

minutes

Conservation Advisory Committee

MEETING HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2009**

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON 26 AUGUST 2009.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Mike Norman	Presiding Person	
Cr Marie Macdonald		
Mr John Chester	Community Representative	<i>from 1810 hrs</i>
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky	Community Representative	
Ms Suzi Greenway	Community Representative	
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe	Community Representative	
Mr Tim Argus	Community Representative	<i>to 1830 hrs</i>
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative	

Officers:

Mrs Jane Pritchard	Manager Infrastructure Management	<i>absent from 1834 hrs to 1838 hrs</i>
Mr Keith Armstrong	Coordinator Landscape and Conservation Services	
Mrs Rose Garlick	Administrative Secretary	
Ms Anne Purdy	Administrative Secretary	

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1808 hrs

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies Cr Fiona Diaz, Mr Barry Fitzsimmons and Ms Phylis Robertson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2009

MOVED Mr Magyar, SECONDED Ms Greenway that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 24 June 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Mr Argus, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar and Mrs Zakrevsky.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Norman advised that the meeting is to be adjourned following Item 1 – Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan 2009-2010 Committee Update, for a presentation and discussion on the "**ICLEI Urban Nature Forum**" (which was held prior to the ICLEI World Congress) in Edmonton, Canada, of 12 June 2009.

This included a brief overview on power point presentations:

- 1 Activities in Brussels – by Dr Machteld Gryseels
- 2 Activities in Cape Town - by Stephen Granger
- 3 Activities in Montreal – by Michelle Picard

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

Mr Chester entered the Room at 1810 hrs

REPORTS**ITEM 1 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WORK PLAN 2009-2010 COMMITTEE UPDATE**

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr. Martyn Glover
Infrastructure Services

FILE NUMBER: 12168

ATTACHMENTS: Nil.

PURPOSE

To provide information to the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) on the progress of their CAC 2009-2010 Work Plan, and other capital works associated with conservation, being undertaken by the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information for CAC Committee Members in relation to the progress of individual projects contained within the CAC Work Plan and other conservation capital works projects.

It is recommended that the Conservation Advisory Committee.

NOTES the report titled Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) Work Plan 2009-2010 Committee Update.

BACKGROUND

The CAC is a Council Committee that meets on a bi-monthly basis. The CAC comprises of Councillors, representatives from local Bushland Friends Groups and community members with specialist knowledge of local biodiversity.

The CAC's objectives, as outlined in its Terms of Reference, are as follows:-

- Make recommendations to Council for the conservation of the City's natural biodiversity.
- Provide strategic input and technical advice on issues relating to the conservation and management of the City's natural biodiversity.
- Promote partnerships between Council and the community to protect the City's natural biodiversity, as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and coastal environment).

The CAC (in association with City Officers) produced a CAC Work Plan for 2009-2010 earlier this year. This Work Plan was endorsed by Council at its 21 April 2009 meeting. It is intended to provide regular updates to the CAC on the Work Plan and other biodiversity conservation capital works projects.

DETAILS

The CAC's Work Plan 2009-2010, as endorsed by Council at its 21 April 2009 Meeting, contains the following projects:

Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2009/2010	
1	Provide materials that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City (this would include CAC current Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD)
2	Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City's website.
3	Action 1.21: Investigate methodologies for valuing natural assets and create and maintain a Natural Assets Register that records the value and extent of the City's natural assets.
4	Action 2.12 Develop a program of planting sumps with nutrient stripping plants to ensure nutrients are removed before they enter the groundwater.
5	Action 3.12 Develop Individual Reserve Management Plans for each natural area (including fire management strategies, significant tree register etc) and link budgets to management plans.
6	Action 5.1 Install interpretive signs describing and illustrating indigenous plants, animals and habitats in selected City reserves where there is identified community involvement.
7	Action 5.8 Develop a project to erect education signs along the coastal foreshore reserved to improve the community's understanding of coastal biodiversity.

The work completed so far in relation to the above projects is as follows:

1 Provide materials that can be used in displays and brochures to promote the natural environment of the City (this would include CAC current Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD)

The City has contacted a number of companies that provide video production services. Detailed discussions have taken place as to the form the proposed Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD should take (quotes have been provided). In reference to discussions held at previous CAC meetings, the material used in the production of the DVD will also provide the basis for the information utilised both on the City's website and any brochures produced as part of this project.

External grant funding has been sought from Lotterywest; The City has received written confirmation of securing a grant of \$17,000 for the project.

2 Showcase the City's environment and natural areas on the City's website

Information can be found on a range of environmental topics, including waste management and biodiversity under the Sustainability Link on the City's Website. In addition, hundreds of photographs of local plant species, as well as introduced weeds that pose problems for the City's natural areas can also be found.

The City's new Website is in the process of being modified to include friends groups' contacts in addition to descriptors of the City's biodiversity. It is intended that slides and video clips used to produce the Iconic Biodiversity Species DVD can be used in an edited format on the City's Website.

3 Action 1.21: Investigate methodologies for valuing natural assets and create and maintain a Natural Assets Register that records the value and extent of the City's natural assets

City officers are currently undertaking surveys of the City's Natural Areas, to supplement extensive data collected in 2005 as part of the Perth Biodiversity Project. This up to date information will give a current profile of the Joondalup's Natural Assets. Staff will also examine many of the existing methods of valuing natural assets and officers have been kindly furnished with information on this matter.

4 Action 2.12 Develop a program of planting sumps with nutrient stripping plants to ensure nutrients are removed before they enter the groundwater

A comprehensive report examining best practice, and the sustainable use of the City's drainage sumps, has been prepared and will be presented to Council at the 18 August Meeting.

5 Action 3.12 Develop Individual Reserve Management Plans for each natural area, (including fire management strategies, significant tree register etc) and link budgets to management plans

Preparatory work to develop Individual Reserve Management Plans has commenced in the form of the biodiversity surveys being carried out in the City's Natural Reserves. At this stage, no new reserve management has been completed.

6 Action 5.1 Install interpretive signs describing and illustrating indigenous plants, animals and habitats in selected City reserves where there is identified community involvement

A standard layout and construction model for interpretive signage has been approved by the City. City staff members are working with a number of the City's Bushland Friends' groups, to gather information for the signage that will be unique to the individual reserve. The standard signage design will be presented at the 26 August 2009 CAC Meeting.

7 Action 5.8 Develop a project to erect education signs along the coastal foreshore reserve to improve the community's understanding of coastal biodiversity

This project is well advanced. Consultation and input has been received from members of the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum. Interpretive nodes and individual signage locations have been selected. Wording for the individual signs is complete and the signs are now in the final design stage.

Other Projects

The City (in collaboration with the Water Corporation) has recently completed construction in the Craigie Bushland area of two large stairways leading from the top of the escarpment to the bushland pathway below. An 800 metre pathway and extensive fencing has also been completed as part of this project.

Issues and options considered:

Not Applicable.

Legislation/Strategic Plan/Policy Implications

Legislation Not Applicable.

Strategic Plan

Key Focus Area:

- 1.2 OBJECTIVE: To engage proactively with the Community and other relevant organisations in the preservation of the City's natural environmental assets.
- 5.2 OBJECTIVE: To facilitate healthy lifestyles within the community.
 - 5.2.1 The City provides high quality recreation facilities and programs.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability implications:

The projects and initiatives listed for the CAC's Work Plan are closely linked to the conservation of the City's natural heritage. In turn this will affect the quality of the City's parks and natural open spaces. The City is regionally recognised as having quality beaches and bushland areas which act as a social hub and attract visitors from outside the City. This has a positive economic benefit for small service businesses that operate in the City.

Consultation:

The CAC consists of representatives of Friends' Groups operating in the City. A range of topics relating to the management of the City's natural areas are discussed at this forum. The CAC also acts as an efficient mechanism for the City to consult with the community on environmental and biodiversity issues.

COMMENT

The CAC has been advising Council on issues relating to biodiversity for 12 years. Members have a large breadth of knowledge relating to natural sciences, local government practices, local plant species and horticulture.

It is considered beneficial for the City to continue to work closely with the CAC, enabling them to assist with the completion of a range of biodiversity protection initiatives and projects.

The Coordinator Landscape and Conservation Services provided a presentation on the Conservation Advisory Committee Work Plan, Attachment 1 Refers.

Mr Argus left the Room at 1835 hrs

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Norman, SECONDED Mr Chester that the Conservation Advisory Committee NOTES the Report titled Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) Work Plan 2009-2010 Committee Update.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar, Mr Chester and Mrs Zakrevsky.

Attachment 1 refers

To access this attachment on electronic document, click here: [Attach 1 min260809.pdf](#)

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING – [02154] [08122]

MOVED Cr Norman, **SECONDED** Mr Magyar that the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting be **ADJOURNED** to allow for a presentation and discussion by Cr Norman on the proceedings of the “ICLEI Urban Nature Forum” relevant to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Mr Chester, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar and Mrs Zakrevsky.

The Meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee ADJOURNED at 1935 hrs.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING – [02154] [08122]

MOVED Cr Norman, **SECONDED** Mr Magyar that the meeting be reconvened, the time being 2030 hrs.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Mr Chester, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar and Mrs Zakrevsky.

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MIKE NORMAN - NATURAL AREAS FRIENDS GROUP MANUAL – [05514]**

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Cr Mike Norman has given notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 26 August 2009:

“That the Conservation Advisory Committee REQUESTS that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to order a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual, and that the updated version be brought back to the Conservation Advisory Committee for comment prior to its release.”

Reason for Motion

For committee members present to debate and vote upon the rationale to update the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual.

Officer’s Comment

Officers are in full support of a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual.

MOVED Cr Norman, SECONDED Mr Magyar that the Conservation Advisory Committee REQUESTS that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to order a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual and that the updated version be brought back to the Conservation Advisory Committee for comment prior to its release.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar, SECONDED Cr Norman, that the following words be included in the motion after the word ‘manual’

“in consultation with established Friends Groups within City of Joondalup”

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the amendment: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Mr Chester, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar, and Mrs Zakrevsky.

The Original Motion as amended, being:

That the Conservation Advisory Committee REQUESTS that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to order a review and update of the City’s Natural Areas Friends Group’s Manual in consultation with established Friends Groups within City of Joondalup and that the updated version be brought back to the Conservation Advisory Committee for comment prior to its release.

Was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Norman and Macdonald, Dr Apthorpe, Mr Chester, Ms Greenway, Mr Magyar, and Mrs Zakrevsky.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Nil.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 2050hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Mike Norman
Cr Marie Macdonald
Mr John Chester
Mrs Marilyn Zakrevsky
Ms Suzi Greenway
Dr Marjorie Apthorpe
Mr Steve Magyar