

MINUTES

Conservation Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2008

MEETING DATE



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MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2008.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Mike Norman	Presiding Person	
Cr Sue Hart	Deputy Presiding Person	<i>to 1940 hrs</i>
Cr Marie Macdonald		
Mr Gary Tate	Community Representative	
Mr John Chester	Community Representative	
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky	Community Representative	
Ms Suzi Greenway	Community Representative	
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative	
Ms Phyllis Robertson	Community Representative	
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe	Community Representative	
Mr Tim Argus	Community Representative	<i>from 1808 hrs</i>
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative	
Ms Dorothy Lullfitz	Community Representative	

Officers:

Mr Ian Cowie	Director, Governance & Strategy	<i>to 1805 hrs</i>
Mr Mike Archer	Acting Director, Infrastructure Services	
Mr Murray Ralph	Manager, Infrastructure Management	
Mr Keith Armstrong	Co-ordinator, Conservation Services	
Mrs Jill Hewison	Administrative Secretary	

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Director, Governance & Strategy declared the meeting open at 1802 hrs.

ELECTION OF PRESIDING PERSON

Section 5.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a committee appointed by a local government, to elect a presiding person as the first item of business at its first meeting. Schedule 2.3 of the Act requires the Chief Executive Officer to preside.

Due to the unavailability of the CEO, the CEO delegated authority to the Director, Governance & Strategy to oversee the election process of the Presiding Person and Deputy Presiding Person.

Mr Magyar nominated Cr Norman for the position of presiding person. Cr Norman accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Cr Norman was elected unopposed to the position of presiding person and assumed the Chair at 1804 hrs.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING PERSON

Cr Macdonald nominated Cr Hart for the position of deputy presiding person. Cr Hart accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Cr Hart was elected unopposed to the position of deputy presiding person.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2007

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Ms Robertson that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 26 September 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (11/1)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman & Macdonald, Mrs Zakrevsky, Dr Apthorpe, Ms Robertson, Ms Lullfitz, Ms Greenway, Mr Fitzsimmons, Mr Tate, Mr Chester & Mr Magyar **Against the Motion:** Cr Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

ITEM 1 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED 2008 MEETING DATES – [00906]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Mike Archer
 Acting Director Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Conservation Advisory Committee to endorse meeting dates for 2008.

BACKGROUND

On 20 November 2007 Council agreed to:

- “2 (a) ESTABLISH the Conservation Advisory Committee to:
- To make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City of Joondalup’s natural biodiversity.
 - To provide strategic input and when requested advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City’s natural biodiversity.
 - To promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City of Joondalup’s natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and coastal environment).”

Terms of Reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee can be found in Attachment 1 to this Report.

DETAILS

Conservation Advisory Committee Meetings will generally be held every two months, in accordance with Council’s decision, on a Wednesday evening commencing at 6pm. Meetings will be held in the City of Joondalup Civic Centre Conference Rooms.

Proposed dates are as follows:

- 23 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 27 August 2008
- 29 October 2008

Link to Strategic Plan:

Outcome: The City of Joondalup is environmentally responsible in its activities.
Objective: 2.1 To plan and manage our natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.

Outcome: The City of Joondalup is an interactive community.
Objective: To ensure the City responds to and communicates with the community.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not Applicable.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability implications:

The Conservation Advisory Committee will address and discuss conservation issues at their bi-monthly meetings.

Consultation:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Conservation Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

Mr Argus entered the Room at 1808 hrs.

MOVED Mr Chester SECONDED Ms Robertson that the Conservation Advisory Committee SETS the following 2008 meeting dates to be held at 6pm in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:

- 23 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 27 August 2008
- 29 October 2008

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mrs Zakrevsky that the following Point 2 be added to the motion:

“2 NOTES that a meeting can be called by the Chairperson or one third of the members if they so wish if they fall outside the schedule detailed.”

Discussion ensued.

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (13/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Norman, Hart & Macdonald, Mrs Zakrevsky, Dr Apthorpe, Ms Robertson, Ms Lullfitz, Ms Greenway, Mr Fitzsimmons, Mr Tate, Mr Chester, Mr Magyar & Mr Argus

The Original Motion, as amended, being:

That the Conservation Advisory Committee:

1 SETS the following 2008 meeting dates to be held at 6pm in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:

- 23 April 2008
- 25 June 2008
- 27 August 2008
- 29 October 2008;

2 NOTES that a meeting can be called by the Chairperson or one third of the members if they so wish if they fall outside the schedule detailed.

