



Community Development Report

Council Resolution – 23 February 2016

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Recommendation to Committee

Council:

- (a) Appoints the following members of the community to the Arts Committee:
1. Kate Parker – General Community Member (honorary non-voting);
 2. Jo Ghirardi – General Community Member (voting)
 3. Serena Anderson – Youth Representative Member (honorary non- voting)
 4. Luke Hollyock - Youth Representative Member (voting);
 5. Felicity Millar - General Community Member (voting - changed from Youth Representative to General Community Member); and
- (b) Deletes Arts Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) and adopts Arts Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 2).

Executive Summary

This report is being considered by Council in order for Council to appoint community representatives to the Arts Committee, a formal Committee of Council. Councillor representatives on the Arts Committee have already been appointed by Council.

Strategic Plan

KFA: Natural and Built Environment

KFA: Community Development

KFA: Governance and Civic Leadership

The Arts Committee contributes to Council achieving its strategic priorities in the following key focus areas:

- Community Development – by creating a sense of place and local identity through public artworks.
- Natural and Built Environment – by developing and installing large-scale, significant public works of art, some of which will also reflect and enhance the natural environment.
- Governance and Civic Leadership – by appointing community members to the Arts Community and thereby facilitating their involvement in the commissioning of public works of art.

Background

The Arts Committee's Terms of Reference, as approved by Council on 27 October 2015, list the membership of the Arts Committee as follows:

1. Mayor and four Councillors, appointed by Council.
2. Two community representatives with professional experience in public art, who are residents of the City.
3. One youth representative with an interest in public art, aged 12 – 25 years, who is a resident of the City.

On 27 October 2015, in addition to approving the Arts Committee's Terms of Reference, Council also appointed the following five Councillor representatives to the Arts Committee:

- Mayor Hipkins
- Cr Horley
- Cr Wetherall
- Cr James and
- Cr Hodsdon

Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:

Item 14.6 – Arts Committee - 27 October 2015

Consultation

Required by legislation:

Yes

No

Required by City of Nedlands policy:

Yes

No

Calls for Expressions of Interest in membership of the Arts Committee were advertised in the local press, as well as through a wide range of arts publications and organisations. The purpose of including community members in the Arts Committee is to better engage the local community in the commissioning of public artworks.

Discussion

Appointment of Community Members:

Following a call by the City's CEO for expressions of interest from community members wishing to be considered for membership of the Arts Committee, applications were received from:

1. Kate Parker – general community member application;
2. Jo Ghirardi – general community member application;
3. Serena Anderson – youth representative application;
4. Luke Hollyock – youth representative application;
5. Felicity Millar – youth representative application.

Kate Parker:

Kate has served as a community representative on the Arts Committee until the Committee's disbandment prior to the 2015 Council elections. Kate has again applied to be considered for membership of the Committee. She has considerable relevant professional public art experience and has been keenly involved in the commissioning of the Nagal Pass artwork, currently underway. Kate was a resident of the City at the time of her original application for membership of the Arts Committee. However, she has since moved to the Town of Claremont and is therefore no longer a resident of the City of Nedlands.

Jo Ghirardi:

Jo has applied to be considered for membership of the Arts Committee. She works in a family design-based business. She also has an MBA and BA from UWA, majoring in fine art. Additionally, Jo has a strong interest in the arts evidenced by many years membership of the Friends of the Art Gallery. Jo is a resident of the City of Nedlands.

Serena Anderson:

Serena has applied to be considered for membership of the Arts Committee and could be considered either for general community membership of the committee or as a youth representative, being 22 years of age. The Terms of Reference for the Arts Committee specify the age of the youth representative as 12 – 25 years of age. Serena has a keen interest in art, having studied art at MLC and Shenton College. She paints and draws, enjoys visiting art galleries and also is already a keen art collector. Serena is not a resident of the City of Nedlands, but works as a Community Support Worker with Shine (Inc.) in the western suburbs and is interested in engaging with the local community through membership of the Arts Committee.

