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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 24 September 2019

Agenda item title: 6.1 Records of Assemblies of Councillors

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SUBMISSION FROM STEPHEN MAYNE ON REFORM OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS SYSTEM

After close to a decade of operation, it is time to reform the Assemblies of Councillors reporting system.

I've never heard of any submission, discussion or value that has come from council approving these reports on a monthly basis.

Sure, no longer recording assemblies of councillors might lead to poorer governance outcomes, but it definitely doesn't need to come to council.

Therefore, can I suggest two councillors put up the following motion to a future FMC meeting:

"That the CEO write to the Premier and Local Government Minister requesting that the Local Government Act be amended so that assemblies of councillors only have to be reported on the council website, rather than approved each month at a public council meeting."

Another option might be to pass this as a supplementary motion on Tuesday night.

I look forward to hearing the discussion and seeing how you handle this request for reform.

Kind regards,

Stephen Mayne

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Agenda item title: 6.6 Fawkner Park Pasley Street North entrance Improvements

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I am writing to request that the City of Melbourne makes a decision to endorse the recommendation to proceed to request a review of the heritage permit refusal to go to Heritage Council.

Our group, The Pasley Streets Precinct Group has as its members the streets immediately adjacent to the Fawkner Park entrance at Pasley Street North. As immediate neighbours we have individually and as a group participated in all the City of Melbourne community consultations over they years and we supported the new plans for this area which we felt preserved the heritage of the park but addressed modern concerns.

Our group would make a fresh more detailed submission to support the City of Melbourne's plan for this Fawkner Park entrance area

Apologies for the briefness of this submission but we were only alerted to the fact it that we needed to make a submission at this very late stage

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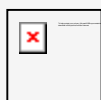
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The Lord Mayor and Councillors,
City of Melbourne
GPO Box 1603
Melbourne

Re. Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements, Fawkner Park.

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

We are very disappointed with the suggestion of appealing the decision of Heritage Victoria which rejected an entirely inappropriate development at Fawkner Park.

Fawkner Park is “a magnificent setting of significant tree avenues and open spacious lawns” as described in the current Master Plan for the Park. This is one of the great Heritage Parks of Melbourne and so it is with disbelief that we learned of the City Council plan to construct a multifunctional competition style sports court on one of the grass fields of the Park alongside the heritage avenue of Elms. This is currently a popular picnic spot and playground for young children with dappled sunlight through the Elm trees. We believed that the highly esteemed heritage values of the Park would be a constraint on the Council’s plan and Heritage Victoria has duly upheld these values and refused a Permit for the current project.

We would question the basis of an Appeal to Heritage Victoria against their decision. The Heritage values of the Park were not adequately considered in the original plans for improvements to the Pasley Street North entrance to the Park. Several consultants were engaged over the 11 years developing this project but **there appears to have been no Heritage expertise employed.**

There are other major problems with the proposed works which should be of concern to the Council.

1. The public benefit and need for the new sports court out towards the centre of the Park is unclear. The public appears to be happy with the present arrangements and passive recreation users and active sports groups exist harmoniously in the Park. The passive recreational users appreciate the peaceful serenity of the Park at the same time as there are active sporting interests on the expansive playing fields and the peripherally located sports courts. In contrast the new proposed court in the Parkland is highly intrusive in appearance, noise and activity levels. The Primary School is happy with their present court. **Parents support leaving it where it is.** The proposed new court is 400 meters from the school, shared with older participants, not as accessible and has added security risks.

2 The main arguments put forward for the removal of the school’s paved area concerns the drainage problem but this occurs in a depression four meters north of the paved area and where there is no drainage grill. The water sometimes trickles onto the basketball court. It is misleading to say that the paved area “acts as a dam”. According to one parent who visits the site daily two drains were installed wrongly, around the perimeter of the depression where they are quite ineffective and other faulty work is behind the problem. The Drainage Report from Cardno Victoria, which accompanied the Application to Heritage Victoria made no reference to the school asphalt area as a problem. It is unclear whether other problems identified have been dealt with. In the words of the submission of the Australian Garden History Society to Heritage Victoria, “simple engineering works and some careful landscaping should be able to resolve and improve this area”.

