



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

2 October 2017 AT 6:00PM

Venue: City of Vincent – Function Room

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors:
Cr Loden (*Chair*)

Community Representatives:
Kimberley Dupuy and Sally Madden

City of Vincent Officers:
Acting Director Technical Services (a/DTS), acting Director Development Services (a/DDS),
Project Officer Parks and Environment (POPAE) and Sustainability Officer (SO)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.08pm.

2. Apologies

Cr Gontaszewski, Community Representatives Chiara Pacifici, Chris Cutress, David White, Halinka Lamparski, Isaac Lorca, Lisa Edwards and Stephen Danti.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from meeting on 7 August 2017 were confirmed by all members in attendance.

4. Greening Plan Review (continued from previous meeting)

At the EAG meeting held on 7 August 2017, group members provided initial input into the City's Greening Plan review. Further comments and references were provided to Administration via email following that meeting. This material was presented back to the EAG in a summarised form, accompanied by Administration comments and recommendations.

Recommendations:

The EAG Members present agreed with Administration's recommendations for the inclusion of items in the Greening Plan as presented to the Group.

As the Group did not achieve a quorum, those present agreed to circulate the material to the wider group via email to seek any additional comments.

5. Review of EAG projects – Quick Wins and Strategic Work

Following its inception in May 2017 the EAG identified a number of projects that could provide quick sustainability wins for the City's community at minimal cost. Four of these "quick-wins" were shortlisted for implementation. The EAG also embarked on longer-term strategic work, assisting to review and update the City's Sustainable Environment Strategy.

To mark the end of its current term, the EAG received an overview of its achievements to date, the current status and next steps for each project.

6. Other business

6.1 Invitation to re-nominate for the EAG

The Chair advised the group that at the time of local government elections, all advisory groups are disbanded in accordance with the City's Advisory Groups Policy (No. 4.2.12). With the next local government election due on 21 October 2017, this was the last meeting of the EAG for its current term. The Chair thanked the group for its engagement and participation over the last two years and invited the Community Representatives to re-nominate for the next term.

6.2 Tree pruning in the private domain

The Chair asked the EAG to consider if the City should subsidise (or directly provide) tree pruning services to property owners for the purpose of powerline clearance where trees on private property extend over the verge and impinge on overhead powerlines.

As the meeting did not achieve a quorum, this matter will be presented again for consideration at the next meeting of the EAG.

6.3 Waste Strategy

The Chair informed the EAG that a City of Vincent Waste Strategy is currently being developed by Administration. A draft of the Strategy will be presented to the EAG for feedback at a future meeting.

7. Previous Agenda Items – status update

Item	Current Status	Next Step
Lawler Street Sump makeover to public open space	Engineering works included in Budget 2017/18	Engineering works to commence late 2017/early 2018
Sustainable Environment Strategy development	In progress – community feedback from Strategic Community Plan consultation now being processed	EAG to review draft Strategy in first half of 2018
Waste trial	Under way	To be completed by the end of 2017/18 financial year
Composting Hub (near mulch pile at Britannia Reserve)	Included in Budget 2017/18	Agreement with Transition Town Vincent to be finalised and signed
Tree Selection Tool	Phase 1 completed. Community workshop to receive input on Tree Master List planned for November 2017.	Community Workshop November 2017
Floating Reed Bed Filtration System - Trial	Agreement on the terms of a trial to be negotiated between the City and the proponent	Timing to be confirmed once an agreement is reached
Encouraging Community Solar	Desktop review completed. Online resource page being created.	Online resource page to go live by end of 2017
Hyde Park Lakes Turtle Study	Included in Budget 2017/18	Study to commence in 2017/18
Verge Policy Review	The status of the Verge Policy in relation to the Local Government Property Local Law has now been clarified. The Policy review can now proceed.	Verge Policy review to commence late 2017/early 2018

8. Next meeting

Next meeting 27 November 2017.

10. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.53pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 2 October 2017.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2017