



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

19 February 2018 AT 6:00PM

Venue: City of Vincent – Function Room

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

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

Community Representatives:
David White, Fiamma Riviera, Halinka Lamparski, Isaac Lorca, Jacinta Key, Zoe Myers

City of Vincent Officers:
Director Engineering Services (DES), Manager Policy and Place (MPP), Coordinator Policy and Place (CPP); Project Officer Parks and Environment (POPAE) and Sustainability Officer (SO)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2. Apologies

Anthony Horton, Chris Cutress, Lisa Edwards, Leanne Jones, Director Development Services (DDS)

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from meeting on 27 November 2017 were confirmed by all members in attendance.

4. Review of Ideas Session

The EAG was presented with the outcomes of the previous meeting's Ideas Session.

The ideas generated and scored by the Group at its previous meeting were presented in a table showing the alignment of each idea with the City's relevant Strategies and Plans and setting out opportunities for implementation or further development.

The group was given the opportunity to clarify and seek clarification about any of the ideas and their pathway to implementation.

The ideas generated through this process will feed into new initiatives put forward for future budgets and inform the review and development of current and future strategies and plans. These will be presented to the Group for input in due course.

5. Tree Pruning on Private Land

This discussion item carried over from the EAG meeting held on 2 October 2017 as that meeting did not achieve a quorum.

The EAG was asked to consider if the City should subsidise or provide tree pruning services to property owners for the purpose of power line clearance.

Recommendation:

The EAG recommended that property owners seeking financial assistance for the maintenance of trees should be directed to apply for listing on the Trees of Significance register. Such listing will ensure long-term protection of the trees and thereby also protect the City's investment in those trees.

6. Other Business

6.1 Landscaping options for Lawler Street sump site

The local community within the catchment area for the new park will be notified about the works and given opportunity to provide input into the design of the space.

6.2 Climate Emergency Declaration

A summary document (provided by a Community Representative) explaining what is meant by "climate emergency" and what the City of Darebin is doing about it will be circulated to the EAG with these Minutes. The Group can then discuss the matter via Loomio and decide if it should be brought to a future meeting.

6.3 China's "ban" on foreign waste – potential impact on the City

The City has received advice from its recycling contractor that for the duration of the City's current recycling contract there will be no changes to recycling processes resulting from China's recycling import changes. The City's recycling contract is on a fixed price basis, which means that any financial impacts resulting from changes to international recycling markets are borne by the City's recycling contractor.

Impacts beyond the period of the current recycling contract will be considered as part of the City's Waste Strategy. This is currently being developed and will be discussed at the next EAG meeting.

6.4 Use of pesticides by the City

In response to a Community Representative query, the EAG was advised that the City does not carry out chemical fogging for the control of insects. The use of pesticides by the City is generally limited to herbicide sprays. These are used only where alternative control methods are not available or viable. In these cases the application site is clearly signed and marked with a dye or foam marker.

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. Contractor currently being selected.	Engineering works to commence early 2018.
Sustainable Environment Strategy development	In progress.	EAG to review draft Strategy in first half of 2018.
Waste trial (140L bin trial)	Trial currently under way.	Trial 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.
Tree Selection Tool	Phase 1 completed. Community workshop to receive input on Tree Master List held on 23 November 2017.	Tree Selection Tool to be embedded into the revised draft Greening Plan following community consultation.
Hyde Park Floating Reed Bed Filtration System - Trial	City's Officers to prepare a report for Council to consider approving trial.	Council to consider approving trial.
Encouraging Community Solar	Desktop review completed. Online resource page being designed.	Online resource page to be completed during the 2017/18 financial year.
Hyde Park Lakes Turtle Study	Included in Budget 2017/18.	Council approval at 14 November OMC. Study to commence in 2018.
Verge Policy Review	Review confirmed to proceed this year.	Verge Policy review to commence 2018.

8. Next meeting

16 April 2018

10. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.34pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 19 February 2018.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2018