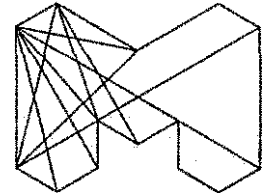


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 30
Tuesday 15 March 2022
6.00pm**

West Melbourne Baptist Church and Community Centre

Present

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

Apology

Councillor Jason Chang

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1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

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 and one item of general business
- the Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece, was participating virtually, via Zoom
- an apology had been received from Councillor Jason Chang.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

Condolence Statement for Senator Kimberley Kitching

Councillor Campbell offered a condolence statement, on behalf of Council, in relation to the sudden passing of Senator Kimberley Kitching.

Just four months ago Kimberley made a speech in the Senate in which she said "the death of a colleague while they still serve here is a reminder to all of us that our time on earth is limited and we ought never waste a day, or indeed a minute, here. It is a reminder for all of us to stay focussed on doing the most good we can in the limited time we are given".

She was eulogising a Senate colleague but her words are haunting after her own tragic passing so soon thereafter. One thing is certain though. Kimberley did the most good she could in the limited time she was given.

She had a long history of public service. She served as a City of Melbourne councillor between 2001 and 2004. During that time my colleague Cr Louey worked with her while he was Lord Mayor John So's Chief of Staff. And over the years she has been a close friend and supporter of many of us currently serving on this council.

She was known for her warmth, wicked laugh and generosity. But also for her unrelenting drive and energy to build a stronger and fairer Melbourne. Something that continued well after her term on council.

During the past two years while COVID decimated our city, Kimberley seemed to take it upon herself to drive the city's recovery. Arriving back in Melbourne after sitting weeks in Canberra she would arrange catch ups with the caveat, it had to be a restaurant in the City of Melbourne.

And because she was Kimberley, a weekend breakfast catch up would seamlessly spill into lunch and then dinner with other friends being summoned to the restaurant. When she was once late she confessed it was because she was shopping in the city.

She spent many weekends in parks pointing out to my children projects she had been involved with during her time on Council. So much so that they would remark to me "I think she misses being on Melbourne City Council".

However as Victorians and Australians we were all the beneficiaries of her time in the Senate. Most notably she was a driving force in passing the Magnitsky laws now used to sanction Russian oligarchs.

It is a tragedy that her time on this earth was cut short, but we are all richer for what she achieved in her life.

She will be sorely missed and our deepest sympathies go to her husband Andrew, her parents, brother, family and friends.

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3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Doidge

That the minutes of meeting No 29, held on Tuesday 1 March 2022, be confirmed.

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, 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

Overflow of rubbish on Southbank Promenade during Moomba

Tony Penna asked a question in relation to the rubbish bins on the promenade. Tony advised that this was the third time, over the past 10 years that the issue of rubbish during Moomba has been raised with Council. Tony stated that bins were overflowing with rubbish due to the number of patrons attending Moomba and wanted to know what Council would do to address this issue, highlighting this was not a good image for Melbourne.

The Chief Executive Officer, Justin Hanney provided the following response:

Moomba attracted record crowds which was pleasing to see for the City of Melbourne. Most of our executive level staff were out and about in Moomba. City of Melbourne has introduced a graffiti blitz and every member of the organisation has at least one block or more they're supervising in addition to their normal role. In terms of bins, we have spoken to our contractors about increasing the frequency for the collection of bins. What has simply occurred is that the City was overwhelmed with the amount of people in attendance at Moomba. It is acknowledged this is not acceptable and will be addressed for next year.

Long Walk

Chris Thrum asked a question in relation to the Long Walk at Federation Square and whether the Lord Mayor will speak at this year's Long Walk.

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, provided the following response:

Thanks for your question Chris. My office has not yet been contacted by the Long Walk event organisers regarding their event this year, but I anticipate that I would accept any invitation to participate and support the cause. The Long Walk raises awareness of many issues that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community face.

Polluted waterways

I Douglass asked a question in relation to the waterways in Melbourne which are severely polluted with rubbish and wanted to know how the city could reduce the presence of rubbish in these environments to improve and protect the health of flora and fauna.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead, read out the follow response that was provided by Anthony Neal, Director Recreation and Waterways:

The Yarra River stretching 242km with a catchment area covering 4046 square kilometres. Melbourne Water and the Victorian Government recently released, the Yarra Strategic Plan which underpins a shift to collaborative management to care for the environment along the Yarra River, Birrarung, and its surrounding landscapes. Fourteen state and local government authorities, as well as Traditional Owners are involved in this

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work and invest over \$50 million annually, through projects and programs to improve the environment and Yarra communities.

The City of Melbourne works with a range of authorities and organisations to collaborate and work beyond boundaries to manage the river corridor. Preventing litter getting in the water in the first place, is the most important step to improving the health of flora and fauna along the river corridor. The City of Melbourne in conjunction with Parks Victoria is protecting our waterways from litter through the use of litter traps installed throughout the municipality. These traps, most of which are underground are part of the drain network, are designed and located to prevent litter entering the Yarra River, Moonee Ponds Creek and the Maribyrnong River.

Free Tram Zones for public events

Anthony van der Craats asked a question in relation to free tram zones and whether Council could engage with the State Government to expand the 'free tram zone' for families for public events such as Moomba.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to Anthony.

Stress Test for Emergency Vehicles

Anthony van der Craats asked a question in relation to stress tests for emergency vehicles and whether consideration could be given for emergency services, particularly with the new infrastructure in place i.e. bicycle paths.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to Anthony.

