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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 75
Tuesday 23 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 Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 7 May 2024

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

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.
- Apologies were received from Councillors Chang and Doidge.

1.1 Condolence Statement for Jeff Robinson

Council recognises the late Jeff Robinson and his contributions to the City of Melbourne. Jeff passed away in a tragic traffic accident on 7 April 2024.

Jeff was a world renowned leader in sustainable buildings and Global Sustainable Design Expertise Leader at Aurecon, based in Melbourne.

Jeff's energy and commitment for creating a better Melbourne and world was unmatched. He was at every sustainable building industry event asking the tough questions and encouraging the design community, Council and businesses to go faster and be more ambitious.

Jeff contributed his valuable expertise and many hours of strategic advice to the City of Melbourne team developing the Retrofit Melbourne Plan. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and colleagues at Aurecon, and public policy makers across Victoria.

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 74 held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 be confirmed.

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.36pm.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

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-23-april-2024.aspx>

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E-Scooter Riding

Anton Diradji asked a question relating to e-scooter riding in the Melbourne CBD.

The Lord Mayor, City Transport Infrastructure Portfolio Lead, thanked Anton for his concerns. The Lord Mayor advised that Council is aware of the problems of illegal riding of e-scooters in the City of Melbourne. While enforcement of illegal riding is the responsibility of Victoria Police, Council officers are working with e-scooter operators to address the problem. Some of the actions include operator patrols to report illegal riding and apply the operators' escalating disciplinary policies which include fines, suspensions and bans, communications to highlight e-scooter rules via social media, e-scooter apps and technology to alert riders if they ride illegally.

The Victorian Government's decision to extend the trial on three occasions for six months each time has made it difficult for Council and the operators to invest in systems to address e-scooter issues. As per Council resolution in August 2023, Council has resolved that if e-scooters are permanently legalised, Council will only support an on-going e-scooter system once the problems of illegal riding are addressed to the satisfaction of the community.

Expansion of Miles and Dodds Street Reserve

Julian Foo asked a question relating to the expansion of Miles and Dodds Street Reserve.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, advised that this has been covered at a few recent Future Melbourne Committee meetings as there has been a few public questions about the Miles and Dodds Street proposal. At the early stage community consultation, majority of local residents have shown support. There is richer data within the findings of the consultation but Council is yet to make a decision to progress the matter further.

Parking issue in this area has been raised frequently and Council is trying to understand the potential impacts of this project on the local road network and parking capacity. Mid-last year, the Future Melbourne Committee approved the Parking and Kerbside Management Plan which outlines our new, strategic approach to regularly reviewing and adjusting parking controls within a precinct, to manage parking demand. Our approach is not to 'set and forget' parking in an area, particularly after a change within a street. It is a process of continual review and adjustment based on data and feedback from the community.

Approximately \$20,000 has been spent to date on feasibility studies and design. The total project budget is \$2.5 million.

Officers have met with the Proactive Policing unit and Neighbourhood Policing Coordinator specifically to discuss this project and in response to community concerns during stage one consultation. Council is not aware of any existing police reports from the community about the Miles and Dodds Street Reserve on the Community Issues Register. We are engaging with Victoria Police about this matter.

We have requested feedback about Citipower's access requirements and are confident that specific requirements can be resolved during design development.

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: TPMR-2023-19, 487-503 Collins Street, Melbourne:**

Request to speak:

- Andrew Hayes
- Nicholas Touzeau

Items of Correspondence:

- Andrew Hayes
- Nicholas Touzeau
- Sarah Herbert

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In relation to Agenda item 6.2, Amendment GC187 - Port of Melbourne Planning Scheme Boundary:

Item of Correspondence:

- Nicholas Dow, Bike Melbourne

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Cycling and Micromobility Infrastructure Program:

Requests to speak:

- Fred Ryce (Zoom)
- Deborah Pach
- John Merory
- Alison McCormack

Items of Correspondence: (156 people)

