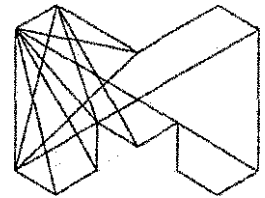


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 41
Tuesday 16 August 2022
6.00pm

Pullman Melbourne on the Park

Present

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

Apologies

Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Philip Le Liu

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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 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 Wednesday
- the agenda comprises of seven reports from management
- apologies were received from Councillors Doidge 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 Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 40, held on Tuesday, 2 August 2022, be confirmed.

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, Chang, 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.

Acknowledgments of the passing of Melbourne identities: Olivia Newton John, Archie Roach and Judith Durham

The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp read the following:

On behalf of councillors I acknowledge the passing of three musical maestros who each delighted tens of thousands of Melburnians during their illustrious musical careers.

I will start by acknowledging Olivia Newton John who I had the pleasure of supporting through my involvement with the Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute.

Her genuine devotion to finding a cure and improving quality of life for patients with breast cancer was beyond impressive and yielded countless positive outcomes.

I am in awe of her talents and the leadership qualities she dedicated to a greater good for our community.

And like so many Melburnians and people around the world, we love her songs and movies that motivated admiration and devotion around the world. Olivia you will be missed.

Archie Roach performed his last Melbourne show at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in a moment of freedom between lockdowns and it was heralded as a triumph of both music and storytelling.

As well as his incredible musical legacy which frequently reflected on his own experiences and upbringing, he has also provided inspiring support for other First Nations artists through his Foundation. He will be sorely missed by so many.

Judith Durham led the Seekers to become the first Australian pop music group to achieve major chart and sales success in the United Kingdom and the United States. The Seekers sold over 50 million records worldwide.

She was born not far from where we meet tonight, in Essendon and was also named Victorian of the Year in 2015 for her services to music and her charitable work.

Melbourne is the cultural capital of Australia and its artists like Olivia, Archie and Judith who draw thousands of people into our great city for electrifying performances. They told the story of who we are as Australians and we are grateful for their lifetime work and legacy.

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5. Public questions

Comfort Hotel and the City Edge Apartments - ongoing lack of support to neighbours

James Bartolo asked the following question:

I would like to bring up the ongoing lack of support and disrespect to the immediate neighbours to the Comfort Hotel and the City Edge Apartments situated at 90 Albert Street East Melbourne. The Comfort Hotel is the worst in this case as they house persons from Victoria Housing. The disrespect to the neighbours of East Melbourne, the graffiti, the rubbish but most of all the dealing and taking of drugs. This has been going on from the beginning of Covid and is still going on. These people need around the clock support and the management of the Comfort Hotel and City Edge cannot and will not support these type of people. They simply offer accommodation and collect the weekly fees. The council start an investigation but quickly close the case with no solution or attempt to resolve the issue at hand. Does it take a death before a solution is activated? This is a serious and urgent discussion which many in East Melbourne are not aware of. We are now desperate with elderly resident's not feeling safe in their own homes which they have owned and resided in for over 30 years. The management of these facilities' including Victoria Housing need to step up and take responsibility for their guests' inappropriate behaviours' and actions.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead read out the following response to the question as provided by Linda Weatherson, General Manager Community and City Services:

Thank you James for your question. You have raised a number of concerns that need to be responded to by Victoria Police, Homes Victoria and City of Melbourne.

Dean Robertson, Director City Safety and Amenity will make contact with you to ensure we clearly understand your concerns and we will then engage the appropriate area to respond.

Separate planning scheme for East Melbourne

Noelene Treloar submitted the following written question:

Would Council promote the creation and adoption of a separate planning scheme including Heritage Overlay for East Melbourne only to protect the destruction of its unique heritage (both internal, external and three dimensional and not just facadism), historical character and amenity?

Cr Leppert, Heritage Portfolio Lead read out the following response to the question as provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

Thank you for your question, Noelene. Council values the unique character and beautiful heritage setting of East Melbourne.

Currently, East Melbourne has a large proportion of heritage protected buildings – both on the Victorian Heritage Register and in the local Heritage Overlay. In considering any proposed development of listed buildings, our new heritage policies recently included in the Melbourne planning scheme, provide greater guidance about retention of heritage fabric and specifically address facadism.