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, **West Melbourne Structure Plan update:**

Item of Correspondence:

- Samantha Stoney.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **North and West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP) – Program Update:**

Request to speak:

- Peter Gerrand, North & West Melbourne Association.

Items of Correspondence:

- Tasma Eddy
- Peter Gerrand, North & West Melbourne Association.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **Night Time Economy Advisory Committee:**

Request to speak:

- Tony Penna, South Bank Residents Association.

Items of Correspondence:

- Tasma Eddy
- Tony Penna, South Bank Residents Association.

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In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Notice of Motion: Cr Leppert: LGBTIQ+ programs:**

Request to speak:

- Nevena Spirovska, Victorian Pride Lobby (via Zoom).

Items of Correspondence:

- Nevena Spirovska, Victorian Pride Lobby.

6.1 Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for West Melbourne

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

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

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

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

City Planning Portfolio

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 West Melbourne Structure Plan update

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on implementation of the West Melbourne Structure Plan via Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C309 (now Amendment C385).

Cr Leppert declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Cr Leppert advised that a donor to the 2018 by-election campaign owns strata property on a title that the Amendment proposes to apply the Environmental Audit Overlay to. Cr Leppert left the meeting at 6.37pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that the Lord Mayor writes to the Minister for Planning to invite a determination on Amendment C385 as a priority.

Seconded: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

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

Cr Leppert returned to the meeting at 6.46pm.

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

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6.3 North and West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP) – Program Update

The purpose of this report was to provide the Future Melbourne Committee with an update on the North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP).

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Peter Gerrand, North and West Melbourne Association

Moved: Lord Mayor, Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Notes the program update, and the proposed approach on individual projects.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

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

Cr Louey left the meeting at 7.19pm.

6.4 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Voluntary Local Reviews

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the draft Voluntary Local Review (VLR) 2022 - Our review of performance against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for the City of Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Endorses the draft Voluntary Local Review 2022 for community consultation.*

1.2. *Authorises the General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft Voluntary Local Review 2022 prior to publication for stakeholder engagement.*

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

6.5 Night Time Economy Advisory Committee

The purpose of this report was to update Future Melbourne Committee on the preliminary vision and recommendations for Melbourne's night time economy developed by the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee (NTEAC).

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Endorses the Lord Mayor writing to the NTEAC Chair, thanking the committee for its contributions and encouraging it to further develop the ideas aligned with each of its five recommendations.*

1.2. *Requests management:*

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- 1.2.1. *Ensure the night time economy is a strong theme in future marketing campaigns promoting the city.*
- 1.2.2. *Work with businesses and other stakeholders to promote the concept of 'twilight,' particularly through extended opening hours and activations.*
- 1.2.3. *Develop a campaign to remind Victorians of the enormous range of music, theatre, arts, events and tourism opportunities in the city, and hence the strong case for redeeming their entertainment and accommodation vouchers in the City of Melbourne.*
- 1.2.4. *Make it easy for entrepreneurs to invest in the Night Time Economy by providing assistance through Invest Melbourne.*
- 1.2.5. *Identify ways to improve access to the Business Concierge service for businesses that trade outside of office hours.*
- 1.2.6. *Work with the Victorian government to pursue funding opportunities through the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund to develop initiatives to respond to the NTEAC recommendations.*
- 1.2.7. *Provide a report for Council consideration in May 2022 evaluating committee performance and proposing future steps for the NTEAC.*
- 1.2.8. *Note the alignment between the NTEAC recommendations and the City of Melbourne's Economic Development Strategy in relation to "a creative resurgence," and bring forward to the 2022-23 budget discussions further ideas for recovery projects that create employment in the creative sector, whether drawn from the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund or otherwise.*
- 1.3. *Notes that through the 'Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz' the City of Melbourne is doubling its street cleaning team to combat graffiti, improve public spaces and ensure the city is sparkling clean as visitors return to the city at night.*
- 1.4. *Notes that the NTEAC recommended 'Making Melbourne the city of Yes' by simplifying the regulatory environment, and that the City of Melbourne is currently moving to a digital permit application system that will reduce time consuming and detailed assessments for low risk activity.*
- 1.5. *Endorses the Lord Mayor writing to the Premier calling for a more explicit Victorian Government focus on the night time economy.*

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

7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Leppert: LGBTIQ+ programs

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Sean Mulcahy, Victorian Pride Lobby on behalf of Nevena Spirovska, Victorian Pride Lobby.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the current Council services and programs supporting LGBTIQ+ communities (refer attachment 1 of the notice of motion).*
 - 1.2. *Notes the Council's progress towards the Victorian Pride Lobby's Local Council Candidate Pledge, asked of candidates in the lead up to the 2020 election (refer attachment 2 of the notice of motion).*

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- 1.3. *Notes that the Local Government Equality Index, created by the Victorian Pride Lobby after the 2020 election, compares Councils based on how many of the five actions in the pre-election Local Council Candidate Pledge have been implemented while ignoring the output or impact of a Council's services and programs, and so cannot be said to measure or benchmark equality in any meaningful way.*
- 1.4. *Requests that management provide a briefing paper to councillors addressing the questions arising (refer attachment 2 of the notice of motion).*

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

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

Illegal Skate Park – State Library

Anthony van der Craats asked a question in relation to the illegal skate park at the State Library and wanted to know what Council could do to address the issue of public safety.

Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer, advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to Anthony.

Diversity

Deepa Gupta, Marg Foundation, asked a question in relation to the development plan for West Melbourne and what Council is intending to do for disability access for its footpaths and also the diversity of plants to acknowledge the different cultures within Australia.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to Deepa.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor thanked all staff involved in delivering a fantastic Moomba event for 2022.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 5 April 2022.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee