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A few comments from a former councillor (who probably should just let go but is a stirrer who can't help himself) on the committee structure and appointments to external organisations which are being determined at the November 29 council meeting:

1. Cr Rohan Leppert would make an excellent MAV delegate and board member, if two out of Darebin, Moreland, Port Phillip and Yarra could be persuaded. He's incredibly smart and hard working and would bring much-needed diversity and youth to the MAV board.
2. As a qualified lawyer with lots of government experience and serious intellect, Nicholas Reece would be a good choice to chair the planning portfolio, provided he is able to put aside enough time to get the job done.

3. Finance and Governance should be central to the administration and deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood would be a good chair of that committee.

4. Have a think about seeking State Government approval to add a councillor director to the Regent Theatre board so it would be 2 from each side rather than a 2 person board. After that, maybe think about introducing an independent chair to assist with breaking dead-locks on issues such as capital returns and dividends.

5. Former deputy lord mayor Susan Riley will presumably serve out her remaining two years on the Procurement Australia board as an independent so you should consider nominating another officer or councillor to be the City of Melbourne representative on that board, especially given council's 63% economic interest in the organisation.

6. If there is disinterest in the audit committee, you could always wind it back to 2 councillors and 3 independent members, although I thought it worked well in the expanded format as it shared the workload and gave the committee more gravitas.

7. Team Doyle and the The Lord Mayor, assuming group voting discipline, temporarily has the numbers at council meetings courtesy of the Lord Mayor's casting vote and the unresolved situation with Brooke Wandin. However, it would be preferable if council rather than the Lord Mayor made the decision about portfolio allocations and that the 2008 delegation was formally revoked.

8. Repeat the exercise from 2012 of scheduling a formal review of portfolio positions at the half way point of the council term, but the Lord Mayor should take a greater interest in the review next time.

9. Give all councillors a portfolio, whilst never forgetting that some portfolios are more equal than others!

10. Libraries should be the heart and soul of the all-important Knowledge portfolio.

Kind regards, Citizen Stephen Mayne

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