In addition to the existing provisions, we recognise that heritage controls need to be revised over time and to that end we have committed to commence a heritage review of East Melbourne and Jolimont this financial year. Whilst there is no opportunity to create a new planning scheme for individual suburbs, we do take a neighbourhood approach and this heritage review project will address the specific character of East Melbourne and Jolimont and identify the key characteristics of the suburb which should be protected.

The project will include detailed technical assessments and community engagement to ensure all heritage attributes are captured in the review. We look forward to your input to the project over the next couple of years.

Cr Leppert also provided comment to state that the East Melbourne Group asked all Councillors in the lead up to the last election to commission the East Melbourne heritage review and the Council has agreed to that, which is why it is going ahead this financial year. Cr Leppert thanked the residents of East Melbourne for their proactiveness.

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Victorian Planning Framework

Greg Bisinella submitted the following written question:

The Legislative Council on the 2nd of August tabled in the Victorian Parliament the Environment and Planning Committees interim report into protections within the Victorian Planning Framework.

Inquiry into the protections within the Victorian Planning Framework

The report and its recommendations are supported by the East Melbourne Group and its members. Of particular interest is the sections 4. Fairness in Planning Decisions and Section 5 Heritage Protection. Our question is in two parts.

- 1. Did councillors or the CoM have any input into the report?*
- 2. Does the City of Melbourne and do Councillors support the implementation of the recommendations as outlined in the report and detailed below?*

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

Council did not make a submission to this enquiry and has not yet formed a view on the interim report conclusions and future direction. Management will review the interim report and would be happy to engage with the East Melbourne Group to discuss their views and any potential next steps.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece added comment to advise that he is happy to participate in a conversation about the Environment and Planning Committee's interim report and the particular matters raised by the East Melbourne Group.

City of Melbourne's ability or scope of influence on planning matters/decisions

Valerie Stroehle submitted the following written question:

Can you describe the City of Melbourne's ability or scope of influence on planning matters/decisions made by Vic Government? Using Treasury Square as an example, what powers do you have to influence?

- 1) Key planning decisions such as height, design controls and overall development of that site. We acknowledge that the CoM supported the motion to have design and development overlay schedule 1 be applied to the Treasury Square site but how has CoM pushed this through to Vic Gov since that decision was made in Nov 2021?*
- 2) Maintain the look and feel of East Melbourne heritage which is why people choose to live here*

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

The City of Melbourne has a long standing relationship with the Victorian Government where planning matters are referred to Council to input even if there is no statutory requirement for the referral. The City of Melbourne provides the Victorian Government with expert planning advice based on the Melbourne Planning Scheme and can include specific expertise in Urban Design, Heritage and Engineering. You are correct, the City of Melbourne did recommend to the Victorian Government that DDO1 should apply to Treasury Square. We have not been successful in this endeavour to date, however we understand that some elements of DDO1 will be reflected in the development and will continue to advocate for the planning controls to be updated to incorporate the applicable DDO1 controls.

East Melbourne benefits from a high level of built form and heritage controls that govern consideration of development applications. The essence of the controls is to maintain the local character of the neighbourhood but allow buildings and places to evolve to meet contemporary housing demands and some growth, in line with its status as an 'established' area in our future planning. In addition to the current provisions, Council has committed to commence a heritage review for East Melbourne which will ensure that there are appropriate heritage overlays for individual places as well as the precinct. This will incorporate an opportunity for the community to provide their views on protecting the look and feel of the neighbourhood from a heritage perspective.

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Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece added comment to note that City of Melbourne very much recognises the extraordinary and special character of East Melbourne, and we invest more resources in defending the planning controls in this area in comparison to any part of the municipality of City of Melbourne. Council recently released the Municipal Planning Strategy draft. The Deputy Lord Mayor encouraged residents to have a look at the draft as the document does designate East Melbourne as an established area deserving the strongest possible protection. He requested residents to review and provide their thoughts about what Council has said about the future of East Melbourne. Council is also undertaking an East Melbourne heritage review this financial year.

The Greenline Project

Joanne O'Callaghan asked the following question:

The Greenline Project – Melbourne's version of New York's High Line - is a visionary idea for our city and a brilliant way for us to better embrace the Yarra. I will contribute to the current consultation, as I did in 2021.

