



City of Nedlands

# ***Agenda***

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

***5 May 2014***

### **ATTENTION**

This Agenda has yet to be dealt with by the Committee.

The Administration Recommendations, shown at the beginning of each item, have yet to be considered by the Committee and are not to be interpreted as being the position of either the Committee or Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held to discuss this Agenda should be read to ascertain the decision of the Committee.

Before acting on any recommendation of the Committee a check must also be made in the Ordinary Council Minutes following the Committee Meeting to ensure that Council did not make a decision at variance to the Committee Recommendation.

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## City of Nedlands

**Notice of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 5 May 2014 at 6.00 pm.**

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Dear Committee Member

The next meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee will be held on Monday, 5 May 2014 in the Council Chambers at 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands at 6.00 pm. It is expected that the meeting will conclude at approximately 7.30pm.

Andrew Melville  
Manager Health & Compliance  
28 April 2014

### **Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda**

#### **Election of Presiding Member**

In accordance with Section 5.12 and Schedule 2.3, Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the election of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding member is to be the first matter dealt with by the Committee.

#### **Declaration of Opening**

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 6.00 pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer below.

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

##### **Councillors**

His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins  
Councillor N Shaw  
Councillor G Hay

##### **Committee Members**

Mr G Davies  
Ms B Channon  
Ms B Tyson  
Mr R Griffiths  
Ms K White  
Ms A Pallagi  
Ms G Stubber  
Ms P Kay

##### **Staff**

Mr A Melville                      Manager Health & Compliance

**Leave of Absence**                      None  
**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies**                              None as at distribution of this agenda.

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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.

Questions must relate to a matter contained within the agenda of this meeting.

**2. Public Address Session (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.

**3. Disclosures of Financial Interest**

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors, Committee Members 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.

*A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.*

*However, other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest. Any such declarant who wishes to participate in the meeting on the matter, shall leave the meeting, after making their declaration and request to participate, while other members consider and decide upon whether the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.*

**4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality**

The Presiding Member to remind Councillors, Committee Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

Committee members and staff are required, in addition to declaring any financial interests to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making procedure.

The following pro forma declaration is provided to assist in making the disclosure.

“With regard to ..... the matter in item x..... I disclose that I have an association with the applicant (or person seeking a decision). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.”

The member or employee is encouraged to disclose the nature of the association.

## **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.

## **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting – 10 March 2014**

The Minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 10 March 2014 are to be confirmed.

## **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 report**

The Committee is to consider presenting a report to Council highlighting the Committee’s achievements during 2013 (see Attachment 1)

### **7.2 Waterwise Garden Competition**

- Brownen C will discuss the awarding of plaques to winners
- Andrew Melville will discuss the suggestion raised at the last meeting to open the competition to rear gardens
- Entry forms to be distributed.

### **7.3 Innovation Award**

- This award is being considered by Executive and Council during the 2013/14 budget discussions

**7.4 Subcommittee Reports**

7.6.1 Energy and Waste  
No report received

7.6.2 Water  
No report received

7.6.3 Transport  
No report received

7.6.4 Built Environment  
No report received

7.6.5 Natural Environment  
No report received

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 7 July 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm.

**Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member will declare the meeting closed.

Andrew Melville  
Manager Health and Compliance

## Attachment 1 – Achievements

### **Meeting Dates summarised:**

10 Dec 2012, 11 Feb 2013, 8 April 2013, 10 June 2013, 5 August 2013, 7 Oct 2013, March 2014

### **Invited Speakers/Presentations:**

Paul Hardisty – ECO-Nomics

Gavin McGrath – Glyphosate risks

Heath Mizen – Western Power

Michael Goodlet – Waste Water usage

M Granich – All Abilities Play Space

Plastic as Fuel (Video)

### **Recommendations to Council:**

That Council instruct the Administration to undertake a risk assessment of the water inundation risk zone

That Council consider the installation of a community garden at Asquith Park

The Committee requests that the Director of Technical Services undertakes a feasibility study to determine the suitability of the Mayo House site for a community garden. The study should estimate the infrastructure and earth works costs, also a secure shed on-site. Use the remainder of the survey budget for the study.

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee recommends that Council reinstates its policy of steam removal of weeds on paved surfaces

That the idea of an Innovation Award be presented to Council for consideration in the next round of budget discussions.

That Council adopts the Innovation Awards Program as attached, and allocates funds from the 2014/15 budget for its implementation

That Council appoint an additional Councillor as a member of the SNC to replace former Councillor Walker.

**General discussions:**

Use of compostable plastic bags in local supermarkets (shops were visited and encouraged to use biodegradable bags – there is a confusing between biodegradable and degradable)

Insurance premiums going up in NSW, Qld and Vic because of climate change

Pesticides vs. steam for weeds

Streetlights, lots of discussion about turning off lights, dimming, and changing the watts

Native garden competition, 75 gardens nominated by the Committee

Innovation Awards – 2 recommendations to council

River Wall collapse

All Abilities Play Space, a herb garden will be included following our meeting

Community Vegetation Gardens, lots of discussion, 2 sites per Ward identified, a PID preparation. Attendance at West Leederville Garden presentation. \$5000 allocated for feasibility study for Mayo House site. Mayo Community Garden Group formed.

Irrigations of Council public areas with waste water from Subiaco Treatment works

Discussion of a demonstration energy-efficiency house