



City of Nedlands

# ***Minutes***

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

***13 April 2015***

### **ATTENTION**

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## City of Nedlands

**Notice of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 13 April 2015 at 6.00 pm.**

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### **Sustainable Nedlands Committee Minutes**

#### **Declaration of Opening**

Andrew Melville declared the meeting open at 6.03 pm and advised that the Presiding Member was not present at the meeting and called for a nomination for the Presiding Member for the meeting. Ms G Stubber was the only nomination and was voted **Unanimously (7/-) as the Presiding Member**. The Presiding Member then drew attention to the disclaimer below.

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

##### **Councillors**

##### **Committee Members**

Mr G Davies  
Ms B Channon  
Ms B Tyson  
Mr R Griffiths  
Ms G Stubber  
Ms S Wang  
Mr M Yap

##### **Staff**

Mr A Melville            Manager Health & Compliance  
Mr M Goodlet            Director Technical Services

##### **Public**

There were no members of the public present.

##### **Press**

None.

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

Councillor N Shaw

##### **Apologies**

His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins

##### **Absent**

Councillor R Binks

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**1. Public Question Time**

Nil questions received.

**2. Public Address Session (only for items listed on the agenda)**

Nil.

**3. Disclosures of Financial Interest**

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

**4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality**

There were no disclosures affecting impartiality.

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

None

**6. Confirmation of Minutes**

**6.1 Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting – 2 February 2015**

Moved: Ms B Tyson  
Seconded: Mr G Davies

**The Minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held on 2 February 2015 are to be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/-**

**7. Outstanding Action List**

There was discussion regarding the Outstanding Actions List. The Item regarding the Health Island Effect is to be marked as complete. The list was updated as necessary.

## **8. Items for Discussion**

### **8.1 Guest Speaker**

A presentation was provided to the Committee from the organisation “Direct Energy geothermal heating & cooling”. The presentation was conducted by Marcus Wearing-Smit (National General Manager, Business Development Manager) and Max Ploumis (Project Engineer – Energy).

The presentation raised the latest technological advances in the harnessing and delivery of sustainable energy options which included geothermal, solar and wind resources. The organisation’s “Resources and Capability Statement” is attached to the Minutes of the meeting.

### **8.2 Mayo Community Garden Update**

Ms G Stubber provided the Committee with an update on the Mayo Community Garden.

Items raised included:

- The Mayo Community Garden is not on the power grid. Electricity needs are catered for by solar electricity panels and batteries. The system was installed using the \$10,000 provided by the City.
- The electricity system was used during their recent Earth Hour Community Event.
- The Earth Hour Event ran from 5pm to 9pm and was a very social occasion with 70-80 people in attendance.
- The Earth Hour Event was used to introduce the garden to the local community.
- The event provided free food and drink to those attending with assistance gratefully accepted from both the City of Nedlands and the Town of Cottesloe.
- The Garden will be hosting a Busy Bee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Community planting has commenced and one bed has been leased with others now available for lease.
- The annual cost for leasing a bed is \$55 with a small membership fee of \$25, less for concession holders.
- The Mayo Community Garden now has a Facebook page.

### **8.3 Waste**

Mr M Goodlet, the City’s Director Technical Services outlined to the Committee what actions and initiatives are being undertaken by the City.

At a state level the City is responding to the Government's White Paper on compulsory membership of Regional Local Councils. The City maintains that it does not want to be forced into a membership for reasons that include creating oligopoly and pushing out smaller business, and reducing initiative. The City regularly approaches the market to maintain its position as a leader in the waste management area.

The City has regular contact with the waste industry with contracts usually consisting of 5yr+2yr terms. This is considered long enough for a business to confidently purchase capital, but not too long so as to be locked into old technology. New technology is looked at, at the conclusion of existing contracts.

The City is undertaking a waste management review internally. This looks at the bulk waste collection and disposal and its capacity to reach waste diversion targets. Following the review a Tender will be prepared to achieve efficiencies in order to meet targets.

A waste and recycling audit was completed last year. The results of this audit indicated that the City has very good rates of recycling with contamination rates very low (10%). It also found that there is room for improvement in the technology to separate recyclables.

The City has a management plan to look at developing an education program and who the City needs to target to respond to in terms of contamination of recyclables.

The City has recently installed additional recycling bins in public places which includes upgraded facilities at the Swanbourne Beach Foreshore and additional facilities in Allen Park and College Park.

#### **8.4 My Great Idea**

Mr A Melville advised that the City is yet to receive an entry to the competition but that the marketing program was only recently launched. Mr R Griffiths advised that he had received an enquiry.

Mr R Griffiths advised that he would forward his requested changes to the entry form.

Applications for the competition would be considered at the informal meeting of the committee in June and confirm the proposal for consideration of prizes.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next informal meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 4 May commencing at 6.00pm.

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 8 June 2015 commencing at 6.00 pm.

Mayor M Hipkins has advised he will be an apology for the June meeting.

**Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Andrew Melville  
Policy and Projects Officer