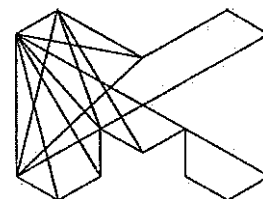


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 45
Tuesday 18 October 2022
6.15pm**

Kensington Town Hall, Kensington

Present

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

Apology

Councillor Jason Chang

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1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm.

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 19 October.
- the agenda comprised six reports from management
- an apology had been received from Councillor Chang

Acknowledgement of the impact of the Victorian Floods

Before commencing formal proceedings the Lord Mayor acknowledged the incredibly challenging time for those affected by floods throughout Victoria and read the following:

I visited Kensington over the weekend and saw the damage to homes, businesses and vehicles. These floods have affected many of our residents and businesses and have written to the Victorian Government asking for City of Melbourne residents and businesses to be eligible for disaster relief payments.

The City of Melbourne are working around the clock to support affected residents and businesses, and thanked the Council team members for doing their best to help clean up and assist after this natural disaster. Council are also helping our neighbours in Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley with their clean-up efforts.

The City of Melbourne acknowledges that many in Maribyrnong, Shepparton and across Victoria have lost entire homes and livelihoods and our thoughts are with them.

The Lord Mayor advised management had prepared a presentation on the City of Melbourne's flood response, and sought Council's resolution to temporarily suspend the Governance Rules to receive the presentation.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Governance Rules be suspended.

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.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 6.21pm.

Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change provided an update to the community on the City of Melbourne's flood response.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Governance Rules be resumed.

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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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Acknowledgement of Service - Cr Rohan Leppert

The Lord Mayor advised that Cr Leppert, a long-time resident of the Kensington community, was recognised by the Municipal Association of Victoria for his 10 years of service as a Councillor of the City of Melbourne.

The Lord Mayor noted that she had the pleasure of serving alongside Cr Leppert since 2018 and experienced firsthand his incredible dedication to the community, and advised that since his election to Council in 2012, Cr Leppert has made a lasting contribution to Melbourne's built form, environment and arts sector.

The Lord Mayor congratulated and thanked Cr Leppert, noting that the Melbourne community, fellow Councillors and City of Melbourne officers are grateful for his continued service and dedication.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

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

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 44, held on Tuesday 4 October 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, 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

Flood recovery support

Richard Noble asked the following question:

My business partner Ryan and myself have a business on the corner of Kensington and Dynon Road in West Melbourne. We are not currently in the classified "affected zone" or "disaster zone". Our business was entirely flooded through. We have a computer business manufacturing computers and electronics. We had 68 staff there when the flood came through. We were managing to keep the flood at bay for quite a while. The roads were blocked on Dynon Road, but a cement truck came through and exploded out all the windows into our building and let the flood water in. We estimate it has cost probably \$1.5 million of stock that has been water logged being computer parts, power supplies, graphic cards, etc. None of them can be recovered. We spent all night Friday awake at the shop because the windows were all exploded in and people were coming and going through the area. All through the weekend we've had endless support from friends and family coming to help us out with the cleaning that's still well and truly on going.

My questions are:

- 1. Can we make sure the City of Melbourne gets included in the disaster area?*
- 2. What sort of help can we get from the City of Melbourne to make sure that we can stay afloat, continue to employ the staff we've currently got and we had plans for hiring another 20 staff over the next couple of months?*
- 3. What can Council do to help us do that and put pressure on the Victorian Government to also provide some relief for us?*

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The Lord Mayor thanked Richard for his question and referred to Alison Leighton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer who provided the following response:

Thank you for your question and I'm sorry that has happened to you, I can only imagine what you and your business partner are going through. We are on the front foot with advocacy and the Lord Mayor is leading the conversation with the State Government. We know that businesses in the City of Melbourne have been impacted and we believe that they should have access to the support that the State Government is providing.

In terms of how we can support you in your specific circumstances, we will get in touch with you directly to talk through the specific challenges that you have. I have seen a photo of the inside of your warehouse with the boxes of computer gear, so that messaging is already coming through to us and we are having conversations internally about how best we can support you - whether that's with respect to disposing of electronic equipment that is no longer able to be used or whether that is supporting you to be able to clean up your property. We'll be in touch and we will work out exactly what we can do to further support you. Good luck.