Adrian Jackson	Ben Cotton	Kaye Oddie
Alexa Delbosc	Brian Tamaki	Kevin Moran
Alice Humble	Bridgett Fogg	Khanh Nguyen
Alisa Bunbury	Bruce Xie	Kim Taylor
Arjun Kumar	Bryon Richard	Lachlan Crawford
Craig McMenaman	Callum Gleeson	Lawrence Chong
David Colls	Carla D'Andreti	Leigh Harnik
Fiona Campbell	Catherine McNaughton	Luke Veldhuizen
Fred Ryce	Catherine Townsend	Martha Latham
Guy Gillor	Chris Brennan	Mary Macmillan
Harrison Watt	Chris Star	Mathew Phipps
Jack Norris	Christopher Harms	Matt Thompson
James Adams	Claire Weekley	Matteo Senesi
Jon McLeod	Colin Jevons	Michael Callahan
Kai Brach	Daniel Beuchat	Michael Oxer
Lachlan McKenna	Daniel Potestas	Mike Sinclair
Mali Lewis	David Lee	Milo Batten
Matt Way	David Leslie	Mitchell Arnold
Oscar Nitz	David Liu	Morgan Pare
Owen Bentley	Deborah Pach	Natalie Beaumont
Peter Williams	Denise Whimpey	Nathan Howlett
Pierre Vairo	Dylan Jenkins	Nicolas Tyrrell
Sarah Webber	Edward Service	Nicholas Zull
Simon Hipgrave	Ellen S	Nick Doyle
Stephanie Maynard	Emma Manderson	Nick Lavars
Stephen Chan	Evi Janse De Jonge	Owen Dickson
Tom Solston	Fleur Chew	Paige Morgan
Wessel Burger	Gabriel Da Silva	Penny McQueen
A M	George Coe	Peter Lee
Aaron Moon	Greg Lightfoot	Philip Kwok
Adrian Abery	Hans Gao	Robert Howson
Aleisha Wills	Helen Kratzman	Rory Dickson
Aleks Svazas	Jacob Sephton	Ross Piper
Alex Diamis	James Lennox	Ruth Jelley
Alex Perera	Jane Holroyd	Sally McRae
Alex Walker	Janet Yeo	Sam Holleran
Alice Clarke	Jeffrey Wiggins	Samuel Moss
Alison McCormack	Jenica Brooke	Shaun Robinson
Andrea Bunting	Jennifer Habel	Simon Baldwin
Anna Stempel	Joe Lester	Sophie Wade
Annalise Gehling	John Englart	Steve Bennett
Anne Truong	John Merory	Steve Sparke
Annie Asquith	John Stone	Steven Curtain
Anthony Hindle	Joseph Doak	Stuart Boyd
Ariel Zeleznikow-Johnston	Joseph Mayberry	Thami Croser
Arne Brants	Karina Mayen	Thomas Day
Ash Brown	Katie Clifford	Thomas Reyment
Ben Campell	Katie Roberts-Hul	Thomas Werner

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Thomas Young
Tim Hurley
Tom Barton

Tom Van Ommeren
Vanessa Larsen
Verity Campbell

Victoria Veldhuizen
William Jack Dunstan
Zarinne Perera

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Place and Road Naming Policy:

Request to Speak and Items of Correspondence:

- Chris Thrum
- Sheila Byard

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, University Square Stage 2 Concept Design:

Item of Correspondence:

- Nicholas Dow, Bike Melbourne
- Barry Clark

In relation to Agenda item 6.7, Participation at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly, Canberra, June:

Item of Correspondence:

- John Kavanagh

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Place and Road Naming Policy:

Item of Correspondence:

- Aaron Moon

Planning Section

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

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPMR-2023-19, 487-503 Collins Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application seeking approval for the development of land at 487-503 Collins Street, Melbourne (refer to Locality Plan - Attachment 2 of report from management).

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Nicholas Touzeau
- Andrew Hayes

Cr Leppert left the meeting at 6.01pm and returned at 6.02pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 - Delegate Report) with the following changes:*
 - 1.1. *Condition 1 c) amended to read "A note on the floor plans specifying the through link is open to the public during the hours of 7am to 7pm, 7 days per week."*
 - 1.2. *Condition 36 amended to read "The through link must provide public access between Collins Street and Flinders Lane during the hours of 7am to 7pm, 7 days per week unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority and Melbourne City Council and except when required to be closed for maintenance."*

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- 1.3. *Insert a new condition 9 g): "Details of the colour, material and finish to the western wall of the lift/services area adjacent to the through link".*

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Amendment GC187 Port of Melbourne Planning Scheme Boundary

The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the City of Melbourne's response to Planning Scheme Amendment GC187, which has been prepared by the Minister for Planning.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Expresses support for Amendment GC187 only insofar as it affects land within the City of Melbourne south of the south bank of the Yarra River and east of the Bolte Bridge.*
 - 1.2. *Provides consent under Section 6(6)(d) of the Planning & Environment Act 1987 for the Port of Melbourne Planning Scheme to operate within the City of Melbourne municipal boundary for the relevant sites proposed in Amendment GC187 except for the area that is both north of the south bank of the Yarra and west of the Bolte Bridge (the excluded land).*
 - 1.3. *Indicates that Council or this Committee may further consider the status of the excluded land upon written confirmation from the State Government of the following:*
 - 1.3.1. *The date by which construction will commence on the reinstatement of the Moonee Ponds Creek shared trail closed by Development Victoria in November 2020;*
 - 1.3.2. *The date by which construction will conclude on the same project;*
 - 1.3.3. *The date by which the Moonee Ponds Creek Implementation Plan and associated initial funding commitments will be published; and*
 - 1.3.4. *The flood mitigation, creek protection and biodiversity principles and objectives that will apply to the mouth and extent of the Moonee Ponds Creek within land leased to the Port of Melbourne when considering any future freight rail development (or any other relevant development).*
 - 1.4. *Requests that the CEO write to the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Planning and the CEO of Development Victoria to give effect to the Council's position.*

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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

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6.3 Cycling and Micromobility Infrastructure Program

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee endorsement of the updated Cycling and Micromobility Infrastructure Program.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Alison McCormack

