



CITY OF VINCENT

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday, 12 December 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 Matt Buckels

Community Representatives
Alex Castle
Joel Birch
John Thomson
Amina Currimbhoy

City of Vincent Officers
Michael Quirk – Director Community Engagement (DCE)
Lucinda Keillor – Community Development Officer (CDO)

1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening

Cr Cole opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2. Apologies

Cr Susan Gontaszewski – Councillor
Kirsty Schnitzerling – Manager Community Partnerships
Dee Rowse – Community Representative
Lee Cooper – Community Representative

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2016 were accepted with an amendment to Item 4.1. 'Mt Hawthorn Food Truck Fridays' to be reworded as 'Mt Hawthorn Night Hawkers Markets'.

4. Business

4.1 Programs/Events

Mt Hawthorn Hub Youth Engagement Session – Update by Alex Castle

- Alex Castle provided an update on the Mt Hawthorn Hub Youth Engagement Session held on 20 November 2016 that will inform the new Mt Hawthorn Hub Action Plan. This Plan will reflect local community priorities, provide strategic direction, assist with seeking external funding, and align with the City's Strategic Community Plan.
- The session was delivered by Spaced Out and Skate Sculpture who set-up a pop-up skate park and hangout zone at the Mezz Rooftop Car Park, and engaged with children and young people regarding what events, activities and facilities they want to see in Mt Hawthorn.
- Spaced Out will be providing Mt Hawthorn Hub with a report that will directly inform the Action Plan.

Inner Northern and Western Coastal School Network

- Cr Cole provided an update based on recent dialogue with and communications from the State Government. While the current government favours a location within the western suburbs the opposition favours an inner-City location.
- North Perth, Highgate and Kyilla Primary Schools have withdrawn from the Inner Northern and Western Coastal School Network which currently leaves Mt Hawthorn Primary School as the only school formally maintaining involvement.
- Discussion ensued regarding how the alternative future high school locations will effect current high school catchment areas (Mt Lawley SHS, Shenton College, Churchlands SHS) and City of Vincent primary schools.
- Cr Cole advised that representatives from the Network are meeting with Sue Ellery MLC, Shadow Minister for Education, on 14 December 2016 to discuss the oppositions view on the proposed new high school location.

Rae Street Play Street Update

- CDO advised that the first event attracted approximately 60 people from Rae Street as well as the surrounding area.
- DCE advised that the community may not wish to pursue formal traffic management training for residents and may intend to simply use the funding to contract accredited traffic controllers. Cr Cole advised that this may not be the case. The MCP and CDO will meet with them in early 2017 to clarify and ensure that the intent of the community budget submission is adhered to.
- The Advisory Group noted that evaluation of the initiative is vitally important, including participant demographics and address, to inform any future proposals throughout Vincent. John Thomson advised that this could be undertaken in an interactive, visual manner onsite during the event.
- Cr Cole noted that resources had been obtained from a Melbourne based organisation relating to similar 'Playing Out' initiative in Melbourne, and these resources may be useful for both the Rae Street initiative and any future locations.
- John Thomson also advised that Leederville Connect and Foyer Oxford may be able to assist with providing volunteers to be trained in traffic management. This would enable Rae Street parents to be directly engaged with the event and would assist with the vocational development of Leederville Connect and Foyer Oxford volunteers.

Action: MCP and CDO to meet with Rae Street Play Street community representatives to clarify their position regarding traffic management training

Action: MCP and CDO to discuss the implementation of participation/evaluation techniques with Rae Street Play Street community representatives

Action: Cr Cole to circulate information regarding the Melbourne based 'Playing Out' initiative

4.2 Workshop Projects for 2017

The Advisory Group discussed the importance of identifying specific strategies, projects and tasks for progression in 2017. These included the following:

Youth Development Grants

- The City has reviewed all community grants policies for consideration by Council in February 2017, and it has been identified that the current 'Youth Development Grants' are no longer aligned with community needs. Approximately \$35,000 is budgeted each year for community grants of which \$3,750 is allocated to these Youth Development Grants.
- Rather than simply discontinuing these grants there is an opportunity for the Advisory Group to identify and establish a revised objective, purpose and assessment criteria that is directly informed by children and young people.