Overall I feel the Greenline is falling well short of its potential. The project currently presents like a landscaping and boardwalk project – incomparable to New York's High Line in both ambition and design.

A more ambitious and engaging Greenline would incorporate public art, a vital element in the success of New York's High Line, along with community programs / engagement. Greenline also provides an avenue to help redress the inadequate number of public statues of women in Melbourne – some 10 statues among 580 statues. The State Government recently put some funding toward this issue.

The Greenline could be significantly enhanced with a greater sense of destination at each end of the line – in particular to extend further East to connect with the MCG, Tennis Centre and the East Melbourne precinct.

I am interested to understand more details about -

a) the predicated \$1 billion of economic benefit (outside of the construction phase) and over what time period that is expected?

b) key drivers for a 2028 completion date (noting the bold NGV Contemporary Project will be completed in the same timeframe)?

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Mark Allan, Director Greenline:

Thank you for the question and your feedback during the first phase of public consultation on The Greenline Project in 2021.

The Greenline is an ambitious and transformational project for Melbourne that will reposition the Yarra River – Birrarung as the centre piece of Melbourne's culture, economy and liveability incorporating temporary and permanent public art and creative programming.

The proposed Greenline investment is expected to be approximately \$300 million, comprised of funds from Council along with contributions from other levels of government and the private sector to create a forecast \$1 billion of economic benefit to Melbourne creating new employment and attracting additional international and domestic visitors.

We are working with Government partners, landowners and stakeholders to deliver The Greenline Project with an indicative timeline through to 2028 subject to required approvals.

We strongly encourage you to participate in community consultation for 'The Greenline Project precinct planning, and Birrarung Marr Precinct Site' (2 August to 12 September 2022), further information is available on our website on our community engagement page Participate Melbourne under Greenline Project at <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/greenline-project>

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Parking in East Melbourne

Brian Tymms submitted the following written question:

Parking in some East Melbourne streets is under great pressure due to multiple factors (medical facilities, tradies, playground, child-minding, MCG sports, etc). Availability of parking for residents is regularly adversely impacted. Can we please have a greater focus on compliance with parking sign rules, including a greater allocation of parking inspectors and the use of technology?

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Kristal Maynard, Director Parking Services:

Like all inner-city areas, on-street parking in East Melbourne is indeed under strain due to a high volume of resident parking, visitors to the hospital and sporting precincts and works/tradespeople vehicles.

The parking compliance team is aware of this and makes East Melbourne a high focus of its compliance operations – parking officers patrol in East Melbourne seven days a week with a bespoke patrol strategy for the area, and we roster on additional officers to assist during AFL matches.

Officers use a mix of technology and on-foot patrols to detect parking offences and issue fines to illegal parkers, to encourage them to modify their future parking behaviour.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp added comment to note that the Director of Parking Services has recently met with the East Melbourne Group to discuss resident parking concerns and share data to help residents understand our enforcement approach, and advised that she will take that as a follow up item.

Installing public amenities in the grounds surrounding the MCG

Therese Donato submitted the following written question:

Is there the possibility of providing/installing public amenities in the grounds surrounding the MCG to prevent people attending major events from urinating in surrounding neighbouring streets once they leave the ground? This appears to be a very common problem post AFL/cricket games. I have previously spoken with the City of Yarra who advised me that this is a City of Melbourne issue.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening:

Thank you for your question. Yarra Park is managed by the Melbourne Cricket Club Trust and Council will forward your concern to them for attention.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp advised that she will follow up to see what other solutions could be put to Melbourne Cricket Club Trust for ways in which this issue can be better managed.

Wellington Parade Gantry Extension

Christopher Ley asked the following question:

My question relates to Wellington Parade which I find a cold hard area. You may or may not be aware of the development that's going on at 122-130 Wellington Parade where the Post Office is. That's not the area I'm talking about. I'm talking about over Wellington Parade itself. Presumably when the work goes on, there will be some form of gantry. I could be wrong. I was thinking why not extend that gantry over Wellington Parade right across even over the railway line so you had an extensive outdoor area you could trial as a terrace for people to use?

The view you would get would be extraordinary and it would act as a gateway when you drive through and all of a sudden you would see the Melbourne Vista there. It's just a thought and I don't know where this goes. I thought I would raise it at this meeting.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead took the question on notice. The Lord Mayor noted that it was creative thinking and thanked Christopher for his question.