Community group use of the Council bus

Rebecca Smith submitted the following written question:

The Council bus has been unavailable for use by community groups since March 2020. Transport costs for Kensington Neighbourhood House programs have increased by 40% this year due to the need to hire maxi taxis for group outings. Options for excursions have been limited as we need to stay close to home to minimise expenses. A cost-effective transport option is needed for participants who are predominantly senior, socially isolated and on low incomes. Will the Council bus be made available for hire again? If not, is there an alternative plan in place and when will that plan be activated?

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

The community bus service was impacted from early 2020 with the onset of COVID and operated intermittently for a period before being suspended completely. A review of the direct provision of community buses was conducted which highlighted a number of unacceptable safety risks and limitations which were exacerbated due to COVID.

Alternative ways to support community transport have been examined. The City of Melbourne has secured an excellent discounted rental rate with SIXT which will be available for all City of Melbourne community groups. Eligible groups seeking help with transport will be able to hire a bus (or any other vehicle) directly with SIXT.

The discount is available now, we will be communicating the new system to groups in the coming weeks. Under this new program a greater number of community organisations will now be able to access the transportation service.

Cr Dr Ball added that if Rebecca has any further questions, to get in touch with Council.

Graffiti on Macaulay Road Businesses

Paul Sortino submitted the following written question:

Why has the graffiti on the first floor fascia of many of the businesses on Macaulay Road still not been removed? I'm a business owner and resident of Macaulay Road and the graffiti is a real eyesore and very off-putting for customers.

Cr Leppert Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Paul Sortino for the question and invited Jorja Pindor, Director Waste and Recycling to provide a response:

This site has been particularly difficult to access due to traffic and for a number of other different reasons. We have found a solution though and Council will have a crew onsite this Wednesday. It may take a few days because of the location of the graffiti along the strip of shops, but it will be rectified this week.

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Proposed exemption for off street parking on 496 – 498 Macaulay Road, Kensington

Bradley Phillips submitted the following written question:

It is understood that a Planning Application is current for 496 – 498 Macaulay Rd Kensington with a proposal for exemption for off street parking. There is currently insufficient parking available for existing commercial and residential use within the district. What is the Council's opinion on this proposal and will the application be publicly advertised?

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Bradley Phillips for the question and read out the following response as provided by Julian Edwards, Director Planning and Building:

Council had received an application for the redevelopment of the land at 496-498 Macaulay Road that proposed the construction of a 5 storey building comprising a shop, 2 car parking spaces and 16 apartments. This application recently lapsed and will not progress.

More generally, reductions in parking requirements are considered as part of the planning assessment with expert advice from Council's traffic engineers. In deciding whether a reduction is appropriate, consideration will be given to things like availability of public parking within an area, access to public transport and walkability to other services. New developments that increase density are not eligible for parking permits and have to comply with existing on-street parking restrictions.

Should a new application be lodged for this site, it will likely be publicly advertised.

Kensington Reconciliation Group

Karen Bonson submitted the following written question:

We are the newly formed Kensington Reconciliation Group and are keen to know how the council might support such grassroots organisations as ourselves?

We would like to know if the council has plans to consult with First Nations peoples, in particular, The Wurundjeri Tribe, in relation to naming, art work and signage for the new Kensington Recreation Centre, and in looking at making buildings, such as the Town Hall, culturally safe?

The Lord Mayor, Aboriginal Melbourne Portfolio Lead, thanked Karen for the question and read out the following response as provided by Jason Eades, Director Aboriginal Melbourne:

The City of Melbourne was the first Council to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan. Our latest Reconciliation Action Plan outlines Council's commitments including working with Traditional Owners of the municipality. The City of Melbourne has worked closely with Traditional Owners on many major projects to ensure that cultural values are protected and where appropriate to incorporate Aboriginal language and art. This includes adopting culturally safe principles and practices.

We are committed to raising awareness of Aboriginal cultures and history across the municipality and earlier this year we were proud to launch an interactive map that we developed in partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong. Council offers small Aboriginal Community Grants, the criteria for which includes activities that raise awareness of Aboriginal culture and heritage within the municipality. The Grants are currently closed but will reopen in 2023.

