved to remove the two trees and replace with four new trees.

Residents in proximity to the location were advised in advance of imminent removals and the trees were removed by Council contractors.

Mayor Hipkins advised there is a notice of motion for the next Council meeting to review street tree preservation within the Street Tree Policy.

8. Any other business

Big Belly Solar Bins were discussed at a recent informal meetings. These are bins that compress waste and trigger a collection when they are full so that they require emptying less often. Mayor Hipkins advised that he has previously raised these with Administration after seeing them in Japan. The bins are very costly and collection frequencies may not be suitable in this climate. The City is currently operating best practises for waste. However, the costs may have come down since these were last investigated as it was some time ago, Administration to review.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 5 December 2016 commencing at 5.00 pm.

Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.