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Acknowledgement - Lilian Frank AM MBE

Bea McNicholas asked the following question:

Can I ask Council to acknowledge the passing of Lilian Frank, who was an extraordinary Melburnian? She was flamboyant and interesting but she was multifaceted and was part of the heart and soul of Melbourne. Lilian was also the heart and soul of many other people, organisations and charities. Lilian used her influence, personality and contacts from hairdressing and social activities to raise funds for the Royal Children Hospital and Odyssey House. She received a MBE from the British Empire in 1977. In 1991, she received an AM for her community service work. Lilian was an inspiration to all and she worked tirelessly and with good humour on every matter. She was genuine, kind and I think we can all learn from her.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp thanked Bea McNicholas for the acknowledgment. The Lord Mayor also noted that Lilian did the Queen's hair when the Queen was in Melbourne, and provided her support for the comments made by Bea.

Magnolia Court Hotel case at VCAT

Ian Mitchell asked the following question:

Given the 100 plus objections to the proposed Magnolia Court Hotel in the middle of the residential area and the East Melbourne Group and neighbours presentation, how did you arrive at the decision to still approve the application which only benefits an international developer? Do you believe it serves the East Melbourne community to have us now fighting the decision at VCAT? I think it would be useful for us to know the council's strength of conviction and what we will be fighting at VCAT. In other words, we would like to know whether council is going to have QC's et cetera presenting the case which has occurred in the past.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Ian for his question, and noting the importance of the matter, advised that a meeting will be set up to share the appropriate information before the VCAT date in October.

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece advised that he is happy, along with any other Councillors who wish to, be part of the conversation ahead of the matter going to VCAT.

Lighting in Fitzroy Gardens

Tracey McDonald asked the following question:

My question is about the lighting in Fitzroy Gardens. It is a real safety concern. The park is not well lit and not a safe environment for people to walk at night, especially women and healthcare professionals walking from work to the carparks. Some of the parts are well lit, but the major thoroughfare is very poorly lit.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Tracey for her question and advised that she will walk through the park to see for herself. The Lord Mayor stated that Chief Executive Officer Justin Hanney has taken note of this matter and advised that Council will follow up.

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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 6.2, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-345 Tea House, 28 Clarendon Street, Southbank:**

Requests to speak:

- Kaare Krokene, Snøhetta
- Gumji Kang, Snøhetta
- Vaughan Connor, Contour.

Item of correspondence:

- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Carlton Heritage Review and Punt Road Oval – Planning Scheme Amendment C405:**

Items of correspondence:

- Katie Roberts
- Ewan Ogilvy.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, **Funding for Community Grocer:**

Item of correspondence:

- Dr Rebecca Lindberg, Director and Chair, the Community Grocer.

In relation to Agenda item 6.7, **Opportunity for International Engagement:**

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Notice of Motion: Cr Campbell: Injecting Room in the City of Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Bon Nguyen
- Chrissy Maynard.

Items of correspondence:

- Loreto Valent
- Bon Nguyen
- Alan Mitchell
- Gary Dans
- Lyn Dixon
- Geoffrey Guilfoyle and Shelagh Kavanagh
- Malcolm Bish
- Chrissy Maynard
- Duncan Johnston, Chairman, Collins Booksellers
- R Morden
- Bill Lang, Executive Director, Small Business Australia
- Judy Ryan OAM, Residents for Victoria Street Drug Solutions.

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

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

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the East 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, Chang, Griffiths, Hakim, 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-2021-345 28 Clarendon Street, Southbank

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Planning Permit Application TP-2021-345 for land at 28 Clarendon Street, Southbank.

Councillors Campbell and Hakim left the meeting at 6.59pm.

The following people/person addressed the Committee:

- Kaare Krokene, Snøhetta
- Gumji Kang, Snøhetta
- Vaughan Connor, Contour.

Cr Hakim returned at 7.01pm and Cr Campbell returned at 7.02pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to grant a Planning Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management).

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Carlton Heritage Review and Punt Road Oval – Planning Scheme Amendment C405

The purpose of this report was to consider the submissions received to the Carlton Heritage Review and Punt Road Oval Amendment C405 (the Amendment) and to recommend that the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) refer all submissions at Attachment 2 of the report from management to an independent panel in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Cr Dr Ball declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(h) of the Local Government Act 2020. Cr Dr Ball's 2020 election running mate and donor owns an apartment in a building proposed for heritage overlay. Cr Dr Ball left the meeting at 7.32pm prior to discussion taking place.

