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***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.**

# 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)

**Councillors** His Worship the Mayor, Max Hipkins

Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member)

Councillor R Binks

**Committee Member** Ms Bronwen Tyson

Ms Bronwen Channon

Ms Gail Stubber

**Staff** Mr Andrew Melville Manager Health and Compliance

**Community Members** Susie Wang

Elizabeth Howard

**Leave of Absence** None

***(Previously Approved)***

**Apologies** Mr Gordon Davies

Mr Rod Griffiths

Ms Agnes Pallagi

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# Public Question Time

Nil.

# Public Address Session (only for items listed on the agenda)

Nil.

# 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.

# 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.

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

Nil.

# Confirmation of Minutes

## 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/-

# 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.

## 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 form 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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/-

## 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/-

## 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.

## 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.

# 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.