

CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 44 Tuesday 4 October 2022 5.30pm

Town Hall Commons

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair) 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

> Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 18 October 2022

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

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 Wednesday 5 October.
- the agenda comprises of five reports from management, with item 6.6 having been withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.
- apologies had been received from Councillors Chang and Le Liu

Cr Doidge left the meeting at 5.31pm.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 43, held on Tuesday 20 September 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, 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.

Cr Doidge returned at 5.33pm.

5. Public questions

Mismanagement of Fawkner Park

Stuart Garfitt submitted the following written question:

Are councillors aware of the recent mismanagement of Fawkner Park? The neglect of the park watering system which has led to Soccer and Cricket being seriously affected? The massive waste of rate payer's money on renovations which have provided little to no benefit to park users? The planning errors which have placed facilities in the wrong areas which have now led to knock-on consequences? The disgraceful and disrespectful treatment of the Mercantile Cricket Association which has lost the use of two grounds in Fawkner Park this season?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Stuart for the question and read out the following response as provided by Anthony Neal, Director Recreation and Waterways:

Fawkner Park is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register in recognition of its State Significance; its current and future management, and investment, is guided by the Fawkner Park Master Plan, and it is a much loved park by a diverse range of users. The southern sports area (Lawn 20) is not available for use this season as it is currently being reconstructed, a \$2 million project that will see the sports playing areas rebuilt with new irrigation, drainage and turf profile. This much needed upgrade will offer a significantly improved park area for community sport and all park use for a long time to come, unfortunately with temporary disruption an inevitable impact. Additionally a review of (Lawn 17) has taken place in accordance with both the Cricket Australia Community Cricket Guidelines and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) sporting risk resources; with this review identifying that the site is no longer suitable for adult community cricket competitions. Mercantile Cricket Association (MCA) who are impacted by these temporary works and change of use will continue to have schedule matches at 14 turf cricket grounds across the municipality for the upcoming season, including all turf cricket grounds in Fawkner Park, with their average weekly use across all venues 17 matches or around 120 hours.

Officers are currently working with Cricket Victoria to determine other suitable and safe cricket opportunities for (Lawn 17) including junior cricket and other forms of modified accessible cricket.

Environmental assessments identifying asbestos-containing materials

Sheila Byard advised the Committee that she is a long time Kensington resident, an area with its own action plan group. Sheila highlighted the Herald Sun article about asbestos causing delays to the Kensington Community Aquatic Centre revamp, and raised concern with comments that the asbestos poses no health risk and asked what monitoring Council will do to ensure efficacy of the removal. Sheila asked a public question that was submitted in writing:

I wish to query the City of Melbourne information about the Environmental assessments identifying some asbestos-containing material in soil samples on the site of the new Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre. What has been the advice consultants and contractor about the safety to residents nearby as removal occurs of the contaminated soil? Residents on Kensington Hill and the Kensington Banks area are already reporting unusually large volumes of dust articles on external surfaces of dwellings and parked cars.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Sheila for the question and read out the following response as provided by Jonathan Kambouris, Director City Projects:

Environmental assessments identified some asbestos-containing material in soil samples on the site of the New Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre. The material is bound within cement, which reduces the potential for airborne asbestos fibres to be released.

While the asbestos poses no health risk to the community, the site is being managed in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Act 2017, Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 and WorkSafe Victoria Compliance Codes. The contaminated soil around the proposed structure of the new centre will be removed by a licensed asbestos removalist, with air-monitors and dust suppression measures in place to ensure the safety of local residents. Once removed a separation layer will be installed between the existing soil and the new foundations.

The Lord Mayor advised that Council will take this on notice and continue to monitor the safe removal of the asbestos-containing material in the soil. Cr Dr Ball advised that community members of Kensington can reach out to Council if they would like an update or any further details on this matter.

Rubbish and discarded materials around Parkville and the CBD area

Paul Cavanagh asked the following question:

I'm a resident of Parkville. Since my return to Melbourne after two years overseas I noticed that Melbourne is much dirtier than it was before. There has been a lot of rubbish and shopping trolleys being discarded around Parkville and also in the City Centre. I'm wondering what is happening and what can be done about it.

The Lord Mayor thanked Paul for being a proud Melburnian and acknowledged that rubbish is unpleasant and common feedback Councillors receive. The Lord Mayor noted that the City of Melbourne is investing more than ever before to maintain the city's streets, and recently had a graffiti blitz to prevent tagging, which is still ongoing. Council has just increased the budget in order to be able to remove more waste from public trash cans during peak hours on weekends and in the vicinity of significant events. The Lord Mayor advised that the best thing at this point, given Council's record spending, is to let Council know if you see something. The City of Melbourne has a rapid response clean team available. Council has been discussing how to instill pride in people so that they are more conscientious about what they do with their waste. Council is asking people to be its eyes and ears so that we can respond to situations as quickly as possible, and the website is already set up for that. The Lord Mayor advised that Council has heard the request and understands the frustration and thanked Paul again for taking the time to address Council.

6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, Guidelines for holding events in open space:

Items of correspondence:

- Jill Quirk
- B. McNicholas, Director, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs; Convenor, Heritage, Planet Ark National Tree Day, Nature Care & Lighting expert events and projects; Campaign Manager for the Nomination of Melbourne Observatory for UNESCO World Heritage listing.

Confirmed minutes

6.1 Hardware Lane Design Update

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the proposed design for Hardware Lane (Design) prior to going to tender for works to commence this financial year.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses the proposed design for Stages 1 and 2 of Hardware Lane Streetscape Upgrade works (Attachment 2 of the report from management) for the purposes of the calling of tenders for the works.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

6.2 Zero Carbon Buildings for Melbourne – Discussion Paper

The purpose of this report was to inform the development of a Zero Carbon Building Plan for consideration by Council.

Moved: Cr Doidge

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. endorses the Zero Carbon Buildings Discussion Paper to be released for community consultation
 - 1.2. authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make minor editorial adjustments to the Zero Carbon Buildings Discussion Paper to prepare for publication and distribution.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

6.3 Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement to revoke the current Council endorsed guidelines for events in open space and replace them with a new set of operational guidelines which would be managed under delegation and in line with other existing Council policies.

Moved: Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. revokes the Sustainability Guidelines for Holding Events in Parks and Gardens (2007)
 - 1.2. approves the Guidelines for Holding Events in Open Space 2022, to be managed under existing delegations, subject to additional text being added at the end of the "Scope" section, to read:

These guidelines do not substitute any statutory Heritage or Planning permit or permit exemption process, any Place of Public Entertainment permit process, or any other statutory or policy requirements, that may be required to approve certain types of event and structures associated with an event.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2025

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

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the 2022–2025 Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP).
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the DAMP prior to submitting it to the responsible Secretary in accordance with section 68A(3) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

6.4 Funding Support Requests October 2022

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to fund requests for support from the discretionary fund.

Cr Leppert left the meeting at 6.12pm and did not return.

Moved: Cr Hakim

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. approves the purchase of one table for the Law Enforcement Torch Run Gala Ball on 2 December 2022 to the value of \$1500
 - 1.2. approves the purchase of a six seats at the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fundraising Dinner on Wednesday 19 October 2022 to the value \$870.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

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

6.5 Opportunity for International engagement

This item was withdrawn

7. General business

There were no items of general business.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business.

9. Public questions

There were no public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.14pm.

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Chair Future Melbourne Committee

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