Was Put and

CARRIED (13/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman, Hart & Macdonald, Mrs Zakrevsky, Dr Apthorpe, Ms Robertson, Ms Lullfitz, Ms Greenway, Mr Fitzsimmons, Mr Tate, Mr Chester, Mr Magyar & Mr Argus

Appendix 1 refers

ITEM 2 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: OVERVIEW OF NATURAL AND CONSERVATION AREAS MANAGED BY THE CITY

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Mike Archer
DIRECTOR: Acting Director Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an overview of natural and conservation areas managed by the City to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

The appointment of new members including both Elected Members and Community Representatives to this Committee presents an opportunity to provide this overview.

BACKGROUND

The City manages over 500 hectares of natural areas. This includes wetlands, bushland and coastal vegetation, and which are contained in over 100 reserves.

The protection and care of the City's natural areas is enshrined within its Strategic Plan and is reflected in an increase in both capital and maintenance expenditure on natural areas over the previous seven years.

On-ground management in natural areas is undertaken using a combination of City employees, contract bush regeneration teams, offenders serving community work orders and community volunteers.

Community participation in natural area management within the City has been very active in recent years, both in on-ground work through volunteers and in the strategic area with local environment groups actively participating in the compilation of the Joondalup Coastal Foreshore Natural Areas Management Plan. These groups have also contributed to a range of bushland management plans, as well as providing valuable assistance with on-ground work such as planting native species.

There are 11 active bushland friends groups operating within the City as well as the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum, which is an umbrella group consisting of ratepayer organisations, environmental groups and individual community members with an interest in coastal issues.

The Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) is a Council committee consisting of representatives from the Bushland Friends Groups, Elected Members and members of the community with specialised knowledge of conservation and biodiversity. All reports go via the Chief Executive Officer to the Council on issues related to conservation and biodiversity.

In recent years, the City has been very proactive in the conservation and environmental area and in 2002 was a finalist in the prestigious WA Environmental Awards. The City went on to win in 2003 in the Coastal Management category and in 2004 was successful in winning the Bushland category.

In 2005 the City was also a finalist in the prestigious Banksia and World Environmental Day Awards for leadership in environmental management. The City has also recently achieved Milestone 5 in the Perth Biodiversity Project for the City's achievements in protecting local biodiversity.

The City was also successful in winning the 2005 WA Coastal Awards for excellence in coastal foreshore management work.

Essentially, all these awards recognise the integrated approach involving volunteers groups, participating schools, work for the dole schemes, a long term association with the Justice Department's community offenders program and the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum.

DETAILS

One of the major challenges for the City continues to be balancing the infrastructure requirements of the newly developed areas with the management and renewal of the older areas, and to strengthen our commitment in the environmental and conservation areas in preserving one of the City's major attractions being its natural areas.

In the past the approach was to utilise volunteers, contractors, work for the dole schemes and corrective services labour to undertake regeneration and maintenance works. The City has now established in-house natural areas work teams in addition to the natural areas supervisor position, which was established in 2004.

Since its inception, the City has come a long way to achieving a strategic focus in relation to conservation and environmental matters. This is evident in the management plans that have been developed as well as the work currently being undertaken in developing an overall local biodiversity management plan.

The way forward would appear to be to consolidate the City's commitment in ensuring sufficient capacity exists to deliver on the strategies. The next paradigm shift is to determine what opportunities exist in the areas of eco-tourism which will promote the significant areas of natural bushland within the City.

Issues and options considered:

Not Applicable.

Link to Strategic Plan:

- Caring for the Environment
- Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The Local Government Act 1995 allows the Council to establish committees to assist it with decision making.

The Conservation Advisory Committee has been established in accordance with the legislation, with clear and concise terms of reference and no delegated powers.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

The establishment of the CAC is to assist Council in dealing with strategic input on issues relating to conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.

Consultation:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Reserves that contain bushland managed by the City of Joondalup

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Hart SECONDED Cr Norman that the Conservation Advisory Committee NOTES the report “Overview of Natural and Conservation Areas managed by the City” forming Attachment 1 to this Report.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (13/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman, Hart & Macdonald, Mrs Zakrevsky, Dr Apthorpe, Ms Robertson, Ms Lullfitz, Ms Greenway, Mr Fitzsimmons, Mr Tate, Mr Chester, Mr Magyar & Mr Argus

Appendix 2 refers

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

Cr Hart left the Room at 1940 hrs.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Co-ordinator, Conservation Services provided information on the reports that are to be presented to the next meeting.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 2035 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Mike Norman
Cr Marie Macdonald
Mr Gary Tate
Mr John Chester
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky
Ms Suzi Greenway
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons
Ms Phyllis Robertson
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe
Mr Tim Argus
Mr Steve Magyar
Ms Dorothy Lullfitz