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's 2020 election running mate and donor owns an apartment in a building proposed for heritage overlay. Cr Leppert left the meeting at 7.32pm prior to discussion taking place.

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Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(d) of the Local Government Act 2020. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece works at the University of Melbourne, which is included in the proposed review area. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.32pm, prior to any discussion taking place. Lord Mayor Sally Capp assumed the Chair.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Considers the submissions received following the exhibition of Carlton Heritage Review and Punt Road Oval Amendment C405 (the Amendment) and notes management's responses on all submissions, as set out in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *Requests the Minister for Planning appoint a Panel to consider all submissions and refers all submissions to the appointed Panel in accordance with section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
 - 1.3. *Considers the submission from Katie Roberts made directly to this Committee and requests that the Panel, if and when appointed, also considers this submission.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that the form of the Amendment to be referred to the Panel will be generally in accordance with the Amendment as exhibited, except those parts of the Amendment which include proposed revisions, as set out in Attachment 3 of the report from management.*
 - 1.5. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Amendment.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Campbell, Chang, Griffiths, Hakim and Louey.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball and Cr Leppert returned to the meeting at 7.38pm

Lord Mayor Sally Capp retained the role of chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.4 Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022– 2025

The purpose of this report was for the Future Melbourne Committee to endorse for community engagement the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022– 2025 (DAMP).

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.40pm and returned at 7.45pm.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the draft 2022–2025 Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) for commencement of community engagement, subject to the activity on page 22 to "Investigate Council making an order requiring the mandatory desexing of cats" being timed for completion in 2024 rather than 2025.*
 - 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft DAMP.*

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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6.5 Proposed naming of VH08 as Yanonung Quay, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to propose to rename, VH08 in Victoria Harbour, to Yanonung Quay. The Docklands waterfront is a meeting point for locals and tourists when visiting the Docklands.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses naming the area VH08 in Victoria Harbour, Docklands, as shown on Attachment 2 in the report from management, as Yanonung Quay.

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.6 Funding for Community Grocer

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee's endorsement to provide up to \$45,000, in two tranches, to the Community Grocer (CG) to re-establish its weekly market in Carlton.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approve the provision of up to \$45,000 (in two tranches) to the Community Grocer, to re-establish a community market in Carlton to increase access to fresh fruit and vegetables to people who are currently experiencing food insecurity.*

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Opportunity for international engagement

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval for Lord Mayor Sally Capp to travel to Buenos Aires to represent the City of Melbourne at the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) World Mayors Summit 2022 (C40 Summit) between 19 and 22 October 2022.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the Lord Mayor's proposed travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina to participate in the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group World Mayors Summit 2022 between 19 and 21 October 2022 at an estimated cost to Council of \$900.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that the Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.*

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, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

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7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Campbell: Injecting Room in the City of Melbourne

Moved: Cr Campbell

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1 *Notes the economic devastation experienced by the City of Melbourne as a result of COVID-19 and the concern of many traders and residents that having an injecting room in the City of Melbourne will significantly hinder the recovery.*
- 1.2 *Requests that the Lord Mayor write to the Premier and Minister for Health within 5 days of this motion being passed to:*
 - 1.2.1 *Express the concern of many traders and residents in the City of Melbourne as to whether an injecting room will be opened in the CBD and if so, its location.*
 - 1.2.2 *Request the report of Mr Ken Lay AO APM on the site of a proposed CBD injecting room be urgently completed and released noting that Mr Lay advised it would be completed in mid-2021 but on 12 August 2022 the Premier stated it is now not expected until early 2023.*
 - 1.2.3 *Request that in the event the Ken Lay report cannot be urgently completed and released, release the current draft of the Ken Lay report.*
 - 1.2.4 *Seek clarification as to the level of compensation to be provided to ratepayers including business and property owners affected by the location of an injecting room in their proximity if the State Government proceeds to open it.*
- 1.3 *Requests management obtains an independent review of the impacts of the North Richmond injecting room on the local business community, residents, children, safety and amenity and publishes it publicly.*
- 1.4 *Requests management provide an urgent report following receipt of the Ken Lay report on the economic and amenity impacts of any proposed sites recommended by Mr Lay in the City of Melbourne.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

Foreshadowed motion

During debate on the matter, Councillor Dr Ball gave notice that she intended to move an alternate motion in the event the motion failed.