3 The public information and publicity campaign was flawed and limited. This explained the small number of negative responses to the original Concept Plan which remained unchanged following the consultation period

The project was publicised as “Entrance Improvements” to the Pasley Street North entrance to the Park, a misnomer for the scale and nature of the work. The project extended from the entrance all the way to the Avenue of Elms. An area of 1 hectare. The simple outlines of the Basketball court on the asphalted area of the school playground became a multipurpose, well fitted out sports court with asphalt base and platforms for skateboarders surrounded by concrete pathways which increased the size of the court area to over 1000sq.m. It was not the relocation of the present court but a larger, ostentatious court set against the Avenue of Elms. The plans progressed far beyond improving landscape and drainage issues around this entrance to the Park. Posted in the Park were signage unhelpful in explaining the program of works with an unlabelled diagram and wording that did not refer to either a court or its relocation at all.

The large population of residents on the North and West side of Fawkner Park who make up the largest use of the Park, the passive recreational users of the Park, were almost entirely unaware of the extensive work planned for Fawkner Park. There was a mail out to residents but this appeared to be sent to Pasley Street residents only.

Submissions to Heritage Victoria, e.g. the National Trust, suggest improvements to Pasley Street entrance to Fawkner Park may be achieved with **the court in its present or nearby position**.

Finally, the eight Heritage Parks should be managed with respect for their Heritage value. Problems of conflict between community interest and needs and Heritage values could be resolved if expert Heritage advice was included in the planning process and design team right from the beginning

Sincerely,
Jennifer McDonald.

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Agenda item title: Agenda item 6.6

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Agenda item 6.6

Councillors,

I commend the recommendation to request a review by the Heritage Council of the heritage permit refusal for works in Fawkner Park.

on the basis that:

1. the new position makes the court less conspicuous to the outside of the park because it is located further from the entrance and therefore relatively hidden – surely a win for heritage values.
2. this location will reduce the noise to residents, (effectively improves the heritage value of a peaceful park for residents)

3. the new treatment prevents the park being being degraded further by the drainage issues, and thus losing heritage value.
4. the new entrance creates a more park/garden like atmosphere to the entrance, rather than the current "marshalling area"
5. some rearrangement of paths is essential and obviously necessary to improve safety from bike riders especially for the 440 children (this year) at the South Yarra Primary School before and after school and at recess times. Parents can't pick up children at the front of the school where there is only a miniscule footpath alongside the fierce racetrack of Punt Road. (The school has even lost its meagre front garden as 12 new classrooms are built this term.) Is it being suggested that we add hand rails to heritage buildings for the frail, but don't protect children from the lycra brigade coming downhill from Toorak Road? I have a special concern for the pre schoolers who attend pick up with their parents. The new paths are intended to deviate bike riders (who use Pasley St North and the associated pedestrian crossing) away from both the South Yarra Primary School, Christ Church Grammar School and the preschool which use the eastern paths.

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Agenda item title: 6.6 Fawkner Park Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements

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I am writing as President and on behalf of Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group (MSYRG), to request that the City of Melbourne makes a decision to request a review of the heritage permit refusal to go to Heritage Council.

MSYRG is a community group of residents in the South Yarra area of the City of Melbourne. Fawkner Park is part of our community and we have been involved in discussions with the City of Melbourne over many years over many Park issues including the east entrance area at Pasley Street North. City of Melbourne consultation in the community over this particular issue extended over several years. We were pleased when the current plans were unveiled. If required MSYRG would make a fresh submission to the Heritage Council to support the City of Melbourne's plan for this area. Currently there is an unsightly asphalt area immediately adjacent to Pasley Street North and Pasley Street Corner that diminishes any heritage value to that area and the park. The asphalt slab was greatly enlarge in the 1980's to connect it to an brick building (now demolished) Over the years it has grown in size further. It has no relation to the heritage

of the Park and in fact causes flooding when there extreme rain.

We supported the current CoM plans as it managed the drainage/flooding issue by moving the asphalt area to a more suitable location and creating a visually sympathetic sports court. Then the new park entrance would be grassed, landscaped and have a strong relation to the heritage story of the park

Apologies for the briefness of this submission but we were only alerted to the fact it that we needed to make a submission at a very late stage

From: Paleka, Neven N [<mailto:paleka.neven.n@edumail.vic.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 24 September 2019 12:24 PM

Subject: Re: Fawkner Park - late notice of Fawkner park pasley street North entrance project report going to Council meeting on 24 Tuesday

Hi

I have attached our School's submission to Heritage Victoria back in March 2019 that further supports the School's position on the project.

I have read and acknowledge how Council will use and disclose my personal information.

Regards,
Neven

Neven Paleka
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Heritage Victoria Public Submission Form

Section 95 Heritage Act 2017

Use this form to lodge a submission to Heritage Victoria in response to the public notice of a heritage permit under Section 95 of the *Heritage Act 2017*.

Prior to making a submission please read Heritage Victoria's Policy Guideline for Public Notice of Heritage Permit Applications and Submissions Received.

In considering a permit application the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria, considers matters set out under Section 101 of the *Heritage Act 2017* (the Act), which includes all submissions received during the public notice period. Submissions received should relate to the cultural heritage significance of the place or object. Planning matters including amenity, overshadowing of non-heritage properties, noise, traffic and car parking are not matters considered in determining a permit under the Act.

Submit the completed form to Heritage Victoria before 5pm on the last date of the public notice period via email at heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Please note:

Submissions received will be treated as a public document and may be provided to persons with an interest in the heritage place or object, including the applicant. This will include your name and contact details.

The advertised permit will not be determined during the notice period.

All submitters will be notified when the permit application is determined and if any future permit amendment applications are received. Please note that where petitions are received only the submitter will be contacted.

1. Application Details

Place or object name: Fawkner Park: Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements

Address or GPS location: Fawkner Park, 24-88 Commercial Road, South Yarra

Victorian Heritage Register number: H2361

Permit Application Number: P29324

2. Personal Details

First name: School Council

Surname: _____

Business or organisation name: South Yarra Primary School

Position title: _____

Address (optional): 601 Punt Rd, South Yarra

Email address: C/o: Shelly as School Council President?

Telephone: _____

3. Submission Details

Please outline your views about the permit application:

Dear Heritage Victoria, and The City of Melbourne

We, the School Council of South Yarra Primary School, would like to highlight our strong support of the proposed 'Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements' at Fawkner Park.

Our school currently has 444 enrolled students. The student numbers are increasing each year, and there is high demand for the school. The improvement works proposed are to the rear of the school, which is the main entrance for all school students.

Given the limited space on the school campus, the school children play in Fawkner Park during recess and lunch time. These improvement works will provide exactly that, the improvement to the existing conditions of the area of Fawkner Park at which they play and enter the school.

This area of the park is currently in a significantly degraded state. The area is known to staff and students as the dust bowl, as the grass no longer grows there. When the wind blows, the dust circulates throughout the school and playground. The existing layout of this area of the park (including structure paths or lack thereof) ignores the movement of students and parents in this space, and does not recognise the constraints of the land in that area.

During heavy rainfall events the area floods for many hours and sometimes days, impacting the safe and secure entry and exit of the school. This impacts the ability for parents to drop off the children in an orderly fashion and it impacts the ability of the students to access the play spaces in Fawkner Park.

The proposed relocation of the basketball/netball court is viewed as beneficial by the School Council on two grounds. Firstly, it will improve the drainage and flooding issues in the area, and secondly, it will move the basketball court to an area that is safer for the children to play ball sports – that is, further from the road.

We are looking forward to the commencement of the improvement works, and to enjoying the new space. We hope there are no further delays to the works.

We hope you can consider this late submission, given our first Council meeting was not held until 12 March 2019.

Please feel free to contact the **School Council President Shelley Freeman** should you wish to discuss this any further

Yours sincerely

The South Yarra Primary School, School Council

Thank you for making a submission to Heritage Victoria. Please note that submissions received outside the advertised period will not be considered as a formal submission but may be considered under section 101(3)(b) of the Act - 'any other relevant matter.'

To obtain a copy of your own lodged submission please contact Heritage Victoria on (03) 8392 5411 or at heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au.

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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group

This is a written submission in regards to Agenda Item 7.1 Proposed travel by Lord Mayor, Sally Capp to New York and Boston, USA, October 2019. I support the recommendation from management that Lord Mayor Sally Capp travels to Boston and New York in the United States of America and represents the City of Melbourne at various meetings including ones with Bloomberg Philanthropies. Melbourne is an international city and it is appropriate that the Lord Mayor and Councillors travel the world to attend important meetings and summits.

Best regards

Chris Thrum

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Agenda item title: 10.2 Other Confidential Matter

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It is a little disappointing to see a council agenda with 7 confidential items and only 6 open public items.

Would councillors please look at all 7 confidential items and try to get the outcome of at least one of them placed into the public arena, through either the minutes or a subsequent disclosure such as an addition to the major contracts register or a media release.

Also, the title of 10.2 ("Other Confidential Matter") literally provides no clue as to the nature of the item, unlike other confidential items on council agendas which often mention "personnel" or "contract", such as two of the confidential items on tonight's agenda.

Could future agendas please be a little more informative on the nature of the confidential item in the title, otherwise you may as well revert to a blanket description of "confidential" with no information at all for the public.

Finally, I'm not aware whether practice is make public submissions on confidential items but I would prefer that you do make this submission public.

Regards

Stephen Mayne