

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

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

Apology

Councillor Roshena Campbell

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 02 August 2022

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting is being streamed live and that an audio and video recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprises four reports from management
- an apology was received from Councillor Roshena Campbell

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved:

Cr Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 38, held on Tuesday 12 July 2022, be confirmed.

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, 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

Footpath maintenance

James Syme submitted the following written question relating to footpath maintenance:

What is Council's policy on footpath maintenance? A number of footpaths in South Yarra are in poor repair. How regularly are these inspected by Council and to what extent do you rely on services like Snap Send Solve? Defects can be the cause of serious injury and this risk is increased with inadequate street lighting in many areas.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Shirlene Yee Yet, Acting Director City Infrastructure:

Council undertakes footpath inspections every six months along major roads, and annually for other roads in South Yarra. We also have surveillance officers who undertake inspections on a proactive basis.

Our Road Asset Management Plan and Road Management Plan govern the intervention standards, frequency of inspections and our footpath renewal program based on modelling of footpath condition data.

Streetlighting assets are owned and managed by City Power. City Power is required to undertake maintenance of lighting assets and rely on the public to report faulty streetlights.

The City of Melbourne arranged the upgrade of all old technology (yellow/dim) streetlights in South Yarra to new LED white lights.

If there are any specific locations of concern needing footpath and lighting repairs and or upgrades, we are happy to inspect and consider improvements.

Redevelopment Application 253-257 Domain Road / Poolman House

Stephen Hains asked a question relating to the redevelopment of 253-257 Domain Road, commonly known as Poolman House:

Trennery Property Group Pty Ltd, the applicant for the redevelopment of 253-257 Domain Road / Poolman House, a proposal to develop a private club and entertainment complex, has filed for a review at VCAT. Compulsory conference date is 28/09/22. Major case hearing is 30/11/22

The MCC appears to have not formally determined the original proposal and the matter is being send directly to VCAT for determination. As the Planning Authority, can representatives of MCC:

- 1. Clarify the current status of TP-2022- 161 at Council and decision making process (councillor or planning officer delegation).
- 2. Indicate how the proposal (located within a general residential zone Heritage Overlay) complies with the broader planning scheme.
- 3. Clarify what representations have the applicants made to MCC (other than its formal 500 page application).
- 4. Clarify whether MCC intends to support or oppose the proposal.
- 5. Clarify whether MCC has considered specifically the significant traffic and public liability issues a project of this scale will have in such close proximity to Punt road.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Julian Edwards, Director Planning and Building:

Planning application TP-2022-161 was lodged with Council on 29 March 2022, public notification of the application resulted in 119 objections. The applicant has chosen to lodge an application for review to VCAT, as the application is beyond the 60 statutory timeframe.

A hearing date has been listed for seven days beginning on 30 November 2022.

The application is currently under consideration. In accordance with Council's delegation policy, should the application be refused the decision will be made by Officers, unless the application is called in to a FMC meeting. If the application were to be supported, Officers will make a recommendation to FMC for decision by Councillors.

It is intended that Council will issue a decision in the coming weeks and be circulated to VCAT and all parties.

Installation of sports equipment in Fawkner Park and shared yoga

Doreen Kenmart asked a question relating to sports equipment in Fawkner Park, and yoga at the South Yarra Senior Citizens Centre:

When can we look forward to the installation of the sports equipment in the park so we retirees can exercise in the fresh air and when will the chair yoga be introduced inside the South Yarra Senior Citizens Centre in Fawkner Park?

Lord Mayor Sally Capp invited David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening to provide a response to the installation of sports equipment:

There are no current plans for outdoor recreation equipment at Fawkner Park. The team at Council are currently consulting with the community in the East Melbourne area but we will note your suggestions. That would normally be something we would test for any masterplan so we can incorporate that as part of that process.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp mentioned that the question in relation to yoga activities at the South Yarra Senior Citizens Centre would be taken on notice. Lord Mayor Sally Capp requested that Doreen leave her details to allow for an officer to provide a response.

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 South Yarra:

Request to speak:

 Bea McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs, Convenor, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care, Heritage and Lighting Events.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-224 95 Millswyn Street, South Yarra:

Requests to speak:

- Hamish Balzan, Urban Edge Consultants
- Michael Butcher
- Tom Buchan, Song Bowden Planning
- Jack Lyons, Ratio.

Item/s of correspondence:

- Tom Buchan, Song Bowden Planning
- Jack Lyons, Ratio.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Municipal Planning Strategy (Major Initiative 20):

Item/s of correspondence:

- Katie Roberts
- Chris Thrum
- Gayle Gledhill, President, Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group
- David Hamilton, President, Southbank3006.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, Fawkner Park Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements:

Requests to speak:

- Jennifer McDonald.
- Bea McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs, Convenor, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care, Heritage and Lighting Events.

Item/s of correspondence:

- Jennifer McDonald
- Jill Quirk.

