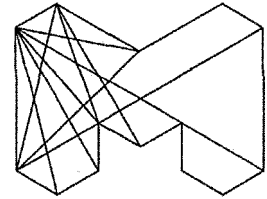


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 36
Tuesday 14 June 2022
6pm**

Meat Market Stables, North Melbourne

Present

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

Apologies

Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Philip Le Liu

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1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

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 the following day
- the agenda comprised of four reports from management and one item of general business
- Apologies had been received from Councillors Chang and Le Liu.

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 Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 36, held on Tuesday 7 June 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, 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

Reclink Community Cup

Chris Thrum submitted the following written question relating to potential sponsorship of the Reclink Community Cup:

The Reclink Community Cup is happening on Wurundjeri Country at Victoria Park next Sunday 19th June. The theme of the event is 'Let Love Rule' in honour of Gunditjmara / Bundjalong musician Archie Roach. Could the City of Melbourne consider the option of being a sponsor of this worthy event?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Louise Scott, Director Tourism and Events:

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the great work of organisations such as Reclink in supporting the people experiencing vulnerabilities.

The Reclink Community Cup is a much-loved annual charity football match that pits musicians against media industry staff. Since 1993 the Melbourne Reclink Community Cup has sought to raise awareness and funds for those most in need including individuals experiencing mental illness, family violence, homelessness, social isolation, gambling harm and unemployment.

City of Melbourne supports a wide range of initiatives throughout the year that seek to directly support these communities.

City of Melbourne would welcome the opportunity to have a discussion with the Reclink Community Cup organisers to consider this proposal, including alignment with Council's advertised funding programs.

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Accessibility to Community Facilities

Deepa Gupta asked a question relating to North Melbourne community services, Deepa spoke about the importance of community facilities offering a range of Health and Wellbeing related services such as hydro therapy and a pool with a specific focus on elderly and those with disabilities.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp explained that there would be discussion related to these points during Agenda Item 6.1, Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for North Melbourne. The Lord Mayor highlighted the importance of accessibility to community facilities. The Lord Mayor then advised that the conversation can continue with Deepa in the future if further information was required.

North Melbourne Community Centre Gym Closure

Svetlana Karovich asked a question about an imminent closure of the North Melbourne Community Centre Gym. Svetlana pointed out that there was no consultation on this closure. Svetlana also explained that the North Melbourne Estate has gone through a very difficult period over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and the gym and wider recreation facilities have offered a space for physical and mental wellbeing and community cohesion. Svetlana went on to say that recent gym equipment upgrades and increased opening hours have been appreciated by all who use the gym. Svetlana requested that Council defers any action until proper community consultation has been undertaken.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that Rushda Halith, Director Community Development would be providing a response.

Rushda Halith, Director Community Development provided the following response:

Background

The management contract for the Active Melbourne Recreation Facilities was recently awarded to YMCA Victoria along with partners Greenspace Management who will operate Royal Park Golf Course and the Huddle who deliver social inclusion programs for young people. The new contract commences on 1 July 2022 and incorporates operation of 9 facilities including the North Melbourne Community Centre. The new contract will deliver on both Council Plan and Active Melbourne Plan 2021-2025 outcomes with an increased focus on inclusion, access and employment opportunities for the community.

Why the change to NMCC gym facilities?

The new AMRF contract will provide greater support and increased focus on social inclusion, access and employment opportunities for the North Melbourne community and particularly residents of the housing estate. This will be partly delivered by converting the North Melbourne Community Centre (NMCC) gym space into a program/office space for the Huddle to deliver an increased range of targeted programs such as women's workout, Iskufilan, study squads, Game Changers employment program, and Huddle Holidays - excursions and activities. This partnership will deliver targeted programming with an increased focus on supporting the local community to be more active and includes a commitment to employ local young people from diverse backgrounds within City of Melbourne's recreation facilities.

Currently there are approximately only 100 gym users at the NMCC (including 20 who reside in the housing estate).

These gym users have commenced transitioning to access the gym at the North Melbourne Recreation Centre (NMRC) less than 1km away which provides a larger gym with newer equipment, increased group fitness programming and access to the North Melbourne pool.

CoM are committed to supporting current users of the NMCC gym in this change and as such are committed to retaining some gym equipment offering at NMCC while we undertake further community consultation. We are committed to finding a solution for everyone and will consult with all who have provided correspondence.

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Meat Market Arts and Crafts Centre

Geoff Leach asked a question relating to the Arts and Crafts centre that was formerly run out of the Meat Market in North Melbourne. Geoff expressed his hope that the Arts and Crafts centre could be revived.

The Chief Executive Officer Justin Hanney advised that Geoff's question would be taken on notice and an Officer would contact Geoff with a response.

North Melbourne Recreation Centre Contract

Winsome Roberts asked a question relating to the tendering process for the contract to operate the North Melbourne Recreation Centre. Winsome asked if the contract that has been awarded to the YMCA is a bottom line contract or if it has been benchmarked to make sure service levels are being maintained.

Justin Hanney, Chief Executive Officer advised that there were strong benchmark and service level agreements when creating the contract. The Chief Executive Officer mentioned that this agreement was not about bottom lines and was about a whole range of community outcomes that needed to be achieved. They were centred on employment and health requirements. The reason for selecting the YMCA was to partner with a community based organisation that has similar values and objectives to the City of Melbourne.

Winsome Roberts asked a follow up question relating to releasing the benchmarks and performance against the benchmarks.

The Chief Executive Officer Justin Hanney advised that Anthony Neal, Director of Recreation and Waterways will provide further information about the benchmarking and service levels data to Winsome. The Chief Executive Officer requested Winsome to provide her contact details to him at the end of the meeting.

Redevelopment on Molesworth Street

Winsome Roberts asked a question relating to the redevelopment occurring on Molesworth Street with the school construction done by the Victorian School Building Authority. Winsome asked if there is any landscaping process in train to deal with the escalation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic and also landscaping on the street level.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that Winsome's question will be taken on notice and an Officer would contact Winsome with a response.

North Melbourne Community Centre

Khalid Farah asked a question relating to the redevelopment plans for the North Melbourne Community Centre and the current issues faced by the residents who would like to use the space for youth programmes but find it is constantly booked out by people who are not residents of North Melbourne. Khalid asked what the City of Melbourne is doing to tackle this issue.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that Khalid's question will be taken on notice and Rushda Halith Director of Community Development would contact Khalid with a response.

Drummond St Youth Services Tenure

Khalid Farah asked a question relating to the Drummond St youth services tenure that is currently held by The Drumm which ends next year. Khalid asked what the City of Melbourne is going to do to ensure that the services are properly provided to the local residents for youth programmes and projects.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that Khalid's dissatisfaction has been noted and Council is committed to doing appropriate engagement with the community while assessing the current services provided. The findings will be built into the tendering and decision making process of the next contract. The Lord Mayor Sally Capp requested Khalid to provide his contact details for further response.

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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 6.1, **Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for North Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Shu'Aib Ali
- Awil Hussein
- Mahdi Sudi.

Items of correspondence:

- Shu'Aib Ali
- Awil Hussein
- Mahdi Sudi
- Jacquie Stepanoff.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C417, Macaulay:**

Requests to speak:

- Geoff Leach.

Item of Correspondence:

- Zachary Sweeney

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

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

Attachment 2 of the report from management stated that a new public toilet in Gardiner Reserve would be installed in early 2023. As a correction to this statement it is noted that installation is already underway and the facilities are expected to be open by the end of June 2022.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Shu'Aib Ali
- Awil Hussein
- Mahdi Sudi.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the North Melbourne 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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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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 Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C417, Macaulay

The purpose of this report was to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Macaulay Amendment C417 (the Amendment), which implements the Macaulay Structure Plan 2021 (the Structure Plan).

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Geoff Leach.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Requests authorisation from the Minister for Planning under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C417 (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management), subject to the following changes to the ordinance:*
 - 1.1.1. *in Schedule 8 to Clause 37.01 Purpose, replace the fourth and fifth paragraphs with the following text:*

To meet the different needs of the growing community by protecting and enhancing existing public open space, providing new public open space and multi-functional spaces for recreation, socialising, creative performances, rehearsal spaces and live music venues.

To encourage stormwater management and precinct-level flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure and identify and plan for land uses vulnerable to flooding.
 - 1.1.2. *in sub-Clause 2.0 of Schedule 8 to Clause 37.01, dot point 2 under 'Application Requirements' and also under 'Decision Guidelines,' add the text "noise," after "water,";*
 - 1.1.3. *on Plan 1 to Schedule 8 to Clause 37.01, reflect 'potential open space expansion' for the Buncle Street Reserve, and Canning Street and Macaulay Road Reserve, as per Map 12 of the Macaulay Structure Plan 2021;*
 - 1.1.4. *in the Design and Development Overlay Schedules 75, 76, 77 and 78 to Clause 43.02, amend the objectives to ensure inclusion of the words "To ensure new development responds with appropriate building heights and setbacks to protect winter sunlight access to parks and open spaces";*
 - 1.1.5. *in Table 2 of Schedule 76 to Clause 43.02 duplicate the Area B objective relating to Gardiner Reserve in Area D.*
- 1.2. *Requests the Minister for Planning apply the controls contained within Amendment C417 on an interim basis, under Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
- 1.3. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Planning requesting the introduction of state-wide controls that manage vulnerable land uses in flood prone areas.*
- 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to:*
 - 1.4.1. *Make changes to Amendment C417, consistent with the endorsed Macaulay Structure Plan 2021, to obtain authorisation, subject to councillors first being briefed of any changes so that the materiality of changes can be considered.*
 - 1.4.2. *Make any required policy neutral changes to the amendment documentation prior to exhibition, should other amendments that affect the same provisions*

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in the Melbourne Planning Scheme be gazetted prior to the public exhibition of this amendment.

- 1.4.3. *Make any further minor editorial and referencing changes to Planning Scheme Amendment C417 as required.*
- 1.5. *Endorses proposed Clause 11.03-6L Macaulay (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management) in principle, noting that this clause will be considered again as part of the Municipal Planning Strategy planning scheme amendment which will be considered by this Committee at a future meeting, and will be actively considered in the context of both amendments.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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

6.3 Neighbourhood Model – Planning Framework and Portals

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement of the Neighbourhood Planning Framework and note the launch of the CBD Hoddle Grid and Kensington Neighbourhood Portals.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the Neighbourhood Planning Framework*
 - 1.2. *Notes the launch of the CBD and Kensington Neighbourhood Portals on 15 June 2022*
 - 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to implement the Connected Neighbourhoods grant program under delegation (Attachment 4 of the report from management)*
 - 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Neighbourhood Planning Framework prior to publication.*

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, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Review 2022

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement from the Future Melbourne Committee of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Voluntary Local Review 2022 (City of Melbourne VLR) and provide an update on stakeholder feedback.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the feedback received from the community on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Review 2022*
 - 1.2. *Endorses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Review 2022*

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- 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary Local Review 2022 prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

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, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: North Melbourne Town Hall public open space

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Notes calls from the community for new public open space adjacent to the North Melbourne Town Hall on Queensberry Street.*
- 1.2. *Notes the purposes of the \$100m North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP), and that Queensberry Street traffic calming and open space opportunities is a project for future consideration, subject to a series of State/Council approval and funding decisions.*
- 1.3. *Notes calls from the community for the nomination of a place within the City of Melbourne, preferably a public and civic space in North Melbourne, to properly honour the legacy of Ruth and Maurie Crow.*
- 1.4. *Acknowledges the potential alignment of Council open space policy, TAP objectives and community sentiment and, without yet committing to any open space, traffic or place-naming projects, requests that management:*
 - 1.4.1. *Assess the benefits, opportunities and impacts of changes to the Queensberry Street traffic configuration and construction of a forecourt or park adjacent to the North Melbourne Town Hall, considering a variety of options within the study area being the Queensberry Street road corridor between Errol and Leveson Streets;*
 - 1.4.2. *Consider opportunities, and their merits, to bring forward a Queensberry Street-based TAP project that would potentially enable a project;*
 - 1.4.3. *Provide advice for the process for naming of a section of a new park, or other location within North Melbourne, for Ruth and Maurie Crow; and*
 - 1.4.4. *Present a report to this Committee by April 2023 which brings together the work mentioned above and makes any appropriate recommendations.*

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, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

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9. Public questions

Neighbourhood Planning Model

Winsome Roberts made comment on the neighbourhood planning model which she welcomes. She asked if she could have the contact details for the North Melbourne Neighbourhood Partner, Tallia.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that Tallia's contact details will be up on the North Melbourne neighbourhood portal when it is launched but Council could provide Tallia's details and understands Tallia is looking forward to further interacting with the community.

Incorporation of neighbourhood model into council business

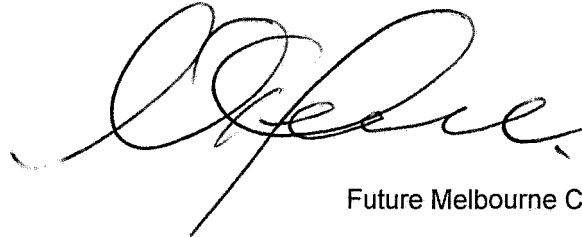
Winsome Roberts made a suggestion that Council create portfolios related to specific neighbourhoods.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp thanked Winsome for her suggestion and noted that Council is focused on the success of the neighbourhood model. The Lord Mayor mentioned that Council have portfolios based on interests and operations which keeps a focus spread across the whole municipality. It was also pointed out that North Melbourne has 11 champions for North Melbourne on Council.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 14 June 2022.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

