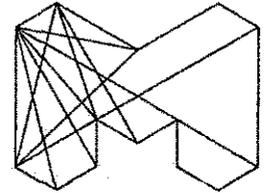


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 28
Tuesday 15 February 2022
6.00pm**

**Melbourne Connect,
Swanston Street, Carlton**

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Nil

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 1 March 2022

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 6.00pm.

Lord Mayor, Sally Capp welcomed everyone Carlton for the first of our community Future Melbourne Committee meetings.

Condolence Statement for Craig Wilson

The Chair, the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, made the following statement:

I would like to take a moment to mark the passing of Craig Wilson, a respected and much loved member of the City of Melbourne's Local laws team.

Craig will be remembered for strengthening relationships across the City of Melbourne.

Craig was a dear friend, great colleague, loving husband and father.

Our deepest sympathies to Craig's family and friends during this difficult time.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of five reports from management.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Doidge

That the minutes of meeting No 27, held on Tuesday 1 February 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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

Written public questions were submitted by five people, which are outlined below.

Entertainment costs post-COVID

A question was asked by Elizabeth Chow as to whether there is an expectation that costs in the CBD will increase, given the expected rise of inflation and interest rates and the costs of goods in the CBD compared to regional suburbs.

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Cr Campbell, Portfolio Lead of City Activation advised that COVID-19 has severely impacted businesses in Melbourne, disrupting trading and causing supply chain and staffing issues. Event organisers and entertainment businesses everywhere have also faced costs associated with adapting to and managing in the new COVID-19 context. Nevertheless, the ABS in its December inflation results reports that 'Recreation and Culture' prices have increased by just 2.1 per cent over the past 12 months. City of Melbourne continues to provide support to our city businesses during this unprecedented period through a range of funding programs, including precinct, business, arts and events grants to support economic recovery across the city.

Additionally, many of our major events and funded activations have free components to support visitation to the city for all. We are determined to ensure that Melbourne maintains its status as a world-class cultural destination and vibrant city for residents, workers and visitors.

Timing of release of agenda items to the public

A question was asked by Liz Aird as to whether FMC were still considering a longer period than 2.5 days for public perusal of long documents.

Cr Lei Lu, Portfolio Lead of Finance, Governance and Risk advised that consistent with the Council's Governance Rules, meeting papers and reports are generally made available to the public on the Thursday prior to the FMC or Council meeting the following Tuesday evening, which provides just over 3 working days, plus the weekend for review.

Since this matter was last raised during the Council Meeting on 23 November 2021, opportunities for early public release of major strategic documents are being identified as part of an administrative process, to provide members of the public with an appropriate time to review papers in advance of a Council or Future Melbourne Committee meeting. These are being programmed throughout 2022.

On-line surveys for community consultation

A question was asked by Liz Aird as to whether online surveys were adequate for community consultation in view of the fact they are not readily accessible.

Cr Dr Ball, Portfolio Lead of Health, Wellbeing and Belonging advised that the City of Melbourne uses many different methods to engage and hear from our diverse communities. We hold workshops, phone interviews, focus groups, send letters to households, attend community meetings and discuss upcoming projects at 'pop ups' in parks and other public spaces. We also use online surveys and offer different digital tools to ensure they're accessible as possible. For example, on our engagement platform Participate Melbourne, surveys can be translated into various languages or can be listened to via our ReadSpeaker tool.

Community reference groups

A question was asked by Liz Aird as to whether community reference groups are going to be established and consulted in the planning stage of initiatives.

Cr Dr Ball, Portfolio Lead of Health, Wellbeing and Belonging advised that City of Melbourne has various community advisory committees and groups including the Disability Advisory Committee, Family and Children's, Homelessness, Night-time Economy and Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee. We also form community committees to support specific projects such as the Queen Victorian Market People's Panel and the Financial and Asset Plan Community Panel. These groups are consulted throughout the course of projects, most often at the planning stage of initiatives.

Indigenous All Stars AFL and AFLW Game

A question was asked by Chris Thrum as to whether the City of Melbourne could encourage the AFL to organise an AFL and AFLW Indigenous All Stars Game this season.

Cr Campbell, Portfolio Lead of City Activation advised that the submission would be best sent directly to the AFL as the City of Melbourne has no jurisdiction over AFL games and competitions.

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However the City of Melbourne would like to acknowledge the tremendous talent and impact that Aboriginal players have brought to the game of Australian Rules Football and would support any initiatives that further celebrates and encourage participation of our first nation athletes.

Program to support busking

A question was asked by Chris Thrum as to how the City of Melbourne is supporting musicians and performers who entertain on the street, so we continue to recognise Melbourne as the musical capital of Australia.

Cr Hakim, Portfolio Lead Creative Melbourne advised that the City Of Melbourne is actively supporting street entertainment by waiving permit fees for street performers. City of Melbourne has involved and continues to seek involvement of this community in specific busking initiatives and in events and arts programming via direct engagement and EOI opportunities – some recent examples include the On the Road Again initiative where buskers have been asked to respond to an EOI and will be paid a fee for performing. Buskers are also offered opportunities to perform at a range of events delivered or sponsored by City of Melbourne.

Hooning in Lygon Street, Carlton

A question was asked by Tim Swain in relation to hooning in Lygon Street, Carlton, which has been a recognised issue, particularly with the dining strip between Queensberry and Elgin Streets and whether speed humps could be installed at various points to slow traffic.

The Lord Mayor, Portfolio Lead City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio advised that Council has been made aware of this issue in the past and conducted extensive speed surveys in Lygon Street in 2019, which found that most vehicles observed the 40 km/h speed limit, with motorcycles exceeding the limit by about 5 km/h on average.

We are working with the Department of Transport (DoT), who is the responsible authority for approving speed limit changes, to explore the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Lygon Street to 30km/h.

Our officers have contacted Victoria Police asking for more support in policing motorists and motorcycles 'hooning' at night in the Lygon Street area.

Speed humps are not appropriate on public roads such as Lygon Street with high traffic volumes and also part of a public bus route. However we are considering raised intersections in the next few years to assist in reducing speed and also providing better safety and amenity for pedestrians.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2021-3, 13-33 Hartley Street, Docklands:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Anthony Msonda-Johnson, Hatch|Robertsday

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Code of Practice for Building, Construction and Works:**

Items of Correspondence:

- Nicholas Dow
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022-32:**

Request to speak:

- Trisha Avery, Southbank 3006 Inc.

Items of Correspondence:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association
- Trisha Avery, Southbank 3006 Inc.
- Miriam Faine, Friends of Queen Victoria Market.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, Shopfront Activation Program - update:

Item of Correspondence:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association

6.1 Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Carlton

The purpose of this report was to provide an overview of the Carlton neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the Carlton neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee, in accordance with Clause 16 of Councils Governance Rules, resolves that the order of business be amended to allow the consideration of agenda item 6.6 'Melbourne City Recovery and Melbourne City Reactivation Funds Update' to be heard after agenda item 6.1 'Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Carlton'.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.6 Melbourne City Recovery and Melbourne City Reactivation Funds Update

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with an update on the delivery of the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) and the \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund (Revitalisation Fund).

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee,*
 - 1.1. *Notes the success of the large number of Recovery Fund initiatives delivered to date and that delivery of a small number of initiatives will continue until the conclusion of the agreement in August 2022.*
 - 1.2. *Notes the successful delivery of the enhanced Christmas Festival and Midweek Melbourne Money that form part of Tranche 1 of the Revitalisation Fund and the continued planning and delivery of the other initiatives that are contained in Tranche 1.*
 - 1.3. *Requests a report on Midweek Melbourne Money be provided to the Council meeting on 22 February.*
 - 1.4. *Requests a further round of funding for event activations is progressed through the Revitalisation Fund.*
 - 1.5. *Requests management provide another update on the Recovery Fund and Revitalisation Fund in April 2022.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2021-3, 13-33 Hartley Street, Docklands

The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C413MELB (the Amendment) which seeks to facilitate the redevelopment of land at 13-33 Hartley Street, Docklands.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:*
 - 1.1. *Advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the proposed planning scheme amendment subject to the updated draft Incorporated Document, which includes altered and additional conditions as outlined in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that further improvement and refinement of the façade of the podium and tower is required to be provided in the Incorporated Document, as outlined in the delegate report and recommended updated Incorporated Document (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

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- 1.3. *Request an update from the Department of Jobs Precincts and Regions on the purchase of 95 Lorimer Street, Docklands and timeframe of vesting to the City of Melbourne.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.3 Code of Practice for Building, Construction and Works

The purpose of this report was to seek adoption of the City of Melbourne Code of Practice for Building, Construction and Works, 2022.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future of Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the summary of community feedback and management's response (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Adopts the City of Melbourne Code of Practice for Building, Construction and Works, 2022 (the Code - refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).*
 - 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor or necessary editorial changes to the Code prior to publication.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that a minimum standard of hoardings appearance and encouragement of commissioned artwork on hoardings has been incorporated into the Code.*
 - 1.5. *Requests management bring forward to councillors a proposal to run a 12-month trial, within the next 24 months, for an opt-in application of commissioned artwork on hoardings that are in place for longer than 12 weeks; and once completed the outcomes of the trial and consideration of mandatory requirements be reported back to the Future Melbourne Committee.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022-32

The purpose of this report was to seek adoption of the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022-32 (the Strategy).

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Trish Aviary, Southbank 3006 Inc.

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Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Adopts the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022-32 (the Strategy - refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) subject to the following changes:*
 - 1.2. *On page 16 replace the line 'Therefore, we will increase the number of employees with a disability across our organisation' with 'Therefore, we will work to identify any barriers to people with a disability being employed by the City of Melbourne and strive to overcome those barriers'*
 - 1.3. *On pages 19 and 34 add an indicator which reads as follows:*

'Barriers to people from diverse backgrounds being employed or remaining employed by the City of Melbourne have been identified and action to overcome those barriers has been demonstrated.'
 - 1.4. *On pages 25 and 35*
 - 1.4.1. *delete the words 'minority-owned businesses' from the first indicator*
 - 1.4.2. *add an indicator which reads as 'Identify any barriers to people from minority backgrounds starting or operating a business in the City of Melbourne.'*
 - 1.5. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Strategy (if required) prior to its finalisation.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 Shopfront Activation Program - update

The purpose of this report was to provide an update, as resolved on 3 August 2021 by the Future Melbourne Committee, on the Shopfront Activation Program (the Program) that is being delivered as part of the planned approach to activate retail precincts and vacant shopfronts across the City of Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the work underway to activate vacant shopfronts and ensure that retail and hospitality precincts remain active and vibrant, despite the challenges wrought by COVID-19.*
 - 1.2. *Requests management review and further develop approaches to activate shopfronts at scale and further stimulate consumer demand.*
 - 1.3. *Requests a detailed account of the progress of delivery of the Shopfront Activation Program to the 22 February Council meeting.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that the Lord Mayor has written to the Honourable Ben Carroll as Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads and Road Safety in relation to a consistent approach to graffiti removal across all buildings and infrastructure located in the municipality.*

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- 1.5. *Notes that the Chief Executive Officer has written to a range of private and public organisations whose assets are frequently targeted with graffiti to set out potential agreements between the City of Melbourne and these organisations to specify service provision, cost arrangements and reporting requirements.*
- 1.6. *Resolves to host a Docklands summit to elevate the urgent need for action and generate enthusiasm and outcomes for the regeneration of Docklands.*
- 1.7. *Requests a briefing to councillors setting out in more detail the proposed purpose and scope of the Docklands Summit well ahead of its implementation.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no items of general business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

There were four public questions.

Expression of Interest for Shopfront Activation Program

A question was asked by Kerri Cavanagh, Community Partnership Manager at University of Melbourne, regarding the EOI's for the shopfront Activation Program and whether there was any room for shopfronts to have a creative element.

The following response was provided by Andrew Wear, Director Economic Development and International:

There are a number of factors that need to be considered to curate the mix of activations in the precinct. Shopfronts are being offered up for free by landlords and the landlords get a say as to who gets to move into the shopfront. City of Melbourne is working to keep the city alive, diverse and interesting and will take on board feedback that has been received to date.

Hooning in Carlton

Peter Sanders, Committee member of the Carlton Residents Association, sought comment from Council as to how the traffic noise could be mitigated within the Carlton precinct, which has been an outstanding issue with hoon drivers.

The following response was provided by Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy Planning and Climate Change:

The noise from vehicles is a challenge and does not fall within the remit of Council. Evan advised that the question would be taken on notice to find the right place for the query to be directed to, which is likely to be the EPA or Victoria Police.

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Parklets in Lygon Street, Carlton

Patricia O'Loughlin, member of the Carlton Residents Association, sought comment from Council regarding the parklets in Lygon Street and whether these are being removed.

The following response was provided by Linda Weatherson, General Manager Community and City Services:

Parklets have been a success for many business owners within the municipality, as it has encouraged customers into their businesses. However, it is recognised that it hasn't worked for some business owners and Council is working with them to remove the parklets. For parklets that are working for businesses, a proposal is being developed to look at the fee structure for the program. A recommendation will be made to the Council in the near future.

Fishermans Bend

Trisha Avery, Southbank 3006 Inc, asked a question regarding Council's relationship with the Fishermans Bend Taskforce and how that relates to Lorimer and Fishermans Bend and parts of Montague.

The following response was provided by Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy Planning and Climate Change:

Council is working closely with the City of Port Phillip, Fishermans Bend taskforce and other organisations. A meeting can be arranged with Southbank 3006 Inc to provide an overview of where Lorimer is at and the work undertaken with the taskforce to date, in addition to how it compares to the work undertaken in the Montague precinct.

The Deputy Lord Mayor added that the City of Melbourne has undertaken an enormous amount of work with Fishermans Bend, particularly around getting the right settings in place to build new suburbs of Melbourne. Fishermans Bend has had its challenges, however, he could provide comfort that there is good work being done behind the scenes.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 1 March 2022.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee