

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 74 Tuesday 9 April 2024 5.30pm

Town Hall Commons

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Philip Le Liu

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 23 April 2024

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Cr Hakim arrived at the meeting at 5.31pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land governed by the City of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin, and advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website.
- An apology was received from Councillor Le Liu.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No. 73 held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full question time can be heard in the live stream recording of the meeting on Council's website at https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/Pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-9-April-2024.aspx

There were three public questions.

Rough sleepers

Kirby O'Rourke asked a question relating to rough sleepers. Kirby's question focused on how the City of Melbourne intended to get the general public on board with its programs working towards ending rough sleeping and encourage them to be kind and respectful to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead, advised that City of Melbourne is a proud partner with Melbourne Zero, a community campaign to getting the community on board to end homelessness and help businesses and residents to understand and support this goal. Cr Dr Ball advised that Council is developing a new Homelessness Strategy 2024-2030 with community engagement having recently concluded. Cr Dr Ball explained that priority three in the strategy outlines Council's aim to support its community to be informed, respectful, empathetic, and united to end homelessness.

Miles and Dodds Street Reserve Expansion

Ashwyn Prabakaran asked a question relating to the expansion of Miles and Dodds Street Reserve and if regulations in relation to street discontinuance apply to this project.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, advised that the City Greening officers have been in contact with Ashwyn recently and officers are pleased to keep the line of communications open. Cr Leppert explained that officers will communicate information regarding the future stages of the project to Ashwyn. Cr Leppert advised that no final decision has been made in relation to the Miles and Dodds Street Reserve and that any decision to discontinue a road is a separate statutory process. Cr Leppert advised that there will be multiple opportunities in the future for community consultation. Cr Leppert concluded by saying that to date, majority of local residents, workers and visitors who have contributed to the project have supported the project in principle.

Industrial Size Waste Compactor

Mark Con asked a question in relation to the industrial size waste compactor installed at 3 Kirks Lane, Melbourne which is the address of a property he owns. Mark has raised concerns about the compacters being installed incorrectly at the front entrance of the aforementioned address and would like Council to rectify this matter.

The Lord Mayor referred the question to Alison Leighton, Chief Executive Officer, who took the question on notice. Alison advised that she would give Mark a call the day after the meeting and work with Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy Planning and Climate Change, to resolve this matter.

Green Sustainable City Planning

Afia Khan asked a question in relation to the importance of city planning in developing a green sustainable city.

The Lord Mayor took the question on notice and noted that officers would get Afia's details and speak with her following the meeting.

6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2023-13, 24 Little Docklands Drive, Docklands:

Request to speak:

Paul Lewis

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-18, 522 – 552 Flinders Lane, Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Billy Rebakis, Urbis
- Andy Low, Hassell
- Trent Bell, Investa

Planning Section

Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the role of Chair to consider four reports from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2023-13, 24 Little Docklands Drive, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Ministerial Planning Referral PA2302385 for the land located at 24 Little Docklands Drive, Docklands.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Paul Lewis

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the application, subject to conditions outlines in the delegate report.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-18, 522 - 552 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Ministerial planning permit application PA2302533 which seeks approval for the redevelopment of the land located at 522 – 552 Flinders Lane, Melbourne (refer Attachment 2 of Report from Management – Locality plan).

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Billy Rebakis, Urbis
- Andy Low, Hassell
- Trent Bell, Investa

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the application, subject to the conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of Report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

The Lord Mayor resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.3 Road and Place Naming Policy - updated policy post community consultation

The purpose of this report was to present the revised Place and Road Naming Policy in response to the FMC resolution of 6 February 2024.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum
- Aaron Moon

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the item be deferred to the 23 April 2024 Future Melbourne Committee meeting.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Swanston Triangle Greening - Tram Track Renewal Opportunity

The purpose of this report was to present the final concept design for the expansion of the existing greenspace at the corner of Swanston and Victoria streets, Melbourne.

The following person addressed the Committee:

Aaron Moon

Moved: Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the final concept (refer attachment 2 of report from management) for the triangular parcel of road opposite Melbourne City Baths, and commencement of design documentation to align with Yarra Trams delivery timeline.
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to approve any further minor changes to the design during documentation and delivery of the project.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 MI 22 Design Excellence Program Update

The purpose of this report was to provide an annual update on the Design Excellence Program (the program) to the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) (Refer Attachment 2 of report from management).

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee
 - 1.1. notes the Design Excellence Program Annual Report 2022-23 (Attachment 2 of report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.6 MPavilion 10 extension to June 2025

The purpose of this report was to request the Future Melbourne Committee approve MPavilion 10 remaining in the Queen Victoria Gardens until 30 June 2025. The report results from a request by Naomi Milgrom Foundation (NMF).

Moved: Lord Mayor

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee, subject to the necessary consents under the Heritage Act 2017 and the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978, approves the MPavilion 10 remaining in the Queen Victoria Gardens until 30 June 2025.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Key Worker Housing Definition

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee approval of the proposed key worker housing definition (Definition) and next steps.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Approves the following key worker housing definition (Definition):

'Affordable rental housing that is appropriate for people who work within the City of Melbourne, who are required to be physically present to perform their work, and whose household earns very low, low or moderate incomes. The housing must be owned, or managed, or allocated and monitored by a Registered Housing Agency or registered charity to the satisfaction of Council';

- 1.2. Requests Management implement the Definition through voluntary negotiations and advocacy as appropriate, and monitor implementation and progress;
- 1.3. Requests Management report back to Councillors in Quarter 3 of 2025 at the latest with findings from the initial implementation of the Definition; and
- 1.4. Requests Management update Updates Councillors in a timely manner, on any changes to Victorian and Australian Government policy or legislation legislative contexts that may many impact the use of the Definition.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.8 Creative Programming Framework

The purpose of this report was to present the Creative Programming Framework 2025 – 2034 (Framework) to Council for consideration and endorsement...

Moved: Cr Hakim

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the Creative Programming Framework 2025 2034 (Framework)
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Business, Economy and Activation to make any further minor editorial changes to the Framework prior to release.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no item of general business.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

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Overhead lighting at Flemington Bridge

Aaron Moon asked a question relating to the overhead lights on the Flemington pedestrian bridge. Aaron advised that the lights have not been turned on this year which makes it very dark when exiting from the train at Flemington Bridge Station. Aaron has raised his concerns with multiple organisations but the location is tricky as it is on the border of the City of Melbourne and the City of Moonee Valley, and on the border of CitiPower and Jemena Power. Aaron asked for Council's assistance to connect him with the relevant governing body or organisation.

The Lord Mayor took the question on notice and advised that officers would contact Aaron following the meeting

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 23 April 2024.

Chair

Future Melbourne Committee