



**Melbourne City Council
Environment Committee**

MINUTES

**Meeting Number 5
Tuesday, 6 February 2007
5.30pm**

PRESENT

Cr Brindley (Chair)
Cr Clarke (arrived at 5.37pm)
Cr Jetter
Cr Ng
Cr Shanahan
Cr Snedden
Cr Wilson
Acting Lord Mayor, Gary Singer

To be confirmed at the Environment
Committee meeting on 3 April 2007

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting commenced at 5.35pm.

The Chair, Cr Brindley, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting;
- the agenda comprised four Management Reports; and
- that no apologies had been received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of pecuniary or conflicts of interest received.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

Resolved:

That the minutes of meeting No 4, held on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, be confirmed.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor, Gary Singer

Seconded: Cr Shanahan

Carried unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

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

5. REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT (Agenda Item 3)

The Chair, Cr Brindley, advised that the following requests to speak had been received in accordance with the Council's *Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2001*.

Request to Speak

In relation to Agenda Item 5.2, Water Conservation Initiatives:

- *Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.*

Request to Speak

In relation to Agenda Item 5.4, Impact of Events on Parks - Sustainability:

- *Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.*

6. REFERRAL NOTICE PROCESS

The Chair, Cr Brindley, advised members of the Committee and the public that:

- in accordance with the resolution of the Council on 28 February 2006, where the Committee makes a decision on the basis of fewer than five members voting in favour of it, the decision may be referred, by a Councillor, to Council for decision; and
- information in relation to the referral notice process was available from the Secretariat Officers.

5.1. Public Lighting Response to Greenhouse Action Plan

The purpose of this report was to provide information requested by the Environment Committee in September 2006 on the potential role of a revolving energy fund or energy performance contract in delivering greenhouse reductions from public lighting and the response of Council's *Greenhouse Action Plan* with respect to public lighting.

Cr Snedden left the meeting at 5.41pm and returned at 5.43pm.

Resolved:

1. *That the Environment Committee:*
 - 1.1. *acknowledge the initiatives being progressed with respect to installing more energy efficient lighting infrastructure in the municipality;*
 - 1.2. *note the potential of a revolving energy fund or energy performance contract as mechanisms for funding of energy efficient lighting improvements; and*
 - 1.3. *request that a report be presented to the June 2007 Environment Committee meeting in relation to potential energy funds and contracts including full cost analysis and such mechanisms.*

Moved: Cr Brindley

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried unanimously

5.2. Water Conservation Initiatives

The purpose of this report was to update Committee on various matters relating to water conservation initiatives, the impact of Stage 3 water restrictions on the City's parks and gardens and a proposal to develop a long term sustainable water use plan, in accordance with the Committee resolution of 14 November 2006.

Julianne Bell addressed the Committee and spoke in favour of the item.

Incorporating comments from Cr Brindley, Cr Clarke moved the following motion:

1. *That the Environment Committee note:*
 - 1.1. *actions taken to mitigate against the loss of the City's tree stock including financial implications, whilst ensuring responsible management of water to comply with Stage 3 water restrictions;*
 - 1.2. *that a long term sustainable water use plan is to be developed as noted in clause 31.3 of the report with the addition of desalination and referred to Council's budget process;*
 - 1.3. *the intention to establish a Reference Group to guide development of the sustainable water use plan including property owners;*
 - 1.4. *that Council provides sufficient resources to keep all regularly used sports grounds playable during the drought;*
 - 1.5. *alternative tennis court surfaces be considered in lieu of en-tou-cas in consultation with sporting clubs and referred to the Council budget process; and*
 - 1.6. *that while Stage 2 water restrictions or higher remain in place that a report be brought to each Environment Committee on water conservation.*

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Acting Lord Mayor, Gary Singer

Carried unanimously

5.3. Sustainable Melbourne Fund – Performance Results to 30 June 2006

The purpose of this report was to present the performance results and progress for the twelve months ended 30 June 2006 of the Sustainable Melbourne Fund (“SMF”).

Resolved:

That the Environment Committee accept the financial statements for 2005/06 of the Sustainable Melbourne Fund.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor, Gary Singer

Seconded: Cr Ng

Carried unanimously

5.4. Impact of Events on Parks - Sustainability

The purpose of this report was to advise Council of the sustainability of holding events in parks especially in light of the current drought and water restrictions.

Julianne Bell addressed the Committee and spoke against the item.

Cr Shanahan expressed his thanks to Julianne Bell for the interest and involvement of the Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc. in the meetings of Council and its committees.

Resolved:

2. *That Council re-affirms its commitment to the staging of events in the City's parklands, while ensuring their sustainability by requiring compliance with the Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Parklands supporting Events Staged in Melbourne's Parks and Gardens;*
 - 2.1. *that a report reviewing the guidelines be presented to the next Environment committee meeting;*
 - 2.2. *that the report include assessment measures to address the impact on root systems and rectifications in Yarra Park and Carlton Gardens; and*
 - 2.3. *that the fenceline around Sidney Myer Music Bowl be considered for extension by 20 to 37 square metres on an events needs basis as part of the guidelines review.*

Moved: Cr Snedden

Seconded: Cr Jetter

Carried unanimously

Councillor Snedden moved a further motion.

Resolved:

That the Environment Committee recommend that the next Council meeting consider the application for the Future Music Festival to be held on 11 March 2007 at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Moved: Cr Snedden

Seconded: Cr Jetter

Carried unanimously

7. GENERAL BUSINESS (Agenda Item 6)

There were no items of General Business.

8. URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 7)

There were no items of Urgent Business

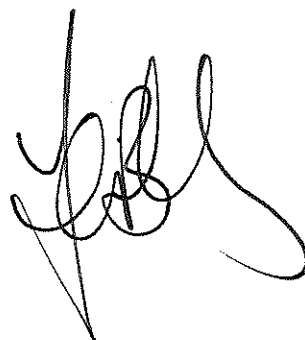
9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 8)

There were no public questions.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING (Agenda Item 9)

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Bell', written in a cursive style.

Chair
Environment Committee
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Melbourne