



City of Nedlands

# ***Minutes***

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

***6 February 2017***

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Meeting Room, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 6 February 2017 at 5.01 pm.**

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### **Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda**

#### **Declaration of Opening**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.01 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)  
Councillor R Binks

**Committee Members** Ms B Channon  
Mr R Griffiths  
Ms B Tyson  
Mr M Yap (joined the meeting at 5.11 pm)  
Mr G Davies  
Mr E O'Loughlin  
Mr A Mangano

**Staff** Ms P Fisher Policy and Projects Officer

**Leave of Absence  
(Previously Approved)** Ms D Rees

**Apologies** Ms G Stubber

**Public** There was one representative from the POST newspaper present

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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 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 5 December 2016

Moved – Councillor R Binks

Second – Mr A Mangano

#### **Committee Recommendation**

**The minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held 5 December 2016 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10/-**

## 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 Gallop House Community Garden

Ms B Channon provided the Committee with an update regarding the progress of a proposed Community Garden at Gallop House in conjunction with the National Trust.

Towards the end of 2016, Mayor Hipkins and Ms B Channon attended a meeting with a Director of the National Trust and a landscape gardener. There is agreement to develop a heritage type garden with vegetable stock and there are plans to undertake some publicity to find volunteers interested in maintaining it. It is anticipated there will be some open days held and possibly some courses conducted, along with some plant sales, with any revenue being put back into the garden. Ms B Channon is investigating if there is funding that can be applied for or if funds could be generated through plant sales instead.

The first year anniversary of the Gallop House restoration is coming up in April so there are plans have a volunteer group up coordinated by then. Publicity can be driven with promotions from the National Trust and the City within their existing communications to invite community involvement.

*M Yap joined the meeting at 5.11pm*

### 7.2 Parking after Close of Business

Ms B Channon talked to the Committee regarding an idea to invite businesses to open their carparks during their out of hours for other

nearby businesses that have insufficient parking at these times. It is proposed that a letter be developed and distributed to businesses in the interest of improving community relations.

A draft letter was provided to Committee members by email on 6 February 2017 and a hard copy provided at the meeting, including an example photo of a sign at a business that welcomes community parking in its car park after 6.00 pm.

Ms B Channon talked about the existing signage on some local Stirling Highway businesses that own car parks.

Mayor Hipkins advised that the terms of reference should be referenced to identify what 'head of power' this might fall into to justify the idea progressing under the Committee, however he would be agreeable to put his name to a letter that suggests this as an idea to business owners for consideration.

### **7.3 Underground Power**

Mr A Mangano talked to the Committee regarding the progress with the delivery of Underground Power in the Hollywood Ward.

Mr A Mangano referenced the Hollywood Action Group and opinions regarding a recent survey released by the City that is based on the Western Power estimate for the works as obtained by the City in 2014. It was advised that a poster campaign has been initiated to oppose the estimate figure that has been quoted to date, and pushed for a detailed figure to be provided by Western Power through a quote process.

#### Administration comment:

*At the 20 December 2016 Council meeting Council resolved to accept the quotation of \$119,404 (exc GST) from Western Power to complete the detailed design for the Hollywood underground Power Project, and as result, this is currently underway. A Council resolution also requested Administration commence a consultation process with property owners, which, as a result, has seen a survey released and regular communications released online and in the City's full page POST adverts. A report is to be provided at the Council meeting on 26 April 2016 presenting the results of the survey and detailing financial model options based on the detailed design provided by Western Power. This information is available on the City's online consultation tool, Your Voice, accessible through the City's website.*

### **7.4 Allen Park Planning**

A paper for consideration was submitted by Mr Ed O'Loughlin, please see Attachment 1.

Discussion was held and it was discussed that the same applies to other similar areas in the City with respect to traffic flow and car parking. Councillor R Binks advised on the City's processes for the planning for works, and brought attention to the plans to undertake an Allen Park masterplan this year.

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Mr Rod Griffiths proposed that groups who operate within the City could be asked to complete a transport strategy to look at how members travel to and from the facilities, seeking sustainable solutions. IAP2 community engagement levels and methods were also discussed for proposed use during the consultation.

Administration comment:

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**1. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 3 April 2017 commencing at 5.00 pm.

**Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed 6.03 pm.

**Note:**

**At its meeting on 3 April 2017, the Sustainable Nedlands Committee made a recommendation that the Minutes of Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 6 February 2017 are confirmed subject to the correction:**

**Item 7.4 – Allen Park Planning**

**1. After ‘Discussion was held and it was discussed that the same applies to other similar areas in the City’ add the words ‘with respect to traffic flow and car parking.’**

**2. Amend the word ‘area’ to ‘City’.**

**3. After ‘Councillor N Shaw proposed that the paper (Attachment 1) be provided to Administration for use as part of the master planning works.’ add the words ‘This was agreed upon.’**



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**ALLEN PARK - PLANNING**

REASON FOR ITEM - The Terms of Reference for SNC require the committee to provide advice and recommendations to Council in nine areas. This item addresses: the natural environment; environmentally responsible design; social sustainability; and transport.

CURRENT USAGE - Allen Park (including Swanbourne Beach Oval) provides ovals, facilities and car parking for:

- Swanbourne – Nedlands Surf Club
- Shorehouse Restaurant which is a commercial development
- Allen Park Tennis Club
- Associates Rugby Union Club ,which was previously located at Nedlands Foreshore. Following concerns raised by local residents, the club was relocated to Allen Park
- WA Bridge Club which was previously located on Waratah Avenue. Following concerns raised by local residents ,particularly about car parking, this club relocated to Allen Park
- Allen Park Cricket Club
- Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club.

The level of activity outlined above far exceeds the club activity on any other park in the City of Nedlands. This area provides for both senior and junior sport and ,in my experience, the clubs welcome , and seek out, junior participants. My understanding is that clubs are in a sound financial position and memberships are increasing. The lower pavilion has recently had a major upgrade.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

1. There are very adequate sporting facilities in this precinct and the time has come to shift the emphasis of development to restoring and enhancing the valuable environmental features of Allen Park.
2. The current generation should act now to protect the key aspects of the coastal vegetation before it is too late, and the opportunity is lost for future generations to experience this environment within the boundaries of Nedlands Council.
3. Valuable work has been done by Friends of Allen Park, in association with Council, to protect and enhance the “green” environment (see their website). Similarly, the Swanbourne Coastal Alliance continues to work to preserve the coastal vegetation. The Alliance’s mission includes “to conserve flora, fauna, and fungi ecological communities and ecosystem processes, as well as the marine environment and coastal processes”. The time is right for Council to increase its focus on the environment in Allen Park.
4. An unfortunate aspect of usage of the sporting facilities is that almost all users travel by car. Planning for car parking has been poor and there is an ever-present threat for more vegetation to be lost to car-parking. The recent bitumenising of a large space for car-parking for the WA Bridge Club lacks any softening features and the space does not have a single tree or shrub. Such ad-hoc “solutions” show little regard for the greening program.

## Attachment 1 – Submitted by Ed O’Loughlin 30 January 2017

5. The traffic flow in the precinct should be considered in future development, especially the fact that Marine Parade finishes at the entrance to the Swanbourne-Nedlands Surf Club. Campbell Barracks prevent direct traffic flow along the coast in a northerly direction, forcing traffic flow into surrounding residential streets. Additional sporting clubs will increase existing traffic and parking issues.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That SNC:

1. SUPPORTS programs to preserve and enhance the environmental benefits of Allen Park for future generations, including current activities of volunteer associations.
2. NOTES current traffic flows into the sporting clubs, and that almost all users travel by car.
3. NOTES the high level of sporting facilities already provided.
4. MONITORS closely proposals for Allen Park that may be put forward during 2017.
5. OPPOSES regional-scale sporting facilities, such as a day/night hockey complex or day/night swimming complex in Allen Park.

30 January 2017