



City of Nedlands

Minutes

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting

8 April 2013

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Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 8 April 2013 at 6:00pm.

Declaration of Opening

Andrew Melville Manager Sustainable Environment declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

Councillors Councillor N Shaw

Committee Members Mr G Davies
Ms B Channon
Mr R Griffiths
Ms B Tyson
Ms K Whyte

Staff Mr A Melville Manager Sustainable Environment
Ms M Granich Manager Community Development

**Leave of Absence
(Previously Approved)** Nil

Apologies His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins
Ms A Pallagi
Ms S Hartley

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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 5.65 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 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

Nil.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting – 11 February 2013

Moved – Mr G Davies
Seconded – Ms B Channon

That the minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee be confirmed subject to it being noted that Ms A Pallagi voted in favour of accepting the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2012.

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

The subcommittee report was attached to the agenda. In addition to this Mr G Davies tabled to the Committee, a series of points that were available for discussion.

The Committee accepted the offer from Western Power to present at the next Sustainable Nedlands Committee.

The Committee agreed in general discussion to commence the 10 June 2013 meeting at 5pm to accommodate the attendance of the Mayor.

Moved – Ms B Channon
Seconded – Mr G Davies

The Committee agreed to commence the meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee at 5pm on 10 June 2013 to accommodate the attendance of the Mayor at that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/-

Councillor Shaw agreed to discuss with the City's Coastal Ward Councillors, the issues observed with recycling at the facilities located on the Swanbourne Beach Foreshore including:-

- a) Signage; and
- b) Attraction for use

7.1.2 Water

No Report received. There was no discussion on this item.

7.1.3 Transport

No Report received. There was no discussion on this item.

7.1.4 Built Environment

No Report received. There was no discussion on this item.

7.1.5 Natural Environment

There was no written report received from the subcommittee. Ms B Channon provided an update to the committee on the outcomes of the March meeting of the subcommittee.

The meeting of the subcommittee decided that it was up to the community to pursue the location of the community garden.

7.2 Community Garden

Manager Community Development Ms M Granich presented to the Committee the concept drawing of the All Abilities Play Space and advised that there is potential for a Community Garden / Herb Garden type facility.

Ms Granich advised that the playground designer is available to meet the committee to discuss their ideas for such a garden if they wished to do so.

Members of the committee have expressed enthusiasm to meet the designer on Thursday, 30 May 2013 in the evening.

Ms M Granich retired from the meeting at 6.55pm

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, 10 June 2013 commencing at 5pm.

The Committee requested that Ms S Hartley and Ms K Walker be formally thanked by the City for their contributions to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee. Councillor Shaw agreed to draft the letter.

Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Attachment to Item 7.1.1

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Energy and Waste Subcommittee Report

Activities in progress

WASTE

1. Recycling in public places – possible demonstration sites

- Swanbourne beach (photos available of current situation) – how do we support Administration make this happen and then make it work? Discussion
- Mount Claremont Primary School & Saturday Farmers Market - market waste all goes into the school bins. How do we support the school bring in their own recycling to complement/consolidate their education program (may require a commercial recycling bin to be obtained)?

So:

Investigate current situation/options/costs and initiate discussion with the School. Griffiths/
Pallagi

Plus: Ask the bin collectors where the low spots are in Nedlands Admin?
Create more prominent labelling on existing street bins (see photo)

2. Plastic shopping bags

Create a wider groundswell using our high level contacts with Wesfamers - who already have significant initiatives underway eg:

- Bunnings – no bags at all
- Some Coles stores already have recycling bins for plastic bags and soft packaging plastic as a partner in the Redcycle scheme (more info and photos available)
- Liquorland – have a “Say no to plastic bags” promotion

So:

Ask if our local Coles be included in Redcycle – and about market availability of better kitchen bin liners? Davies/
Griffiths
Would this encourage local IGA’s to participate in the Redcycle scheme?

And in addition:

Find a boutique food store where compostable bags would be a market advantage Davies/
Griffiths

ENERGY

Selected street lighting after midnight – either reduce lighting in side streets or solar (on) + timed (off) devices

Review possibilities with Western Power – deputation to include a Councillor and the Mayor Davies/
Melville
to arrange

GENERAL: SNC to have a promotion stall at daytime public events/gatherings in the City. Discussion



Public recycling possibilities:

From:



To:



Plastic shopping bag and soft packaging recycling at Coles via redcycle scheme:



SUSTAINABLE NEDLANDS CITY COUNCIL

RE: STREET LIGHTING

There is probably no reason for having street lights for more than 2 hours after it gets dark in the evening, and 2 hours before it gets light in the morning in winter only.

In summer we probably don't need street lighting at all. Most people move around in vehicles outside of those hours.

The few who wish to walk could buy a torch.

The exemption could be nightspots for entertaining and their parking area BUT the providers could provide their own as a condition of their licence.

This could save on council rates or the saved money could be used for worthwhile projects.

The Nedlands Council spends \$_____ per year on street lighting.

The Government probably wouldn't agree as it reduces their income gained from providing an unneeded service and using excess energy. They could probably hold back on infrastructure projects to create more electricity and use the saved money on more worthwhile infrastructure.

An argument used for having street lights on is that it keeps crime rates down. I think the opposite is the case. Most criminals are gutless louts who are afraid of the dark (particular those high on drugs).

Feasibility of sensors on lights. Cost?

What flexibility in the system to:

- a) Lights only at intersections
- b) Lights only on main roads; off in side streets

Should we meet with Western Power to find out particulars of reducing power usage? All lights off 2 hours after sunset and at sunrise. Is it possible to get statistics on power savings of different ideas? Exceptions may be evening entertainment areas and paths to vehicles or public transport.

- a) Cost of installing energy saving lights
- b) Savings once installed

With lights off drivers will probably drive slower. In America they have crosswalks at every intersection and apparently this causes drivers to go slower.

What income is lost by Western Power and what savings by Council's.

Recycling In Public Places

1. Ask rubbish collectors where they notice accumulated or excess rubbish
2. Some areas seems to have inadequate bins for public usage
3. Some users in public places come from other councils and aren't used to our coloured lid system for
 - a) General Rubbish
 - b) Recyclables

Should public bins have big labels painted on so that the general public are aware recyclable or general?

Do we need more general bins? E.g. at beach and river venues.

4. Should shopping centres have special bins to leave packaging behind or return (e.g. plastic bags)?
5. Would it be sensible to have containers as per the ones at the entry to Nedlands Council Offices suitable for batteries etc. at all shopping centres particularly outside electronic stores? Cost?
6. Would it be sensible to encourage people to:
 - a) Wrap food scraps in old newspapers, instead of putting in a plastic bag, to put in the rubbish bin.
 - b) Feed food scraps to pets or bury in garden to enrich soil
7. Have a competition in the community to design suitable enclosures for rubbish and recyclable bins in public places.
8. Have schools provide recycling bins. What is the cost of such bins?
9. Provide recycling rubbish bins at school which have food markets Saturday mornings
10. How to get major food stores to change from plastic bags to biodegradable or combustible bags
 - a) Should SNC contact head office of IGA, Woolworths and Coles
 - b) Should SNC hold stalls @ community events in Nedlands to explain the difference
 - c) What community events would be sensible to have a stall? List.
 - d) Is it worth contacting the cleaners union or the suppliers of rubbish bags to cleaners
 - e) Is it worth contacting boutique food stores