



City of
Joondalup

Minutes of the SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE held in CONFERENCE ROOM 3, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP on Wednesday 27th November 2003 commencing at 17:55 hrs and concluding 20.10 hrs.

1. APOLOGIES

Attendance

<i>Cr T Brewer</i>	Councillor
<i>Cr S Hart</i>	Councillor
<i>Mr S Magyar</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr G Down</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr V Cusack</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr D Wake</i>	Community Representative

Apologies

<i>Mr G Hartnett</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr S Hawkins</i>	Community Representative

Guests

<i>Ms R Hardy</i>	Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development
<i>Ms S Evans</i>	Team Leader Sustainable Development
<i>Mr J Goldsmith</i>	Sustainable Development Officer
<i>Mr P Gerrans</i>	Edith Cowan University

Absent

<i>Mr W Carstairs</i>	Community Representative
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2. WELCOME TO GUESTS

Cr Brewer welcomed guests and advised that Cr Louis Prospero was unable to attend this meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2003

Moved Mr Steve Magyar, seconded Mr Geoff Down that the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 August 2003 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

5. COUNCIL DECISIONS REGARDING PREVIOUS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Mr Goldsmith provided an update regarding Council decisions arising from previous committee business will be provided.

All relevant recommendations (Report CJ214 – 09/03) were supported by council, namely that Council:

- NOTES the confirmed minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory committee meeting held on 20 February 2003, and the unconfirmed minutes from 20 August 2003, forming Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to Report CJ214-09/03;
- ENDORSES the renaming of the committee to that of Sustainability Advisory Committee and
 - APPOINTS Cr Hollywood as a second deputy.
 - ACCEPTS the resignation of Mr R Kurup.
 - DELETES the Manager, Operations Services and the Sustainable Development Officer from the committee.
- ADOPTS the revised Terms of Reference for the committee as shown in Attachment 3 to Report CJ214-09/03
- SEEKS additional Committee membership nominations comprising of
 - Two community representatives with a background in economic sustainability;
 - Two community representatives with a background in social sustainability.
- REQUESTS Administration to develop a project team for the integration of the Yellagonga Regional Park Management Plan with representatives from the City of Wanneroo and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

6. ENVIRONMENT CENTRE AT LUISINI WINERY

Mr Sirna from National Trust provided the committee with a summary of the proposal for the redevelopment of the Luisini Winery, including the establishment of an Environment Centre.

The National Trust was commissioned to undertake a feasibility study for the conservation of the winery. The winery includes Lots 41-45 which are owned by WAPC and are zoned for development. Three public meetings were held as part of the public consultation process. Varied requests came through the consultation process including the establishment of a museum, meeting rooms and a restaurant and café with an Italian theme.

Major issues identified were traffic, car parking and noise levels associated with the development. Direct consultation was undertaken with groups with regard to access to the winery.

This winery is part of the Yellagonga Regional Park (Identified as Section 24 in the Yellagonga Regional Park Management Plan) which is designated as recreational. CALM and DPI encouraged the National Trust to consider all of Section 24 as part of the redevelopment which initiated the incorporation of an Environment Centre. This led to the project taking a more holistic approach to the project and incorporated a greater emphasis on conservation and interpretation of the wetland system including the proposed CALM walking trail adjacent to the wetland. Other modifications related to the number of car bays, size of the restaurant and the Environment Centre.

A number of plans have been developed including an environmental management plan that has been submitted to the City for development approval.

Specific applications for the Environment Centre will be developed in consultation with the City and the community.

Various environmental considerations including solar passive design have been incorporated in the design of the redevelopment process. It was suggested that additional funding bodies such as Greening Challenge be approached to supplement funding of this project.

Further opportunities for comment can be made through the development application process.

7. WA ENVIRONMENT AWARD FINALIST AND WINNING ENTRY

Cr Brewer advised the committee that the City recently won one of the most prestigious awards in the 2003 WA Environment Awards. The City won the WA Environment Award under the category of 'Coastal and Marine' for the excellent work it has done in

preserving the natural coastline environment that stretches across nearly 16 kilometers of the City's boundary.

The City also achieved finalist status in the Category for Corporate Business, Leading by Example. The City of Joondalup was the only Local Government to reach the finals in this category, which is a great achievement.

8. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

A summary report was provided (attachment 2) regarding committee membership nominations. The nomination received for the Edith Cowan University is:

- Adrianne Kinnear, Edith Cowan University Associate Professor.

Nominations received for community representatives are:

- Marilyn Horgan, Executive Officer Perth Area Consultative Committee;
- Martin Brueckner, Edith Cowan University lecturer;
- Ute Goeft, PhD Candidate, Edith Cowan University;
- Dawn Atkin, Research Officer, Department of Education and Training;
- Paul Gerrans, School of Accounting, Finance and Economics at Edith Cowan University; and
- Sherry Saggars, Associate Professor, Centre for Social Research, Edith Cowan University.

Moved Mr Dave Wake, seconded Mr Geoff Down that the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council appoints the following community representatives to the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

Edith Cowan University representative:

- **Adrianne Kinnear, Edith Cowan University Associate Professor.**

Community Representatives:

- **Marilyn Horgan, Executive Officer Perth Area Consultative Committee;**
- **Martin Brueckner, Edith Cowan University lecturer;**
- **Ute Goeft, PhD Candidate, Edith Cowan University;**
- **Dawn Atkin, Research Officer, Department of Education and Training;**
- **Paul Gerrans, School of Accounting, Finance and Economics at Edith Cowan University; and**
- **Sherry Saggars, Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Social Research, Edith Cowan University.**

CARRIED

Resignations

Mr Gary Hartnett's letter of resignation was tabled at the meeting. Mr Stuart Hawkins's resignation was also tabled at the meeting.

Mr John Goldsmith, advised that he has also submitted his resignation to the City, following his appointment as the Swan Catchment Council Strategic Regional Natural Resource Management Coordinator.

Moved Mr Dave Wake, seconded Mr Geoff Down that the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council accept the resignation of Mr Gary Hartnett, Mr Stuart Hawkins and Mr John Goldsmith and thank everyone for their contribution to the City and the committee.

CARRIED

Mr Magyar raised concerns regarding achieving quorums and suggested that community representatives appoint deputies. It was agreed that this issue is addressed at the next meeting following Council's endorsement of nominations.

9. GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

Steve Magyar stated that large institutions such as Universities and Local Governments have considerable purchasing power and can influence market demands.

Mr Magyar suggested that the City develop a sustainability purchasing policy.

It was agreed that this item will be addressed under the item 15: for Cities for Climate Protection.

10. SWAN CATCHMENT COUNCIL

Ms Evans provided an overview of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy being developed for the Swan Region through the Swan Catchment Council.

Following the release of the draft NRM Strategy in January 2004 for public review and incorporation of submissions, the NRM Strategy will be submitted to the Federal Government for accreditation. Following this process, Federal funding will be made available for projects that meet the aims of the NRM Strategy.

11. STATE OF JOONDALUP REPORT

Mr Magyar stated that the Shire of Maroochidore are leaders in 'State of' reporting and suggested that the City should consider developing internal sustainable indicators such as staff turnover in any future 'State of' reporting.

Ms Hardy stated that there are a number of internal indicators that are being implemented at the City already.

Mr Magyar suggested that this reporting be undertaken by an external agency such as Edith Cowan University to ensure an independent approach.

It was agreed that this item be left on the agenda for consideration by the new committee members, particularly from Edith Cowan University.

12. CARFREE DAY

It was agreed that this item be addressed under the item 15: for Cities for Climate Protection.

13. TREE VEGETATION POLICY

It was agreed that this item be addressed under the item 15: for Cities for Climate Protection.

14. INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE; REGIONAL GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Ms Evans provided an overview of the International Sustainability Conference held on 17-19 September 2003. The theme for the conference was Regional Governance and covered key themes for sustainability including:

- Governance;
- Partnerships; and
- Tools for Sustainability.

A paper was presented at the conference by Ms Evans on behalf of the City of Joondalup. The paper addressed the City of Joondalup's approach to regional governance for sustainability and highlighted the importance of leadership, the use of tools to integrate sustainability and the importance of developing partnerships with a number of case studies to exemplify the triple bottom line.

15. CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRESS REPORT

Ms Evans provided a brief progress report on the Cities for Climate Protection Program and the Greenhouse Action plan prepared as part of Milestone 3.

The main aims of the program are to improve local air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency. The programme is based on five "Milestones".

Milestone 1. - Inventory & Forecast Greenhouse Gas Emission

Milestone 2. - Emission Reduction Target

Milestone 3. - Greenhouse Gas Emission Action Plan

Milestone 4. - Implementation of Greenhouse Gas Emission Action Plan.

Milestone 5. - Monitor and report on implementation

The City has completed Milestone 1 and 2 and has now finalized the draft Greenhouse Gas Emission Action Plan as a requirement of Milestone 3. A copy of the draft Action Plan was tabled at the meeting.

Ms Evans advised that the draft Action Plan which was previously submitted to the Committee for comment has been finalized in consultation with all business units at the City to gain agreement on actions, priorities and responsibilities for the business units.

Moved Mr Steve Magyar, seconded Cr Tim Brewer that the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the Cities for Climate Protection Greenhouse Action Plan and congratulate the staff involved in its development.

CARRIED

16. SUSTAINABLE FUTURES PLAN

Ms Hardy advised that the Sustainable Futures Plan has been in the making for the past two years and suggested that this document be reviewed for currency and relevance to other City Plans. Ms Hardy also suggested that new committee members should be given an opportunity to provide strategic direction to any overarching strategic direction. It was agreed that the Sustainable Futures Plan be referred back to staff for an officers report, setting out options and directions for the 5 year Strategic Plan.

17. ECU "APPROACHING SUSTAINABILITY" COURSE

Mr Goldsmith advised committee members that Edith Cowan University (ECU) has postponed the 3 day short course on sustainability "Developing a Sustainability Plan for Your Business", until 2004.

Preliminary discussions with ECU have led to a discount to participate in the course for committee members. Additional information will be provided to the committee once it becomes available.

18. BIODIVERSITY PLAN

Ms Evans advised that the Western Australian Local Government Association is soon to release the Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines through the Perth Biodiversity Project (PBP). These guidelines provide for a consistent approach for Local Governments to address biodiversity. Discussions are currently in place with the City and PBP to discuss a draft Project Brief to guide the development of a Biodiversity Strategy for the City.

Cr Hart questioned if the strategy will incorporate weeds. Ms Evans advised that there is scope for the Strategy to address various issues in its development including weeds. The main focus of the strategy will be to firstly identify high conservation 'natural' areas, identify their threats (ie weeds) and develop strategies for their management and protection.

19. COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

Mr Goldsmith advised that the latest round of the community-funding programme for the Sustainable Development fund closed on 8 October 2003. A total of six applications for funding were received and have been assessed by a funding assessment panel. A report to Council is currently being prepared to make recommendations in respect of the funding applications.

20. MOORO COUNTRY CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAMME

Ms Evans provided a brief summary of the Mooro Country Cultural Heritage Program that is being developed by the City and a number of key partners including the Northern Suburbs Reconciliation Group. The main aims of the program are to raise/increase community and visitor awareness and appreciation of the Nyoongar culture and heritage.

Activities associated with the Cultural Heritage Program include bus tours of the Mooro Country which are conducted by representatives of the Nyoongar people. Ms Evans highly recommended the bus tours and Ms Hardy stated that a bus tour would be arranged for SAC members.

21. OTHER BUSINESS

21.1 Plastic Bags

It was agreed that a report from officers be prepared regarding the use of calico bags as a marketing tool and identify any other opportunities that may be available to reduce the use of plastic bags.

21.2 Strategic Planning Workshop

Mr Down suggested that we provide a review of what we have done in the last year and an idea for what we will do during the new year given we have a number of new members. Ms Hardy supported this idea and suggested that the committee holds a strategic workshop to identify individual perceptions of what sustainability is and gain alignment as a group on how to progress sustainability into the organisation and the community at large and draw links with the Strategic Plan. The review of the Sustainable Futures Plan (Item 16) would also be guided by the workshop.

21.3 Future of the Committee

Mr Cusack questioned what happens to this committee if this Council is sacked. Ms Hardy stated that as an officer, recommendations can be made to the commissioner that the SAC continues and that a commissioner be appointed as the chair.

21.4 Street lighting

Cr Hart raised opportunities and examples on energy efficient street lighting and will forward an email to committee members with further details on this issue.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting will be held in Conference Room 3, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Thursday 18th December 2003 at 5.45 pm.

Note: Item 8 to be put in as a late item to the Chief Executive Officer.

23. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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