



CITY OF VINCENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

11 June 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, Lisa Edwards, Jacinta Key, Halinka Lamparski

City of Vincent Officers:
Director Engineering Services (DES), A/Director Development Services (DDS), Manager Policy and Place (MPP); Project Officer Parks and Environment (POPAE) and Sustainability Officer (SO x 2)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.06pm.

2. Apologies

Community Representatives: Anthony Horton, Fiamma Riviera, Zoe Myers, Isaac Lorca, Leanne Jones.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the EAG meeting on 16 April, 2018 were confirmed by all members in attendance.

4. Update on the 140L bin Waste Trial (brought forward from item 5 on the Agenda)

The EAG was presented with an update on the 140L bin Waste Trial. The aim of the voluntary trial was to see the results when residents were offered an incentive of \$40 to switch from a 240L to a 140L general waste bin.

Less than 200 people took up the offer of a smaller bin, and the overwhelming majority stated that they did so because they only partially filled their existing bin. Changing to a smaller bin did not appear to prompt participants to change their waste management behaviours or to divert more material to recycling.

However, the trial has provided useful information to feed into the City's Waste Strategy, which will be presented to Council on 26 June 2018.

The City is now also trialling food waste collection in a number of apartment buildings, to further inform future waste stream options.

EAG raised questions about China's restrictions on recycling as reported in the media. DES advised that as far as the City's waste stream is concerned, nothing has changed. China still takes our recyclables. A contamination rate of 0.5% is acceptable.

It is expected that plastic bags in the recycling stream will reduce with the plastic bag ban now in place. This may assist with lowering our contamination rate further.

Recommendation:

That the City proactively communicate the message of 'business as usual' for recycling to the community. This messaging could be incorporated into planned Plastic Free July messaging.

EAG members can help to share the message via their community networks.

5. Update on the Sustainable Environment Strategy Review

The EAG was presented with the City's expected project timeline and progress to date with the SES. This includes:

- Review of the actions and projects in the current SES 2011-16;
- Development of the Key Focus/ Opportunity areas for SES;
- Agreement on the draft structure of the document;
- Agreement on draft Objectives for the Key Focus Areas;
- A review of the Strategic Community Plan feedback from late 2017 & EAG ideas from early 2018;
- Baseline data gathering to develop draft targets; and
- Review of the City's related strategies, plans and policies to identify gaps.

The next step is to engage a Consultant with relevant expertise to fill knowledge gaps and provide advice on targets, performance indicators, measuring tools and reporting frameworks. The resulting work is planned to be presented to the EAG in October 2018 and the draft SES is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Recommendation:

EAG expressed general support for the proposed timelines for the SES project and requested that the earlier SES workshop outcomes that EAG members participated in be shared with the EAG via email.

EAG further recommended that a Council Workshop or survey may be appropriate to gain interim feedback from Elected Members prior to the presentation of the draft SES document to Council in early 2019.

EAG members advised they would be happy to amend EAG meeting dates to fit in with the Consultant's work on the SES.

6. Other Business

6.1 Water Sensitive Cities Index Benchmarking

In July 2018 the City will undergo benchmarking against the Water Sensitive Cities Index developed by the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities. External stakeholders will be invited to attend the workshop including the Department of Water, Water Corporation and the City's Water Consultants. The Community Representatives on the EAG are also invited to participate.

Recommendation:

That Administration email all Community Representatives on the EAG the invitation to attend the Water Sensitive Cities Workshop.

6.2 Update on Community Compost Hub

Transition Town Vincent's (TTV) community compost hub at Britannia Reserve is almost ready to launch. The last of the equipment is now being installed onsite. 40 people have already registered their interest in participating. TTV will promote the project via Facebook when the project is ready to commence.

7. Previous Agenda Items – status update

Item	Current Status	Next Step
Greening Plan	Draft Greening Plan completed and Council Report prepared.	Draft Greening Plan to be presented to Council on 26 June 2018.
Waste Strategy	Draft Waste Strategy completed and Council Report prepared.	Draft Waste Strategy to be presented to Council on 26 June 2018.
Lawler Street Sump makeover to public open space	Opening is being held at 2pm on 23 June 2018.	An invite will be extended to EAG members.
Sustainable Environment Strategy development	Work on draft Strategy in progress.	EAG to review early draft in June 2018.
Waste study (140L bin trial)	In final stages.	Trial to be completed by the end of 2017/18 financial year. Update to be provided to EAG in June 2018.
Composting Hub (near mulch pile at Britannia Reserve)	Transition Town have set up a Facebook page. There are 40 people registered to be involved.	Install signage. Once dome compost bins go in hub will commence and more broad advertising will go out from Transition Town. There will be a log book to write rough volumes for participants.
Tree Selection Tool	Completed.	Outline of Tree Selection Tool included in draft Greening Plan as an appendix.

Item	Current Status	Next Step
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. Working with Marketing Team to promote this resource to the community.	Roll out promotion and create printed collateral.
Hyde Park Lakes Turtle Study	Project specifics and timeline being developed by UWA.	Study to commence in 2018/19.
Verge Policy Review	Draft Policy currently out for community consultation. Risk assessments of proposed changes being undertaken.	Further report to Council following consultation period and completion of risk assessment.

8. Next Meeting

6 August 2018

9. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.00pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Group held on 11 June 2018.

Signed: Chairperson

Dated: This day of 2018