



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

16 April 2018 AT 6:00PM

Venue: City of Vincent – Function Room

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

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

Community Representatives:
Chris Cutress, David White, Isaac Lorca, Leanne Jones

City of Vincent Officers:
Director Engineering Services (DES), 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

Community Representatives: Anthony Horton, Fiamma Riviera, Halinka Lamparski, Jacinta Key, Lisa Edwards, Zoe Myers; City of Vincent Officers: Director Development Services (DDS) Manager Policy and Place (MPP).

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the EAG meeting on 19 February 2018 were confirmed by all members in attendance.

4. Update on Greening Plan Review

The EAG was presented with an update on the Greening Plan review process and the changes that are proposed as a result of previous consultation with the EAG and with Elected Members of Council.

Clear themes emerged through the consultation process, with impacts on the objectives, targets and actions contained within the Plan. Foremost among these is the need to further address greening of the private realm with the inclusion of private/public targets.

EAG discussed the need for more education for landowners and developers to understand the City's development policies and the value of retaining tree canopy.

EAG requested the latest tree canopy data available for the City. Administration presented what is available to date:

| Tree Canopy Cover for the Vincent Local Government Area | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| | 2009 | 2014 |
| Privately owned land | 7.39% | 6.81% |
| Public land | 19.87% | 21.45% |
| Total | 11.74% | 11.9% |

EAG requested to know which technology was used for measuring tree canopy and vegetation cover – NDVI or LiDAR. Administration found the technology is NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index).

The EAG will have further opportunity to provide comment on the Greening Plan once Council has approved the draft for community consultation. No recommendation was sought at this time.

5. Update presentation on the Waste Strategy and Action Plan 2018-23

The EAG was presented with an update on the City's Waste Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2023 (WSAP), which is currently in development.

The presentation included:

- The background and context for the WSAP;
- Challenges, risks and opportunities identified in developing the WSAP;
- Draft objectives and targets; and
- Projects being considered for the Action Plan.

The draft WSAP is to be presented to Council on 29 May 2018.

Recommendation:

The group expressed its general support for the elements of the draft WSAP presented at this meeting.

EAG members were invited to provide any further feedback directly to the responsible officer via email.

The only specific comment received was a suggestion that targets be considered for specific waste streams (rather than just zero waste to landfill overall) and the possibility of setting targets per capita to account for changing population.

6. Single Use Plastics Report

The EAG was presented with a Report presenting the findings and recommendations from Administration's investigation into single use plastics within the City's operations and its facilities.

Key impacts identified were dog waste bags, indoor and outdoor bin liners, advertising banners, single use serving ware (including water bottles and drinking straws) and balloons.

Recommendations were based on the following principles:

- Eliminate unnecessary items;
- Choose reusable options for items that are necessary;
- Replace plastic with compostable alternatives where single use items are unavoidable and composting is available; and
- Implement effective recycling of single use plastics where alternatives with lower environmental impact are not available.

The Group was advised that two recommendations from the Report with impact on the 2018/19 Budget would be presented to Council at its Budget Workshop on 17 April 2018. The remaining recommendations with significant resource implications would be presented for Council's consideration as part of the draft Corporate Business Plan in May 2018.

Recommendation:

The Group expressed its support for the recommendations of the Single Use Plastics Summary Report and requested one additional consideration – the potential impact of banning plastic drinking straws from use at events on people with certain disabilities who rely on their use.

7. Other Business

7.1 Update on Notice of Motion relating to Action on Climate Change

The matter of a climate emergency declaration raised at the EAG meeting on 19 February 2018 was resolved via a Notice of Motion adopted by Council at its meeting on 4 April 2018.

Council resolved to endorse the position expressed in the Western Australian Local Government Association's Draft Climate Change Policy Statement – that there is a climate emergency which requires urgent action by all levels of government to avoid an unacceptable burden on future generations.

7.2 Frequency of EAG meetings

The Group considered whether the frequency of its meetings should be increased to accommodate the large volume of material scheduled for its consideration over the coming months.

The consensus was to keep meetings at eight week intervals, but extend their duration if required or opt for special meetings on an as-needed basis when major items require significant discussion time. A special meeting was suggested for consideration of the draft Sustainable Environment Strategy.

8. Previous Agenda Items – status update

| Item | Current Status | Next Step |
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| Climate Emergency Declaration | Notice of Motion adopted by Council on 4 April 2018 | To be delivered through the SES and Waste Strategy |
| Lawler Street Sump makeover to public open space | Engineering/civil works commenced 3 April 18 and expected to take approximately four weeks | Landscaping plans to be completed. |
| Sustainable Environment Strategy development | In progress. | EAG to receive an update at its scheduled June meeting or at a special meeting if required. |
| Waste trial (140L bin trial) | Trial currently under way. | Trial to be completed by the end of 2017/18 financial year. DES to provide an update at the June meeting of the EAG. |
| Composting Hub (near mulch pile at Britannia Reserve) | Items currently being sourced and purchased as per agreement | Items to be installed on site and pilot project to commence. |
| Tree Selection Tool | 90% completed | 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 | Online resource page completed and on website. | Promote solar resource page to community. |
| Hyde Park Lakes Turtle Study | Engagement of student being finalised. Project specifics and timeline being developed by UWA | Study to commence including initial report/literature review |
| Verge Policy Review | Council input received, advice sought from LGIS | Admin to prepare draft Policy and risk assessment in second half of 2018. |

8. Next meeting

11 June 2018

10. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.06pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 16 April 2018.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2018