The Lord Mayor advised that the Council Reconciliation Action Plan is on the website and there will be lots of ways in which the Kensington Reconciliation Group can interact with Council.

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Off-street electric car charging stations

Simon Harvey asked the following question:

Given that this will become a city wide issue, has the Council contemplated any action or regulation to anticipate and facilitate the future needs of residents who have not got off-street parking or back access, but wish to purchase and charge their electric cars at home?

Cr Leppert Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Simon for the question and provided the following response, prepared with assistance from Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy Planning and Climate Change:

This year through our annual plan we have undertaken to complete a discussion paper and public consultation on what we're calling 'an approach to support electric vehicles'. Many Councils are also doing this, although the built form psychology in the City of Melbourne is quite different to most suburban Councils, and 82% of residents are living in apartment buildings. In many ways Kensington is a little bit of an anomaly. We have not been at the front of the curve like some Councils have in terms of on street charging stations and how the legal system should work in permitting that. We have been doing a lot of other things though.

The approach to concentrating electric vehicle stations in apartment buildings is now happening through planning permissions. We have the largest concentration of electric vehicle charging stations here in the City of Melbourne. They are predominantly located in places like commercial carparks and shopping centres. As we build new public infrastructures like the Queen Victoria Market carpark, we are putting 12 – 24 hour charging stations in there. The website also has more information on how through the private system you can locate public charging stations in the municipality. We are looking at community consultations on the discussion paper being released in the first half of 2023. We'll make sure that you and the Kensington Association are part of the conversation because Kensington has the highest proportion of single dwelling and semi attached apartment housing in the municipality. It is really important to get the policy settings right.

Kensington Community Recreation Centre

David Ettershank asked the following question:

In relation to the community recreation centre and in particular the nature and extent of the delays, why wasn't the toxicity on the site known, given it's been a problem as long as the City of Melbourne has managed it? When are we likely to see it open?

The Lord Mayor thanked David for his question and referred to Roger Teale, General Manager Property Infrastructure and Design who provided the following response:

We have experienced some unfortunate delays. We've provided a couple of updates to the community - the latest in September. Unfortunately at the time of taking asbestos test samples, we couldn't do it whilst the pool was being used as we couldn't test underneath the pool shell itself. Once the demolition started, we found some samples of Category C, which is the lowest asbestos contamination that provides the lowest risk to the community, and we've had to deal with that. We have been talking to the contractor over the last few months. The asbestos contamination has caused the delays which we have previously updated the community on over approximately the last four to six months.

We have proposed to undertake the removal of soil starting in November and we'll keep the community updated accordingly. I will have to take on notice on when this will finish but it is approximately a 14month construction. We'll provide an update once we finalise negotiations with the contractor. We want to assure that the risk contamination poses no risk to the community. The asbestos will be removed according to EPA requirements. This will include daily air monitoring once we start the removal and we will engage with the community prior to removal. Importantly it will be removed by trucks and it will be a limited number each day. The trucks will be checked and tested throughout the removal process each day.

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6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor 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 Kensington:**

Requests to speak:

- John Widmer
- Simon Harvey
- Sheila Byard.

Items of correspondence:

- John Widmer
- Bradley Phillips
- Year 4 students, Kensington Primary School.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2021-19 402-432 and 434-444 Macaulay Road, Kensington:**

Requests to speak:

- Kris Daff, Managing Director, Assemble
- Paul Little, Director, Planning & Property Partners Pty Ltd.

Items of correspondence:

- Kris Daff, Managing Director, Assemble
- Paul Little, Director, Planning & Property Partners Pty Ltd
- Bradley Phillips
- Year 4 students, Kensington Primary School.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-2 194-206 Lorimer Street, Docklands:**

Request to speak:

- Luke Chamberlain, Executive Director, Tract Town Planning.

In relation to Agenda item 6.6, **Post travel report – World Cities Summit 2022:**

Item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

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6.1 Neighbourhood Key Issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Kensington

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

Cr Campbell left the meeting due technical issues at 7.01pm and returned at 7.06pm

The following people addressed the Committee:

- John Widmer
- Simon Harvey
- Sheila Byard
- Rebecca Smith (request received at meeting)

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.39pm and returned at 7.41pm

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

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

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, 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 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2021-19 402-432 and 434-444 Macaulay Road, Kensington

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Application referral (PA2101309) for land located at 402-432 & 434-444 Macaulay Road, Kensington.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp declared a material conflict of interest in this matter as she received a donation in the 2018 election campaign. The Lord Mayor left the meeting at 7.57pm prior to discussion taking place.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Kris Daff, Managing Director, Assemble
- Paul Little, Director, Planning & Property Partners Pty Ltd.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the application subject to the conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp returned at 8.33pm

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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-2 194-206 Lorimer Street, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Referral (P2101476) for land located at 194-206 Lorimer Street, Docklands.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Luke Chamberlain, Executive Director, Tract Town Planning.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the application, subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Lord Mayor assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.4 Expression of Interest to Lease - The Pavilion, Fitzroy Gardens

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval to end a current expression of interest (EOI) for community operators (current EOI) to operate and lease the Pavilion in Fitzroy Gardens (Pavilion) and to approve a new commercial EOI for hospitality operators to operate and lease the Pavilion in November 2022.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves the end of the current expression of interest (EOI) for community operators (current EOI) to operate and lease the Pavilion in Fitzroy Gardens and approves the commencement of a new commercial EOI for hospitality operators to operate and lease the Pavilion in November 2022.*
- 1.2. *Requests officers:*
 - 1.2.1. *Notify in writing every person who has lodged a submission to the current EOI, of the Committee's decision and the reasons for its decision.*
 - 1.2.2. *Update Participate Melbourne of the Committee's decision in relation to the current EOI and the reasons for its decision.*
 - 1.2.3. *Continue to activate the Pavilion under the Creative Spaces Programme until a commercial lease is successfully awarded.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.5 Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz outcomes and next steps

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the Melbourne Graffiti Blitz program outcomes. This includes the amount of graffiti removed and the types of assets and property cleaned, as well as next steps to ensure we keep the city as clean as possible.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the success of the Clean Melbourne Graffiti Blitz in improving the overall amenity of the municipality.*
 - 1.2. *Requests management implement the enhanced Graffiti Prevention and Management Plan (Attachment 2 of the report from management), including:*
 - 1.2.1. *Faster graffiti removal – ensuring all neighbourhoods move to a proactive graffiti removal service, which compliments the graffiti reporting of our community.*
 - 1.2.2. *Hot-spot management – to improve the amenity of areas at highest risk of graffiti.*
 - 1.2.3. *Stakeholder partnerships to keep the city clean – working with private and Victorian Government asset/property owners to improve graffiti management.*
 - 1.2.4. *Continue to make public reporting of graffiti easier – assess and investigate options to further improve how members of the public can report graffiti, track their request and the outcome.*
 - 1.2.5. *Youth engagement – to deliver programs to our local schools relating to the impacts of graffiti on the community.*
 - 1.2.6. *Helping our neighbouring Councils manage graffiti – work with our M9 surrounding councils to improve the amenity of our bordering areas.*
 - 1.2.7. *Improved support from enforcement – work with Victorian Police and the M9 Council's to identify offenders.*

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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.6 Post travel report - World Cities Summit 2022

The purpose of this report was to provide to the Future Melbourne Committee a report on the travel undertaken by the Lord Mayor to the World Cities Summit (WCS 2022) in Singapore for the period 31 July to 4 August.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *notes the report summarising the key observations, lessons and benefits derived from the Lord Mayor's attendance at the World Cities Summit and ancillary meetings*
 - 1.2. *notes that the cost to City of Melbourne associated with the Lord Mayor's participation was \$6504.12 and approves coverage of the variance amount of \$754.12*
 - 1.3. *recognises the importance of participation in international fora and bilateral meetings to promote Melbourne and share best practice.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There was one item of general business for consideration.

7.1 Petition - Artefacts in the Kensington Town Hall

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the Committee receives the petition from Dr Kate Kennedy and residents of Kensington regarding artefacts in the Kensington Town Hall Conference Room.

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 8 November 2022.

 Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