Substantive Motion

The motion was put and lost with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Councillors Campbell, Chang, and Louey and the following Councillors voting against the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Griffiths, Hakim, and Leppert.

Foreshadowed Motion

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Reaffirms the resolution of Council of 25 May 2021 which, inter alia:*
 - 1.1.1. *Endorsed Council's continued support for a medically supervised injecting service (MSIS) in the City of Melbourne, conditional on it being located within a comprehensive health service;*

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- 1.1.2. *Reiterated to the Victorian Government that Melbourne's economic recovery from COVID-19 is critical and that the location and timing of an MSIS will be significant;*
- 1.1.3. *Requested that the Lord Mayor write to the Health Minister seeking an ongoing and formal commitment from the Victorian Government in relation to amenity, consultation and a framework to resolve issues; and*
- 1.1.4. *Requested a copy of Ken Lay's report, once completed.*
- 1.2. *Notes the model proposed for the CBD, which is to be significantly different from the stand-alone facility trialled in North Richmond, will be integrated with multidisciplinary health and social services, such as GPs, allied health, mental health and sexual healthcare and treatment options for addiction.*
- 1.3. *Notes the announcement by the Premier on 12 August 2022 that former police commissioner Ken Lay will "continue his important work on a report, including targeted engagement with Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police, into the best location for a supervised injecting room in the CBD. Shifting patterns of drug harms in the CBD have prompted an extension of Mr Lay's work which is expected to be completed by early next year."*
- 1.4. *Requests that the Lord Mayor write to the new Health Minister to:*
 - 1.4.1. *Reiterate Council's position and requests per the resolution of Council of 25 May 2021;*
 - 1.4.2. *Seek commitment from the State Government to work with the City of Melbourne, alongside the other stakeholders mentioned by the Premier, in order to ensure that the location of the MSIS is ideal and to maintain the amenity of the area surrounding any new MSIS in the interests of residents, businesses and other visitors; and*
 - 1.4.3. *Relay the sentiments of traders and residents.*
- 1.5. *Requests management provide a report to Council following receipt of the Lay report on how best to respond, identifying any issues or interventions that should be considered by Council, Victoria Police and State Government in relation to the report's recommendations.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Griffiths, Hakim, and Leppert and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Campbell, Chang, and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

Medically Supervised Injecting Room

Hazel Westbury asked the following question:

Can I ask Council to note the Ken Lay report's apparent linearity and that emergency medical and police services have been consulted. I wonder if the authoritative bodies with a global reach like Odyssey House, which has a very interesting model operating very successfully in Bairnsdale which has a significant drug problem, have been consulted. The Florey Institute is another organisation worth investigating. I suggest that Council speak with the international experts we have in Melbourne and not be side-tracked by a narrow report that only looks at things on the ground, and to see the global models, of which there are many.

Confirmed minutes

Lord Mayor Sally Capp noted that the evaluation report looks at international models but Ken Lay in his new report is also looking broadly, and Council can write to Ken Lay to add suggestions to his work. Council is keen to see this report.

Medically Supervised Injecting Room

Susanna Louie asked the following question:

Can I ask Council to note that the evidence based research and safe injecting rooms are not enough currently? It is a catch and release program which means we don't actually stop, help people beyond saving their lives each day. It is not changing their lives. What it is doing is letting them go back and be addicted again. Vulnerable children and teenagers have seen drugs normalised in their lives. North Richmond is breeding the next generations of drug addicts because we are not doing enough with that safe injecting room.

I urge Council to think about the vulnerable people when we open the medically supervised injecting room in the City of Melbourne because we are not thinking about how it's affecting these other people. We have a very narrow focus of what success looks like and it's actually not good enough.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp thanked Susanna for her comment and advised that the comments tonight from both Councillors and members of the public really go to how complex this issue is. Lord Mayor Sally Capp recommended that members of the public look at the full report, also at the debate and motion from 25 May 2021 but also looking at the breadth of impact and ultimately to the broader contribution to a very sensitive issue.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday, 6 September 2022.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee