



City of Nedlands

Agenda

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting

3 April 2017

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.

Pollyanne Fisher
Policy & Projects Officer
28 March 2017

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Notice of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee to be held in the Meeting Room, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 3 April 2017 at 5.00 pm.

Sustainable Nedlands Committee Agenda

Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 5.00 pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer below.

(NOTE: Council at its meeting on 24 August 2004 resolved that should the meeting time reach 11.00 p.m. the meeting is to consider an adjournment motion to reconvene the next day).

Present and Apologies and Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)

Councillors	His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins Councillor N Shaw (Presiding Member) Councillor R Binks
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Committee Members	Ms B Channon Mr R Griffiths Ms B Tyson Mr M Yap Mr G Davies Mr E O'Loughlin Mr A Mangano
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Staff	Ms P Fisher Policy and Projects Officer Mr M Glover Director Technical Services
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Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)	Ms D Rees
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Apologies	Ms G Stubber
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Disclaimer

Members of the public who attend Council meetings should not act immediately on anything they hear at the meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council's position. For example by reference to the confirmed Minutes of Council meeting. Members of the public are also advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.

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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. Addresses By Members of the Public (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 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 and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the *Local Government Act*.

Councillors 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 6 February 2017

The minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held 6 February 2017 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 Enviro-scape Precinct Master Planning

The City has 67 parks and reserves. Early in 2017, a Parks and Reserves Function and Hierarchy Classification document will be presented to EMT for endorsement. This establishes the classification for each of the 67 parks and reserves.

The next document in the framework is the Enviro-scape Precinct Master Plans for each of these parks and reserves. Technical Services has completed the first at David Cruickshank Reserve in Dalkeith. These Master Plans provide the detail for coordinated development of the park including hydro-zoning and eco-zoning as well as consideration of the total water cycle (storm water infiltration through to reticulation).

The Enviro-scape Precinct Master Plan is a strategic operational document and an integral element of the management documentation for parks and reserves. The strategic document structure consists of the following:

- Ten Year Financial Plan
 - Five Year Capital Works Program
- Asset Management Strategy
 - Parks and Reserves Function and Hierarchy Classifications/Register
 - Parks Asset Management Plan
 - **Enviro-scape Precinct Master Plans**
 - Parks and Reserves Levels of Service

The Director Technical Services Martyn Glover will provide a power point presentation on the planning process with respect to David Cruickshank Reserve.

7.2 Underground Power

Mr A Mangano will talk to the Committee regarding the progress with the delivery of Underground Power in the Hollywood Ward.

7.3 Community Waterwise Initiatives

The City of Nedlands is endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water as a Waterwise Council. The City is committed to provide leadership to the community in the area of water conservation.

The City also provides a budget for the promotion of community education and awareness relating to water conservation. Since 2011 the City has held an annual 'Waterwise Garden Competition' which, along with funding provided by a local business sponsor, promotes waterwise native gardens and nature strips. The City has an adopted policy in place (Attachment 1) for the operation of the competition.

Following the completion of the competition in 2015 it was identified that, along with decreased participation levels overall gradually since 2011, over half the entries, had been submitted by either members of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee or the competition sponsors. Additionally, 20% of the entries were repeat entrants from the previous year.

	2015	2016
% Entries submitted by Sustainable Nedlands Committee / Sponsors	53%	0%
% Repeat entries from previous year	20%	38%

Whilst the running of the competition in 2016 saw an increase in entries being generated by the community, the repeat entries from the previous year also increased, with 38% of the entrants being the same. All repeat entrants already had an established native garden either on their property or on their nature strip.

In response to gradually decreasing participation levels overall and increases in participation by those who have already made the transition to a waterwise garden, it may no longer be considered effective to continue running the competition. Instead there may be benefit in reviewing alternative methods to encourage residents to convert high water using areas of garden (such as lawn) to waterwise, native gardens.

Some neighbouring Councils have considered adopting incentive schemes to encourage the conversion of nature strips to be waterwise. One example of a Council who are trialling such a scheme currently is the Town of Cottesloe, who are offering a \$15 per/m² rebate to residents for converting nature strips as part of a trial initiative. The City of Subiaco has previously offered a service to provide free mulch to assist with the creation of more sustainably developed nature strips.

It is therefore recommended that the Waterwise Garden Competition Policy be revoked, and alternative initiatives be considered that focus on increasing the number of nature strips converted to be more sustainable and conserve water within the City.

Recommendation to Sustainable Nedlands Committee

The Sustainable Nedlands Committee recommend to Council that:

- 1. The Waterwise Garden Competition Policy be revoked; and**
- 2. Alternative incentives be developed in place of the Waterwise Garden Competition to encourage new sustainable waterwise nature strip developments, within current operating budgets allocated to sustainable activities.**

7.4 Gallop House Community Garden

Ms B Channon will provide the Committee with an update regarding the progress of a proposed Community Garden at Gallop House, in conjunction with the National Trust.

7.5 Allen Park Planning

The following item for consideration has been submitted by Mr Ed O'Loughlin, please see Attachment 2.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 12 June 2017 commencing at 5.00 pm.

Declaration of Closure

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

ATTACHMENT 1

Waterwise Garden Competition Policy

Waterwise Garden Competition

KFA	Natural and Built Environment
Status	Council
Responsible Division	Planning & Development
Objective	To outline the purpose and award process of the City's Waterwise Garden Competition

Context

The City of Nedlands is a Waterwise Council endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water. The City is committed to provide leadership to the community in the area of water conservation. The City's Waterwise Garden Competition started in 2011 as a way to encourage residents to convert high water using areas of garden (such as lawn) to waterwise, native gardens.

Statement

The City's Waterwise Garden Competition is bound by the following principles:

- The competition will run during winter of each year, to encourage residents to plant native plants during the winter which is the optimal time to be planting;
- The competition will launch in conjunction with the WESROC native plant subsidy scheme to allow residents to purchase subsidised seedlings and reduce the overall cost of the garden;
- The City will seek sponsorship from local businesses for the competition;
- The entry form will clearly state the judging criteria;
- The competition will be judged by an independent judge who has knowledge in the area of water conservation, landscape design and biodiversity principles; and
- A residential property that has won the overall prize or a finalist prize in a previous year cannot be renominated in a subsequent year.

Related documentation

Nil

Related Local Law / Legislation

Nil

Related delegation

ATTACHMENT 2

Provided by Ed O'Loughlin 27 March 2016

**ADDENDUM TO ITEM NO. 7.4 OF MEETING OF 6 FEBRUARY 2017:
ALLEN PARK PLANNING**

Reason for item -- as previously given for item above.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Parking and traffic flow are major issues in this precinct, particularly at Swanbourne Beach Oval and surrounds. Further major sporting complexes, if approved, will seriously add to current pressures.
2. HOWEVER, parking and traffic flow are not the only environmental issues.
3. Following the beach front developments carried out in the early 2000's, there is need now to redress the nature of development in this precinct; and for Council to focus on conservation and to protect and enhance the natural resource base in this precinct i.e. to adopt a greening policy for the land that remains.
4. Regional -scale developments such as a day/night hockey complex or a day/night swimming club would be totally inappropriate on this site.
5. It should be noted that a previous consultancy commissioned by Council in 1999 – which was the basis of the beachfront development subsequently carried out – was almost silent on environmental aspects.
6. Council's brief to consultants in November 1999 focussed on: buildings; car parking; fencing; landscaping; lighting; park furniture; playground equipment; public art; surf club; security; signage; traffic management; and youth recreation area.
7. It will be noted that the natural resource base was not mentioned in that consultancy brief. Surely, the time has come -18 years later – to give proper attention to environmental aspects in the guidelines to the consultant who has been appointed. It is recommended that SNC supports this shift in direction.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Sustainable Nedlands Committee:
FORWARDS this paper to Council's Administration.

Ed O'Loughlin
Member SNC

27 March 2017