



CITY OF VINCENT

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, 20 June 2016 at 6.00pm

**Venue: Committee Room
City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Emma Cole (Chair)
Cr Susan Gontaszewski
Cr Matt Buckels

City of Vincent Officers

Michael Quirk – Director Community Engagement (DCE)
Rebecca Slavin – A/Manager Community Development (A/MCD)
Brad Robbins – Community Development Officer (CDO)

Community Representatives

Joel Birch
Alex Castle
Lee Cooper
John Thomson
Dee Rowse

1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening

Cr Emma Cole opened the meeting at 6.00 pm.

2. Apologies

Amina Currimbhoy

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That the Minutes of the Children and Young People Advisory Group meeting held on 23 May 2016 were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business

4.1 Programs/Events

4.1.1 Council 2016/2017 Budget Update

- Cr Cole provided the CYPAG with an update on the 2016/17 budget process. This included key capital and operating projects that may positively impact children and young people, as well as projects received through the new Community Budget Submission process.

- Cr Cole presented the Playingout.net video which aligns with the 'Rae Street Play Street Initiative' received through Council's 2016/17 Community Budget Submissions. The CYPAG acknowledged the merits of this initiative and provided general support for the community submission.

ACTION: Rae Street Play Street initiative supported in-principle by the CYPAG with Cr Cole to progress positive consideration within Council's 2016/17 budget deliberations.

4.1.2 STRIVE Leadership Summit 2016

- Brad advised the CYPAG of the STRIVE Leadership Summit, presented by the Pony Club Association of WA, which includes a full day of self-development workshops for young people. Guest speakers from their respective fields facilitate the interactive workshops.
- The CYPAG supported local young people being supported by the City to attend, and advised that it would be preferable for one male and one female to be identified through local schools. The young people selected must reside within the City of Vincent.

ACTION: City Administration to make contact with stakeholders such as local schools to recruit suitable candidates given the very limited timeframes.

4.1.3 Discussion – Children & Young People Focussed Events

Due to the number of young people between ages 12-24 within Vincent the CYPAG discussed broad initiatives that may attract and engage their participation in community activities and spaces, such as:

- Establish a Youth Advisory Committee.
- Investigate ways for young people to access the City's halls and buildings that are currently under-utilised. This includes exploring the potential for a 'drop-in' type space that is more accessible for young people.
- Establish a creative space for young people such as setting up temporary 'Cube'.
- Facilitate workshops for young people on key topics and issues that are important to them.
- Make community halls more affordable for community groups and organisations to enable community driven projects for children and young people to be provided.
- Host 'low cost' events for young people and attract youth targeted events such as the 'Awesome Festival' and 'Fringe Festival'.

4.2 **Advocacy/Communication**

4.2.1 School Representatives Community Forum – Delayed High School

- Cr Cole advised that following the last CYPAG Meeting she had been progressing the proposed School Community Forum to be hosted in early August 2016.
- Given that there is great concern amongst local school communities a number of local school representatives had already expressed their intention to attend such a Community Forum.

- Invitations have been extended to the Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Education and Department of Education representative to enable a date to be confirmed.

ACTION: Schools Planning Forum is tentatively booked for 6.30pm Thursday 18th August. CYPAG Members will be invited to attend. Invitations to be sent to local school representatives, Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Education, Councillors and CYPAG members.

4.3 Facilities/Parks

4.3.1 Parks and Playgrounds Map Update

- There is not currently a consolidated map of the City's parks and playgrounds although this is being progressed by Administration, and will then be made available to the CYPAG.
- Rebecca noted that the first phase of the Community Development Strategy involves 'asset mapping' of local community groups and services, and this may provide the basis for community facilities and playgrounds to then be added.
- The CYPAG discussed the merits of such a resource being available online via the City's website.

4.4 Partnerships

Nil.

4.5 Strategic Community Plan and Community Development Strategy

4.5.1 Plan and Strategy Update

- Mick confirmed that the City's new Strategic Community Plan will be progressed upon adoption of the 2016/17 budget, and a consultant is likely to be appointed to deliver the Strategy under the close direction of Council and the City's Executive. Community engagement strategies will form an important part of the project, and the CYPAG can be involved in the consultation process to ensure engagement of children and young people.
- Rebecca advised that the City continues to progress the City's Community Development Strategy (Phase 1), and is currently working with a community development consultant to ensure effective engagement with the local community.

4.5.2 Children & Young People Engagement Tools – John Thomson

- John presented images of a project he was previously involved with that provided an example of unique ways to engage young people (and the broader community) through mapping asset, resources, groups and services throughout Vincent.
- The project involved the development of a large, stylised map created through consultation with local groups in the area to identify key features and landmarks. It was then used as the basis to add images, stories, drawings, etc. and helped to map community groups and activities that weren't connected with agencies services.
- Such an engagement tool could be used to connect children and young people to services and facilities, and could also be used to engage age groups beyond the scope of the CYPAG.

4.5.3 Children & Young People Engagement Strategies – Brad Robbins

- Brad advised that the City is seeking to engage with specialist consultants such as Convic or Skate Sculpture to collaborate with key stakeholders such as YMCA Leederville HQ, local Primary and Secondary Schools, and Foyer Oxford to facilitate age appropriate events. This will enable the gathering of data from local children and young people regarding the renovation or restoration of the Leederville Skate Park.
- An arts project, aimed to be delivered at YMCA Leederville HQ is currently being developed to directly engage young people.

5. Close / Next Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:30, requesting the next meeting due to be held in September 2016.

Signed _____
Cr Emma Cole (Chair)

Date this _____ day of _____ 2016