6.1 Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for South Yarra

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

The following person addressed the Committee:

 Bea McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs, Convenor, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care, Heritage and Lighting Events.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the South Yarra 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, Chang, 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 two reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-224 95 Millswyn Street, South Yarra

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Planning Permit Application TP-2021-224 for land located at 95 Millswyn Street, South Yarra.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020.* Lord Mayor Sally Capp received a donation on the 2020 election campaign. Lord Mayor Sally Capp left the meeting at 6.53pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Louey declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020.* Cr Louey received an election donation. Cr Louey left the meeting at 6.53pm prior to discussion taking place.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(h) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece received a campaign donation. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 6.54pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Leppert assumed the role of Chair as Deputy Lead of the Planning Portfolio.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Hamish Balzan, Urban Edge Consultants
- Michael Butcher
- Tom Buchan, Song Bowden Planning
- Jack Lyons, Ratio.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 - Delegate Report of the report from management).

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Seconded:

Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Leppert and Councillors Dr Ball, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Le Liu.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Cr Louey returned to the meeting at 7.27pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece resumed the Chair.

6.3 Municipal Planning Strategy (Major Initiative 20)

The purpose of this report was to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an Amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme to update the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).

Cr Le Liu and Cr Chang left at 7.27pm and returned at 7.29pm.

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 an amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme to incorporate the Melbourne Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and related provisions, subject to the changes set out in the tabled document.
 - 1.2. Directs that the tabled document be appended to the minutes of this meeting. (Appendix 1)

- 1.3. Endorses the Draft City Spatial Plan (CSP) at Attachment 3 of the report from management, recognising the intent to include the final City Spatial Plan as a background document that underpins the MPS.
- 1.4. Notes Clause 11.03-6L Macaulay and requests that it also forms part of the exhibited documentation of Amendment C417 Macaulay. (Attachment 2 of the report from management)
- 1.5. Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to:
 - 1.5.1. make any required policy neutral changes to the MPS and supporting documentation prior to exhibition, should other amendments that affect the same provisions in the Melbourne Planning Scheme be gazetted prior to the public exhibition of the MPS.
 - 1.5.2. make any further editorial and referencing changes to the MPS and CSP prior to submission of the request for authorisation.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

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

6.4 Fawkner Park Pasley Street North Entrance Improvements

The purpose of this report was to advise on the recent completion of works at the Pasley Street entrance and at the nearby playground in Fawkner Park, South Yarra.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Jennifer McDonald
- Bea McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs, Convenor, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care, Heritage and Lighting Events

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the successful completion of the works to improve the Pasley Street entrance and nearby playground in Fawkner Park, South Yarra.

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

7. General business

There were no items of general business for consideration.

Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

Green wedge along the north side of the Yarra River

Sue Grant asked a question relating to the green wedge along the north side of the Yarra River from the station.

I'm interested in the green wedge that's going along the north side of the Yarra from the station. Can you tell us what is happening with that?

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised:

The working title for the project is called Greenline, and covers the area from Birrarung Marr to the Bolte Bridge. The project is about rejuvenating the north bank of the Yarra River into a connected green open space so there is a continuous pedestrian path along the four kilometres that is currently a neglected part of our city and the Yarra. This project is a city shaping project. From a perspective of scale, similar to the development of South Bank in the 1990s, Federation Square in the early 2000s and this is another city shaping project that brings economic, social and health benefits to our community. At its spine will be Indigenous stories, history, culture and plantings. We are working with a significant number of stakeholders that have ownership or some sort of responsibility from Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, VicTrack, DELWP and many other agencies.

Early release of documentation for the Future Melbourne Committee

Bea McNicholas asked a question relating to documentations for Future Melbourne Committee meetings, particularly in relation to the Municipal Planning Strategy report on the agenda.

We have been asking for early release of documentation for Future Melbourne Committee meetings for a number of years since before COVID-19. Then it became critical during COVID-19. It's only happened once with one item.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised:

Council has committed that for big items there will be at least two weekends to consider reports. It was a timing issue in this instance and we have discussed ways in which Council could better manage that process. Given that the Municipal Planning Strategy is going before the Minister to receive consent for public exhibition, there will be significant opportunity for Council to receive feedback from the community during the extended exhibition period.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8,19pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 2 August 202:

Chair Future Melbourne Committee

2/8/22

Section	Attachment 2	Revision	Reason
02.01 Context	All text under "Key demographics" heading	Update data where possible to reflect the latest information, including from ABS Census 2021.	Revised for clarity
02.03-1 Settlement	Areas have been categorised based on the expected degree of change and the areas role accommodating growth within the municipality. All areas will need to accommodate some growth and change. Within in each local area there will be areas of higher and lower growth. Change must be managed to achieve high quality design outcomes, support design excellence, and celebrate the city's cultural and built heritage. The challenge is enabling the municipality to grow in a way that maintains and reinforces our liveability, character, resilience and prosperity, while facilitating housing diversity and affordability.	Areas have been categorised based on the expected degree of change and the area's role accommodating growth within the municipality. All areas will need to accommodate some growth and change and within each, there will be areas of higher and lower growth depending on the surrounding context. Change must be managed to achieve high quality design outcomes, support design excellence, and celebrate the city's cultural and built heritage. The challenge is enabling the municipality to grow in a way that maintains and reinforces our liveability, character, resilience and prosperity, while facilitating housing diversity and affordability.	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
02.03-4 Built Environment	Ensure new buildings do not create hazardous glare that impacts the amenity and safety of the public realm and for occupants of surrounding buildings.	Ensure new buildings do not create hazardous glare that impacts the amenity and safety of the public realm and for occupants of other surrounding buildings.	Improved policy direction
02.03-4 Heritage	Facilitate adaptation of heritage buildings where heritage uses have ceased.	Facilitate adaptation of heritage buildings where heritage uses have ceased.	Revised for clarity
02.03-5 Affordable housing	All areas of the municipality offer significant potential for delivering a diversity of affordable housing. The Existing Renewal Precincts of Fishermans Bend Lorimer, Arden and Macaulay, have the capacity to deliver a greater amount of affordable housing.	All areas of the municipality offer significant potential for delivering a diversity of affordable housing. The Existing Renewal Precincts of Fishermans Bend Lorimer, Arden and Macaulay, have the capacity to deliver a greater substantial amount of affordable housing.	Improved policy direction
02.03-5 Affordable housing	-	At end of list, add new dot point (not sub-point): Welcome significant investment by the Victorian Government for new public housing within the municipality, including and especially in Urban Renewal Precincts.	Improved policy direction

Section	Attachment 2	Revision	Reason
02.03-5 Student housing	Ensure that student accommodation includes substantial access to indoor and outdoor communal open spaces.	Ensure that student accommodation includes substantial access to substantial indoor and outdoor communal open spaces within the title.	Revised for clarity
02.03-8 Infrastructure (Public Open Space)	Investigate community access to school sporting facilities. Discourage the privatisation of public spaces unless it delivers an acceptable community benefit.	InvestigateSupport community access to school sporting facilities. Discourage the privatisation of public open spaces unless it delivers an acceptable community benefit.	Improved policy direction
11.03-6L E-Gate	-	Insert new direction under policy application: <u>Urban renewal to deliver this policy is subject to the delivery of a Structure Plan.</u>	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
11.03-6L E-Gate	-	Insert new direction under Economic Strategies. Enable the ongoing railway and logistics function of E-Gate.	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
11.03-6L E-Gate	-	Insert new direction under Built Environment and Heritage Strategies. Facilitate urban renewal, subject to the delivery of a Structure Plan.	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
11.03-6L E-Gate	No development should be permitted until after a Structure Planning process for E-Gate has concluded.	No-Prohibit any development except for development related to the ongoing railway and logistics function and site preparation works, including delivery of public open space and integrated water management, prior to delivery of a Structure Planshould be permitted until after a Structure Planning process for E-Gate has concluded.	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
11.03-6L Southbank	Encourage medium scale development in the Arts Precinct and the areas to the east of Moore Street and to the south of CityLink.	Encourage medium scale development in the Arts Precinct and in the areas to the east of Moore and Kavanagh Street and to the south of CityLink.	Improved policy direction Revised for clarity
74.02 Further strategic work	-	Add to list: Undertake a program of review of licensed premises provisions	Improved policy direction

Section	Attachment 2	Revision	Reason
Strategic fra	mework plan and local area plan up	odates	
		Amend the boundary of North Melbourne and City North to align with Harcourt Street	Improved policy direction
		Amend the boundary of City North and Parkville to align with Cemetery Road West	Improved policy direction
		Amend the boundary of Kensington and Flemington Racecourse and Melbourne Showgrounds to Epsom Road (incorporate Newmarket Reserve within Kensington)	Improved policy direction
		Amend the representation of open spaces to display consistently and adopt a single category to identify future open space	Revised for clarity
		Amend the local area plans to identify additional open spaces including Bedford Street / Courtney Street expansion, City Square and Market Square and the open space network identified in the Arden Structure Plan 2021, Macaulay Structure Plan 2021, West Melbourne Structure Plan 2018 and the Transport and Amenity Program.	Improved policy direction
		Amend the local area plans to show "Southbank Village" as a subprecinct of Southbank.	Improved policy direction
		Amend the representation of the Greenline project to be consistent with the Greenline Implementation Plan	Revised for clarity
		Amend the extent of the new local centre on Macaulay Road (Macaulay), Adderley Street and Spencer Street (West Melbourne) and insert an existing local centre for Abbotsford Street / Haines Street shopping strip (North Melbourne)	Improved policy direction
		Amend the local area plans to include progressed planning and key moves, including in Hoddle Grid, Arden, Macaulay, North Melbourne, Docklands and Fishermans Bend – Lorimer	Revised for clarity
		Amend views, vistas and boulevards to accord with the existing Municipal Strategic except where no longer relevant	Improved policy direction