



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

20 February 2017 AT 6.00PM

Venue: City of Vincent – Function Room

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors:
Cr Cole (*A/Chair*), Cr Gontaszewski

Community Representatives:
Chiara Pacifici, David White, Isaac Lorca, Lisa Edwards, Sally Madden

City of Vincent Officers:
Director Development Services (DDS), Sustainability Officer (SO), Project Officer Parks and Environment (POPAE)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

2. Apologies

Cr Loden, Director Technical Services, Halinka Lamparski, Stephen Danti, Chris Cutress, Kimberley Dupuy

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from meeting on 21 November 2016 were confirmed by all in attendance.

4. Lawler Street Sump – design options (POPAE & SO)

The EAG previously identified the makeover of the Lawler Street sump as an opportunity for creating additional public open space and improving amenity in North Perth. The key to making the site a safe, usable space is the installation of underground water storage cells, which will enable the sump to be covered over and landscaped.

At this meeting two design options were presented to the Group:

Option 1: Single layer of water storage cells within the sump, plus twelve gully soak wells in the road reserve catchment to slow stormwater flows and spread infiltration over a larger area.

Option 2: Two layers of water storage cells within the sump (doubling the storage capacity within the sump site compared with of Option1). No gully soak wells required in the road reserve if this option is implemented.

Variation: Use of concrete water storage cells instead of plastic may be considered. Concrete may be more durable in the long term and allows for heavier landscaping/construction above the water storage area.

The EAG was asked to recommend its preferred option based on environmental grounds only. Detailed costings are being prepared and will be provided to the Council for consideration.

Recommendations:

The EAG made the following recommendations to the City' Administration:

1. Option 2 should be implemented in preference to option 1 because it maximises the sump's storage capacity in preparation for increasingly large rainfall events. If possible, aim to provide storage for a 1 in 100 year rainfall event.
2. Consider adding gully soak wells in the adjacent road reserve as budgets allows later on, to slow water flow and distribute infiltration over a larger area.
3. Base the choice of plastic versus concrete water storage cells on the difference in longevity between the two and what can be planted/built on top of each material.
4. Present clear costings for both installation and maintenance for the available design options when reporting to Council.

5. Sustainable Environment Strategy review (SO)

The EAG previously assisted with the review of the City's Sustainable Environment Strategy (SES) 2011-2016 and provided advice to Administration about how the new Strategy could be structured.

Development of the new Strategy requires significant community input and must be closely linked to the City's Strategic Community Plan (SCP), which is undergoing extensive community consultation in 2017.

Administration proposes that the SES consultation be incorporated into the broader SCP consultation to avoid over-consulting and to ensure that the two strategic documents are well-aligned. Until the above work is completed, the City requires an interim SES.

45 out of 65 actions listed within SES 2011-2016 are still being delivered. As the Strategy is still being implemented, it remains a live document. Administration plans to ask Council to approve an extension of SES 2011-2016, to continue operating until the new Strategy can be prepared, informed by the SCP consultation.

Recommendations:

The EAG recommends that:

1. The Council approves keeping the existing Sustainable Environment Strategy 2011-2016 in operation until such time that a new Strategy can be developed, informed by feedback from the City's Strategic Community Plan consultation.

2. Administration's report to Council clearly describes how the SES consultation will be framed and incorporated into the broader SCP consultation.

3. Administration frames the consultation in a way that ensures respondents understand both the areas in which the City can impact the environment and the types of action that are within the remit of local government to take.

4. The EAG would like the opportunity to provide further advice/feedback on the proposed consultation process once it is developed.

6. Other Business / Matters arising from previous Minutes

Update on the implementation of Policy No. 7.1.1 - Built Form

In response to a question, DDS provided an update on the implementation of the City's recently adopted Built Form Policy (on which the EAG was consulted in 2016).

Development Applications received by the City after the new Policy came into effect on 21 January 2017 are now being assessed against the new Policy. Since many of these applications were prepared while the previous policies were in effect, some leeway is being given during this transitional period.

New items for EAG consideration

Question from the Group: If an EAG member wishes to introduce a new topic of discussion for the Group's consideration, what is the correct process for getting it on the Agenda?

Response from Acting Chair: New items can be proposed as part of "Other Business". The Chair can then add these items to the EAG Agenda in accordance with the City's Advisory Groups Policy (Policy No. 4.2.12).

7. Next meeting

Next meeting 10 April 2017

8. Close

The Acting Chair closed the meeting at 7.18pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 20 February 2017.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2017