

## **STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – YOUTH AFFAIRS**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 3 July 2002, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Conference Room 3, Joondalup Civic Complex**

### **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

#### **Elected Members**

Cr Paul Kadak                      Chairperson  
Cr John Hollywood

#### **Youth Advisory Council**

Ryan Kukura  
Janice Mattaboni  
Viet Nguyen

#### **Officers**

Julie Eaton                      Co-ordinator Community Services  
Jeremy Manning                Youth Project Officer

#### **Apologies**

Cr Allison Walker  
Graeme Hall                      Manager Community Development Services

*Cr Paul Kadak opened the meeting at 6.10pm*

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND NON – FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Cr Kadak called for declarations of financial or non-financial interest. There were no interests declared.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 MARCH AND 8 MAY 2002**

**MOVED** Cr Hollywood, **SECONDED** Ryan Kukura that the minutes of the Strategic Advisory Committee – Youth Affairs meetings held on 13 March and 8 May 2002 were accepted as a true and correct record.

The motion was Put and

**CARRIED**

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### **PCYC (Police and Citizens Youth Club) Update**

Julie Eaton informed the meeting that the next step in the process of establishing an alternative model PCYC program in the northern suburbs was for the officers at Joondalup Police Service to submit an application to the Lotteries Commission applying for funding to conduct a needs analysis for the Joondalup region.

The analysis would focus on the needs of Young People 12 to 25 years and assist in supporting the proposal to build a facility around Joondalup. Previously, a request was made to provide the names of potential consultants who may be suitable to conduct a needs analysis for Joondalup and surrounding areas. Julie Eaton submitted the names of two reputable consultants and is now awaiting further news.

##### **Youth Information Project**

Jeremy Manning reported that the Youth Information Project is nearing completion. The six-page newsletter will be attractively presented with a number of photographs, and graphics in the background. The newsletter has been predominantly written by the Youth Advisory Council members and approximately 15,000 copies will be printed and distributed to Young People throughout the City of Joondalup in a few weeks time.

##### **Youth Advisory Council Tenancy**

Julie Eaton advised the meeting that the recommendations for the Youth Advisory Tenancy had been finalised after many discussions and debates around the meetings of both Youth Advisory Councils. Julie Eaton tabled the recommendations and after a number of points of clarification, members of the Strategic Advisory Committee – Youth Affairs agreed to endorse the recommendations.

**MOVED** Cr Hollywood, **SECONDED** Ryan Kukura that the Strategic Advisory Committee endorses the recommendations regarding the Youth Advisory Council Tenancy.

The motion was Put and

**CARRIED**

##### *Vote of thanks*

*Cr Kadak thanked all the Youth Advisory Council members who worked very hard to achieve an outcome regarding the YAC Tenancy Issue.*

## **YAC Selection and Recruitment Process**

Jeremy Manning outlined the discussion that had taken place recently within the Youth Advisory Council meeting regarding the Youth Advisory Council recruitment process. He recognised the work put into the process by members Viet Nguyen and Aled Cunnah particularly in writing their report.

Viet Nguyen outlined the principles contained in the discussion paper written by himself and Aled Cunnah. Some reasons for the current drop in attendance were discussed.

Councillor Hollywood raised the possibility of a travel allowance for members ie for Taxi fare. Councillor Kadak suggested that a bus service might be appropriate if transport is identified as a contributing factor to low attendance.

It was agreed that it was appropriate for the Youth Advisory Council to take responsibility for the development of a selection process with a view to promoting the Youth Advisory Council initiative, attracting a larger volume of nominees and realise the potential of the program.

**MOVED** Janice Mattaboni, **SECONDED** Viet Nguyen that the Strategic Advisory Council - Youth Affairs endorse the two Youth Advisory Councils to take carriage of the development of a selection process with a view to implementation in October 2002.

The motion was Put and

**CARRIED**

## **Support for Youth Advisory Councils**

Cr Hollywood questioned the Youth Advisory Council members as to whether they felt supported by the City in their role as advisors of youth policy.

Viet Nguyen suggested that he felt that the Youth Advisory Councils had received strong support from the City in recent months.

Ryan Kukura suggested that he felt that membership may have been a limiting factor in recent months. He felt that once a new membership was selected, a more organised approach from all participants was required for the Youth Advisory Council to meet its full potential in the coming year.

Discussion followed to clarify the role of the Youth Advisory Council. The discussion focussed on whether the Youth Advisory Councils are;

- Purely an advisory body to the City and therefore did not need to be involved in event/service management and delivery or;
- Primarily a advisory body but also have a secondary function of skill development and training that is gained through hands on involvement in a variety of City projects.

Jeremy Manning suggested that he felt the second option captured the intended role of the Youth Advisory Council program.

It was also suggested that the practise of planning the activities of the Youth Advisory Council should continue and that a “priority list” of tasks be developed to enable the Youth Advisory Council to track their progress.

### **Illuminate Dance Party**

Jeremy Manning reported that the dance party had not been a successful event and outlined some of the contributing factors to the lack of attendance. He reported that the event had been well organised but suggested that the venue may not have been appropriate for young people and that the timeframe that the event was planned within had not allowed enough time for adequate promotion of the event.

Members discussed some of the factors that contributed to the lack of attendance at the event.

It was felt that Staff and Youth Advisory Council members learnt some valuable lessons that would help them to organise similar events in the future.

Cr Hollywood asked members if they would consider running a similar event in the future at a different venue. Discussion followed regarding the difficulty of finding appropriate venues for this type of event. Cr Hollywood suggested that conducting a dance party in a council premise such as a Senior Citizens Centre, would be a good way to reduce the negative stereotypes and concerns that are apparent about dance parties. It would also be good opportunity for intergenerational activity. He volunteered to approach the Whitfords Senior Citizens centre.

Discussion also occurred about the possibility of setting up a café style youth venue in the central area of Joondalup. Jeremy Manning suggested that a representative of the Youth Advisory Council had been nominated to take part in the committee to oversee the revitalisation of the Joondalup CBD.

**MOVED** Cr Hollywood, **SECONDED** Viet Nguyen that the members of the Strategic Advisory Council - Youth Affairs note the comments made about the Illuminate Dance Party.

## **ImagineOz Recommendations**

Discussion occurred about the progress and process of implementation for the recommendations. It was suggested that the City of Joondalup had already made significant progress towards implementing the recommendations but that the remaining recommendations could serve as strong basis on which to base the future planning of the Youth Advisory Council.

**MOVED** Cr Hollywood, **SECONDED** Viet Nguyen that the members of the Strategic Advisory Council - Youth Affairs note the recommendation of the workshop report and suggest that the recommendations be used as guiding principles.

The motion was Put and

**CARRIED**

## **Jumping at Shadows / Future Directions for Youth Services**

Some discussion occurred about the need to report these outcomes to council in the near future.

**MOVED** Cr Hollywood, **SECONDED** Ryan Kukura that the Members of the Strategic Advisory Council - Youth Affairs receive the outcomes of the Jumping at Shadows / Future Directions for Youth services workshop report.

The motion was Put and

**CARRIED**

*Cr Hollywood excused himself from the meeting at 8pm. At this point, the meeting quorum was lost.*

**Cr Kadak closed the meeting at 8.03pm**