



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

3 August 2016 AT 6.00PM

Venue: City of Vincent – Function Room

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

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

Community Representatives:
David White, Kimberley Dupuy, Halinka Lamparski, Isaac Lorca, Lisa Edwards, Sally Madden, Stephen Danti

City of Vincent Officers:
Manager Policy and Place (MPP), Project Officer Parks and Environment (POPAE), Sustainability Officer (SO)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2. Apologies

Cr Gontaszewski, Director Development Services (DDS), Director Technical Services, Community Representatives Chiara Pacifici, Chris Cutress, Kim Frankowiak

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from meeting on 8 June 2016 were confirmed by all in attendance.

Action: SO to add past EAG Minutes to Google Drive & send invite to all in group to ensure everyone can access them anytime.

4. Outcomes of Sub-Group Activities, Including Discussions

4.1 Quick Wins

Ideas that prioritised by the Quick Wins group at its meeting on 13 July 2016:

i) *Mulch pile for public use (Britannia Reserve)*

- Publicly accessible self-serve mulch pile to be located at Britannia Reserve, accessible from Britannia Road
- \$3,000 has been allocated on the 2016/17 Budget for this project
- Timeframe to be advised, but can proceed fairly rapidly
- Visual impact of mulch pile to be ameliorated by a screen of native plantings

Additional recommendations: Promote mulch pile via local papers when it becomes available and use e-news to notify the community when new mulch arrives.

Actions: SO and POPAE organise promotion as above.

ii) *Canvas bag trial*

- A bag exchange at a local supermarket where people can leave and take bags as needed
- the City to “seed” the bag supply with its own bags (number to be determined)
- Need to identify an appropriate local business to be the host
- Before admin starts approaching shops, the EAG needs to put together a business case. Kim D has already prepared a draft – will put on Google Drive for the rest of the group to view and add comments. The group to use Loomio to provide feedback and approve final draft.

EAG recommendation: Admin liaise with suitable local shops that may be able to host and possibly co-contribute. There are four IGAs in Vincent – all can be contacted to identify the best option.

Actions: Kim D to share draft business case via Google Drive and group to provide input.

iii) *Drainage sump makeover (medium rather than short term, 1-2 years)*

- The City's only drainage sump located at 32 Lawler Street, North Perth
- Lisa E has spoken to the neighbor (30 Lawler Street) – and found them supportive of the proposed change to a usable green space
- David has looked at the site and believes it could be terraced to make it safe for public access – could still store water at its deepest point but higher terraces could be planted
- North Perth previously identified as an area that needs additional green open space
- EAG needs to review the different engineering options – terracing versus Atlantis cells, winter-wet wetland etc.

- Halinka L offered to explore the options (including costs) once relevant engineering information is made available (drawings have been requested from Engineering services) – POPAE to follow up and share with the group
- Needs to be a new budget item in 2017/18 Budget or obtain NRM grant funding (available for wetland creation). Grant options to be discussed further via Loomio and at sub-group meetings.

Actions: POPAE follow up engineering drawings and provide to EAG.

iv) *Bokashi drop-off points*

- Following the sub-group meeting, administration called everyone who has purchased a Bokashi from the City to see if they would use a drop-off service
- Only one or two people expressed interest – does not indicate sufficient demand to warrant further work at this time – to be reviewed later
- It is possible that more people would take up Bokashi as an option if they knew up-front that there would be a drop off site for them

Additional quick win item: Cr Loden’s proposal for a waste trial

- The idea is to get 100 people per trial group to try out 2 different options for recycling – see what works best
- Rationale for proceeding with trials in the current financial year:
 - o Separation of the waste charge is likely to go ahead in 2017/18
 - o The City need to be ready to offer options at that time - trials conducted this year will inform what the City can offer residents next year
- Question: how will the City deal with residents who opt for a smaller bin/less frequent collection to save money, then dump excess waste in neighbours’ bins or parks/verges? The Group agreed that measures would have to be put in place to deter/manage this.

Outcome: Need to discuss further with DTS – which trial options, how they would work, associated costs, which budget line items?

Action: Cr Loden will set up a meeting with DTS to discuss and find out what the EAG can do to help get a trial up (e.g. write a proposal for Administration). Will then share this via Loomio and bring it back to the Quick Wins group for further work. Then to Administration and Council workshop (via Technical Services).

4.2 Sustainable Environment Strategy Review

Outcomes of sub-group meeting on 13 July 2016:

- Discussed the Strategy document’s structure and reviewed other councils’ equivalents
 - o One-Planet Living has more of a corporate focus but the environmental headings could be useful for the City
 - o City of Port Phillip’s “Toward Zero” strategy was the favourite among the options

- Strategy should address built form as a category – include things like solar for apartments.

Recommendation: Sub-group meeting to work through the actions in the current Sustainable Environment Strategy – what has been completed, what is in progress, what needs to be reviewed.

Actions: SO to set up SES sub-group meeting and invite everyone on EAG – those who are interested can attend. Prepare a presentation to work through current strategy as per above recommendation. Share presentation on Google Drive after meeting with whole group for further comment.

MPP: Bring soft landscaping provisions from new Development Requirements Policy to next EAG meeting.

5. Next Steps to Progress Sub-Group Outcomes

Both sub-groups to reconvene to work on the respective action items as shown above. Quick wins group also to look at the City’s Verge Policy at its next meeting.

6. Next meeting

Next meeting – roughly 6 weeks. SO to send out Doodle Poll. Two sub-group meetings on separate nights in case some group members wish to attend both.

7. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 3 August 2016.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2016