Luke Hollyock:

Luke has served as a youth representative on the Arts Committee until the committee's disbandment prior to the 2015 Council elections. Luke has again applied to be considered for membership of the Committee and has been a keen contributor to the Committee in its first term. Although Luke originally applied for membership of the Arts Committee to help fulfil the requirements of the International Baccalaureate in which he was enrolled, he has enjoyed his service on the

Committee to date and would like to continue. Luke is a resident of the City of Nedlands.

Felicity Millar:

Felicity has expressed an interest in being a youth representative on the Arts Committee. She is studying towards an Arts Degree at UWA and wishes to work as a museum or gallery curator. She has a strong personal interest in art and antiquities and public connection with these fields. She has volunteered at the maritime museum and feels that experience on the Arts Committee would be valuable for her future career. Felicity is a resident of the City of Nedlands.

On the 14 December 2015, the Arts Committee considered the six applications from community members listed above, and made the following recommendation to Council:

That the Arts Committee recommends to Council the appointment of the following community members to the Arts Committee:

1. *Kate Park – General Community Member (honorary non-voting)*
2. *Jo Ghirardi – General Community Member (voting)*
3. *Serena Anderson – Youth Representative Member (honorary non-voting)*
4. *Luke Hollyock – Youth Representative Member (voting)*
5. *Felicity Millar – General Community Member (voting). Changed from youth to General Member.*

The Arts Committee's intention was to accept all applications, but to restrict voting to City of Nedlands residents on the Committee. Therefore the two non-City of Nedlands residents who applied would still be accepted onto the Arts Committee, but would not be able to vote.

To support the Arts Committee's intention of being able to include non-voting members on the Committee, amending its Terms of Reference is recommended.

Amending Terms of Reference:

Under "Membership", the Arts Committee's current Terms of Reference state that membership will consist of:

1. Mayor and four Councillors, appointed by Council.
2. Two community representatives with professional expertise in public art, who are residents of the City.
3. One youth representative with an interest in public art, aged 12 – 25 years, who is a resident of the City.

Under "Meetings", the current Terms of Reference state that:

1. Meetings are open to the community and Councillors.
2. Voting members are listed under Membership above.
3. Non-voting attendees will have observer status.

Therefore there is no provision in the current Terms of Reference to have non-voting members of the Committee. The current Terms of Reference do provide for members of the public to be able to attend the Committee’s meetings; however, they would have observer status only and would not be able to participate in discussion at the meetings.

In order to accommodate the Arts Committee’s intended changes to membership, and ensure they are consistent with the Committee’s Terms of Reference, the following amendments are recommended:

- Under “Membership”, insert a provision for appointing non-City of Nedlands residents to the Committee. This provision is shown at point 4, Membership (see Attachment 2 – Proposed Terms of Reference, Arts Committee).
- Under “Meetings”, insert a provision for exempting non-City of Nedlands members of the Committee from voting. This provision is shown as phrases added to points 2, 3 and 4, Meetings (see Attachment 2 – Proposed Terms of Reference, Arts Committee).

Legislation / Policy

- Local Government Act 1995.
- Arts Committee Terms of Reference

Budget/Financial Implications

Within current approved budget:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Requires further budget consideration:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

There are no budget impacts of this recommendation.

Risk Management

There is a risk that the non-City of Nedlands residents who have applied for membership of the Arts Committee may not wish to be on the Committee if they cannot vote, in which case they will simply decline the City’s offer of membership. Equally, they may be understanding of the decision and appreciate being included despite being non-residents of the City.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council appoint to the Arts Committee the community-based applicants who have been endorsed by the Arts Committee; and that Council also approve the changes to the Arts Committee’s Terms of Reference that would enable the Committee to appoint non-City of Nedlands residents to the Committee in a non-voting role. These non-voting members would still be able to participate in the meeting in all aspects other than voting, and would not be limited to observer status. Observer status would only apply to people attending the meeting who were not approved members of the Committee.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Current Terms of Reference, Arts Committee
- Attachment 2 – Proposed Terms of Reference, Arts Committee