Festivals & Events Sponsorship Assessment Criteria

- The City has recently established formalised criteria to assess festivals/events sponsorship requests to ensure community events align with Council priorities and community expectations. This criteria forms the basis for Council recommendations relating to the sponsorship funding.
- This criteria needs to be further improved and refined in 2017, and therefore there is an opportunity for the Advisory Group to inform the criteria to ensure that those events with a specific focus on children and young people increase their likelihood of receiving funding.

Facilities for Children & Young People

- The City has recently commenced a strategic review of community facilities, parks and reserves to ensure they meet current and future demands. This provides an immediate opportunity to review existing facilities and assess whether they meet the demands of children and young people.
- Identifying gaps and reviewing examples of quality facilities within other Local Government Areas will directly inform Reserve Master Plans and Landscape Plans, and will provide the basis for future capital projects.

Proposed City of Vincent Schools Eisteddfod

- The concept of a Schools Eisteddfod was discussed.
- Rather than establishing a new, standalone event there may be an opportunity for the Eisteddfod to replace one of the existing City of Vincent Summer Concerts which will avoid the need for new seeking new, additional funding.
- Clarifying the objective and purpose of the Eisteddfod was identified as a key consideration before progressing.

Vincent Mens Shed

- The establishment of activities for children and young people at the Vincent Mens Shed was identified as a potential opportunity particularly given the current low facility utilisation.
- This may involve specific programs and the creation of works that meet the needs/wants of young people, and funding support may be required for supervision and instruction.

Vincent Coding Club/Consolidation of Coding Activities

- It was identified that coding activities are currently taking place at local primary schools, in particular Mt Hawthorn Primary School, and the consolidation of these activities may respond to the needs of children and young people. Many coding clubs are at or over capacity.
- This may include of popup type activities within community facilities. Discussion would be required with relevant organisations and service providers.

Cubs/Scouts Group within Vincent

- The potential need for a locally based cubs/scout group was identified. This will require discussions with Scouts WA and the prior identification of a suitable building. It will be necessary to confirm local community demand prior to progressing.
- It was noted that the City of Stirling are seeking to consolidate/relocate many of their Scout Groups so this may provide an opportunity to relocate an existing group rather than establishing a new one.

City of Vincent Strategic Community Plan – Youth Engagement

- It was confirmed that the City will soon appoint a Consultant to lead the community engagement and subsequent development of a new Strategic Community Plan. The Consultant is required to implement a range of community engagement approaches to optimise the reach to the Vincent community.
- The Advisory Group may play a role in directly informing the engagement strategies and activities required to effectively consult with children and young people.

Existing Service Delivery Organisations, Groups & Facilities for Young People

- As per previous Advisory Group discussions the CDO will develop a list of current and emerging youth networks, organisations and facilities to identify partnership opportunities

Other key considerations discussed:

- The Advisory Group community representatives, and their respective organisations and networks, should be utilised by the City to effectively engage with children and young people.
- In 2017, the Advisory Group should identify 'quick win' projects to demonstrate to the community the role and importance of children and young people.
- All projects and initiatives must be underpinned by a clear objective, demonstrated need and intended outcomes. This should guide the priority projects for the City and the Advisory Group.
- Council and the City need to clearly state to the Advisory Group what is its priority for children and young people.
- The Advisory Group should identify opportunities to link with existing initiatives and projects, and allow children and young people to shape their direction, rather than necessarily developing new initiatives.
- Strategy/project evaluation is essential to determine whether initial objectives and intended outcomes were achieved, and to assess the positive (or negative) impact on children and young people.

Action: CDO to compile a preliminary Project Plan (including purpose, objective, basic overview and resource requirements) for each of the above-mentioned projects to enable the Advisory Group to prioritise.

Action: CDO to arrange an Advisory Group Bus Tour of Vincent community facilities, parks and reserves (including children and young people representatives)

4.3 Youth Engagement Approaches

Cr Cole identified that it remains important to identify different consultation and Advisory Group models that are in place within other Local Government Areas. The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (Josh Cunniffe) identified that City of Fremantle and City of Joondalup are good examples. Therefore, a desktop review of some metropolitan youth engagement models that are contemporary and effective remains important.

Action: CDO to identify what youth engagement approaches are being implemented within other Local Government Areas to better inform future Advisory Group decision making.

5. **Meeting Schedule for 2017**

Cr Cole suggested that the Advisory Group meet every two (2) months, and as required, and this was unanimously agreed. Meetings will generally be maintained on a Monday evening.

6. **Close**

Signed _____
Councillor Emma Cole (Chair)

Date this _____ day of _____ 2017