



City of Nedlands

# ***Minutes***

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

***3 April 2017***

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## City of Nedlands

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 3 April 2017 at 5.03 pm.**

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### **Declaration of Opening**

Miss Pollyanne Fisher declared the meeting open at 5.03 pm, and drew 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).

Due to the absence of the Presiding Member, Miss Pollyanne Fisher called for nominations for a Presiding Member.

A nomination was received for Mayor Max Hipkins.

Moved – Ms B Channon  
Seconded – Mayor Max Hipkins

**That Mayor Max Hipkins be appointed as Presiding Member for this meeting.**

Mayor Max Hipkins assumed the Chair as Presiding Member for the meeting.

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

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

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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.

There were no public questions.

### **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.

There were no addresses by members of the public.

### **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.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

### **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.

There were no disclosures affecting impartiality.

**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.

Nil.

**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.

Moved – Councillor R Binks

Second – Mr R Griffiths

**Committee Recommendation**

**The minutes of the Sustainable Nedlands Committee held 6 February 2017 be confirmed, with the following corrections:**

**Item 7.4 – Allen Park Planning**

- 1. After ‘Discussion was held and it was discussed that the same applies to other similar areas in the City’ add the words ‘with respect to traffic flow and car parking.’**
- 2. Amend the word ‘area’ to ‘City’.**
- 3. After ‘Councillor N Shaw proposed that the paper (Attachment 1) be provided to Administration for use as part of the master planning works.’ add the words ‘This was agreed upon.’**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/-**

**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, Mr Martyn Glover, provided a power point presentation on the planning process with respect to David Cruickshank Reserve and talked about how enviro-scape planning will be undertaken across other areas of the City, and what outcomes this work would achieve.

## **7.2 Underground Power**

Mr A Mangano talked 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
<b>% Entries submitted by Sustainable Nedlands Committee / Sponsors</b>	53%	0%
<b>% Repeat entries from previous year</b>	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/m<sup>2</sup> 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.

**Committee Recommendation**

**The Waterwise Garden Competition Policy be reviewed under policy guidelines.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/-**

**7.4 Gallop House Community Garden**

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

Ms B Channon advised that the garden should be referred to as 'Gallop House Heritage Garden' and not as a Community garden.

**7.5 Allen Park Planning**

An item for consideration (see Attachment 2) was submitted by Mr Ed O'Loughlin.

The Committee agreed for the papers relating to this item (Attachment 1, Item 7.4, provided to the Sustainable Nedlands Committee Meeting of 6 February 2017, and Attachment 2 of these Minutes) to be combined and forwarded to Administration. Mr Ed O'Loughlin to combine the two documents and forward to Miss Pollyanne Fisher.

**7.6 Other Items**

Mayor Max Hipkins advised the Committee that the City's waste services contractor, Suez, has community grants available. Leaflet and poster documentation was brought to the meeting for viewing by Committee members and passed around.

**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 declared the meeting closed at 6.12 pm.



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Waterwise Garden Competition Policy

#### Waterwise Garden Competition

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

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#### 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.

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#### 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