The following people were listed to address the Committee but did not attend:

- Fred Ryce (Zoom)
- Deborah Pach
- John Merory

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Notes the cessation of the 'accelerated program' of construction of safe cycle infrastructure, with 20.8km of new lanes delivered by Council so far since 2020, for the reason that the Department of Transport and Planning has instructed that it will no longer consider trial and low-cost interventions.*
- 1.2. *Notes the announcement by the State Government of 4 April 2024 that regulations for e-scooters will become permanent, in turn creating a reliance on physically separated cycle lanes to facilitate the safe movement of micromobility modes in addition to cycling.*
- 1.3. *Therefore endorses the updated and re-phased Cycling And Micromobility Infrastructure Program for the period between now and FY2026-27, within the budget limits established in the 2023-24 Budget, as set out in Attachment 2, noting that the program and budget to see out the Transport Strategy 2030 targets beyond FY 2026-27 will be the subject of future Annual Planning and Budget processes.*
- 1.4. *Requests that management make adjustments to the timing of projects inside the Cycling And Micromobility Infrastructure Program as required to ensure the orderly construction and expenditure of the program, including delivering upgrades to cycle infrastructure on routes currently relying on adjustable materials.*
- 1.5. *Requests that management continuously publishes current information about, and updates about changes to the timing and scope of individual projects within, the Cycling And Micromobility Infrastructure Program on the City of Melbourne website.*
- 1.6. *Requests Management publish details on the City of Melbourne's website of the design of, and the materials to be used to construct, the individual projects within the Cycling and Micromobility Infrastructure Program, including where bluestone will be used and where projects will also include greening and other streetscape improvements.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, and Councillors Dr Ball, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey and the following Councillor voting against the motion: Cr Campbell.

6.4 Place and Road Naming Policy

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.

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The following people/person addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum
- Sheila Byard

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Adopts the Place and Road Naming Policy as found at the attachment to the notice at agenda item 7.1, subject to the words “to be submitted” being added after the word “submitter” in paragraph 7.6.2, with a commencement date of 1 July 2024.*
- 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change, to make any editorial changes to the policy prior to its commencement, as well as any material changes strictly necessary to overcome any inconsistencies or unintended consequences that are discovered before or after commencement.*
- 1.3. *Requests that management makes the guidelines, the website and the register as required by the policy, by 1 July 2024.*
- 1.4. *Requests that management writes to all known local historical societies and residents associations to make them aware of the policy and website, by 15 July 2024.*
- 1.5. *Requests that management advise Council in its next term, prior to adoption of the Council Plan 2025- 2029, as to when the Arden and Macaulay precinct naming strategies should be scheduled for development.*
- 1.6. *Requests that management reviews the performance of the policy framework after 1 July 2026 and provides the findings of that review to councillors via briefing paper or, if amendments to the policy are recommended as a result of the review, to the Council (or delegated Committee).*
- 1.7. *Directs that agenda item 7.1 lapses.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, and Councillors Dr Ball, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey and the following Councillor voting against the motion: Cr Campbell.

6.5 University Square Stage 2 Concept Design

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020 due to his employment at the University of Melbourne.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.30pm prior to discussion taking place.

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of University Square Stage 2 Concept Design.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Endorses University Square Stage 2 Concept Design*
- 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, to make any further minor editorial changes to the University Square Stage 2 Concept Design prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece returned to the meeting at 7.39pm.

6.6 Potential North Melbourne Town Hall public open space

The purpose of this report was to consider opportunities for new public open space in the vicinity of North Melbourne Town Hall on Queensberry Street, North Melbourne.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.41pm and returned at 7.43pm.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1 Notes that management will not progress work related to new public open space on Queensberry Street between Errol and Leveson Streets.*
- 1.2 Requests that management finalises site investigations for the potential expansion of the Errol Street median as a new open space opportunity and progress concept designs and community engagement on viable design options.*
- 1.3 Requires that the concept plan be presented to Council or delegated Committee for decision by no later than March 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, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Participation in Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government, Canberra, July 2024

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Leppert and Cr Dr Ball declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the Local Government Act 2020 due to participation in the ALGA National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government forum.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Leppert and Cr Dr Ball left the meeting at 7.54pm prior to discussion taking place.

The purpose of this report was to provide for City of Melbourne (CoM) participation in the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly and the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) to be held in Canberra between 2 and 5 July 2024.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee approves:

- 1.1. The proposed motion outlined in Attachment 2 for consideration at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly.*
- 1.2. Participation in the ALGA National General Assembly and Australian Council of Local Government forum through the Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Councillor Dr Olivia Ball and Councillor Rohan Leppert at an estimated cost of \$3800 per participant.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillors Campbell, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, and Louey.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Leppert and Cr Dr Ball returned to the meeting at 7.57pm.

7. General business

There was one item of general business.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Councillor Rohan Leppert: Place and Road Naming Policy

This agenda item lapsed in accordance with the resolution relating to agenda Item 6.4, Place and Road Naming Policy.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 7 May 2024.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee