

21 May 2019

Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Zoning of Council-owned parks

Motion

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Notes that the City of Melbourne is planning to amend the Melbourne Planning Scheme in 2020 to give effect to a new Municipal Planning Strategy (formerly 'Municipal Strategic Statement');
2. Expresses its intention that, as part of the above described planning scheme amendment, a series of non-controversial zoning changes for all Council-owned informal parks as well as the Royal Park Nature Playground to the 'Public Park and Recreation Zone' (PPRZ) also be exhibited;
3. Requests management to prepare mapping and ordinance amendment documentation to facilitate this process.
4. Indicates the City of Melbourne's intention that as future informal recreational spaces in the municipality are created on Council-owned land not zoned PPRZ, further rezoning amendments to bring such spaces into the PPRZ should be pursued, and coupled with other amendments where convenient.

Background

There are various informal recreational spaces in the municipality that are owned by Council but which are not zoned 'public park and recreation' (PPRZ). While these spaces are all maintained with the intention that they be perpetually used for public open space, consistent with Council's Open Space Strategy, they are not zoned accordingly. Residents also raise concerns from time to time that some of these spaces are under threat of development, which is not the case despite misleading zoning.

At the same time, there are a variety of other Council-owned parks that are already zoned PPRZ. There are a variety of other State Government-owned parks that are not zoned PPRZ which do not fall within the scope of this motion.

There is an opportunity in 2020 to couple a simple set of zone changes for Council-owned parks with the planned Municipal Planning Strategy amendment. The Municipal Planning Strategy amendment will require comprehensive advertisement to City of Melbourne landowners, and coupling straightforward measures that will not attract private landowner dispute with a municipality-wide amendment like this is a cost-effective and efficient means of tidying up the scheme.

The parks owned by Council which are not currently zoned 'public park and recreation', as identified by the mover, are:

1. **Bayswater Road Park**, 41-55 Bayswater Road, Kensington
2. **Bedford St Reserve**, cnr Bedford and Courtney Sts, North Melbourne
3. **Boyd Park**, cnr Balston and Kavanagh Sts, Southbank
4. **Buluk Park**, Docklands
5. **Canning St Reserve**, Canning St, North Melbourne
6. **Chapman St Reserve**, cnr Chapman and Errol Sts, North Melbourne
7. The remainder of **Eades Park** not already zoned PPRZ, West Melbourne
8. **Errol St Reserve**, cnr Errol and Courtney Sts, North Melbourne
9. The remainder of **Gardiner Reserve** not already zoned PPRZ, Macaulay Rd, North Melbourne

10. **Hawke St Park**, 92 Hawke St, West Melbourne
11. **Kensington Railway Station Park**, cnr Eastwood St and Rankins Rd, Kensington
12. **Leveson St Reserve**, cnr Leveson and Courtney Sts, North Melbourne
13. **Robertson St Reserve**, 10 Robertson St, Kensington
14. **Rogan Lane Reserve**, 12-18 Woodruff Street, Kensington
15. Southern end of **Women's Peace Park**, Kensington

Council is the committee of management for the **Royal Park Nature Playground**, cnr Flemington Rd and Gatehouse Dr, Parkville.

Moved: Cr Rohan Leppert

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood