

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2005

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee members

Mr M Norman	Chairman	from 1742 hrs
Mr J Wood	Community Representative	
Ms R McElroy	Community Representative	
Mrs M Zakrevsky	Community Representative	
Mr R Henderson	Community Representative	
Mr D Pike	Community Representative	
Mr S Magyar	Community Representative	Deputy Chairman
Mr D Mallan	Community Representative	to 1930 hrs
Ms S Bailey	Community Representative	

Officers

Conservation Coordinator	K Armstrong
Minute Taker	J Schelfhout

Apologies

Ms K Clarke	Community Representative
Mr Barry Fitzsimmons	Community Representative
Manager Infrastructure Management & Ranger Services	P Pikor
Commissioner M Anderson	Guest

Acting Chairman, Mr Magyar declared the meeting open at 1735 hrs.

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JULY 2005

MOVED M Zakrevsky SECONDED D Lullfitz that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on the 27 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Item 1 Biodiversity Strategy

The Conservation Coordinator updated the meeting on the progress of the City's Local Biodiversity Strategy. Discussion ensued on the merit of placing reserves that have been identified as having strong ecological values on schedule 5 of the City of Joondalup District planning Scheme 2. Members considered that these identified reserves that are being managed as bushland reserves by Council should be given protection by the City through the District Planning Scheme.

Members requested that a list of reserves that have been identified through utilising the Perth Biodiversity Project Templates be provided for the September Conservation Advisory Committee meeting.

The Committee also requested staff to investigate if selected reserves can be added to Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme 2 as a group or as individual reserves. This advice will be provided to the CAC Chairperson prior to the September 2005 meeting.

MOVED S Magyar SECONDED M Norman that the Conversation Advisory Council:

- 1. REQUESTS that Council endorse the concept of protecting natural areas of significance, with high landscape and/or environmental values by listing those areas under Schedule 5 of District Planning Scheme No.2;**
- 2. RECOMMENDS that Council recognises the significant work already completed by City staff, in identifying natural areas of high environmental value as identified by the Perth Biodiversity Project assessment process, and forming part of the development of the City of Joondalup's Biodiversity Strategy;**
- 3. REQUESTS that Council require a report from staff, listing natural areas (within the City of Joondalup) that were identified using the Perth Biodiversity Project assessment process; these are to be included under Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme 2. This report is to be first reviewed by the Conservation Advisory Committee prior to a recommendation going to Council.**

The Motion was put and

CARRIED

M Norman entered the room at 1742 hrs and assumed the Chair at 1825 hrs.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 1 Strategic Plan

The Conservation Coordinator updated members on the progress of the Conservation Advisory Committee's Strategic Plan. He added that staff have been working with the Consultant to more closely align this document with the City of Joondalup's Strategic Plan. The Committee members decided to defer further discussion on this subject to the September CAC Meeting. The Chair requested that staff place the topic on the agenda for the next CAC meeting.

Item 2 Friends of Maritana Bushland

Sue Bailey was welcomed by the Committee members. The name of a Deputy to Ms Bailey will be decided at a later meeting.

Item 3 Budget Clarification on Natural Areas

Committee members asked staff to clarify the situation regarding the formation by the City of a dedicated bushland regeneration team. The Committee was informed that a decision on this matter had not yet been made by the City. The Chair requested that staff report back to the Committee at the next meeting on the status of this issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee Members reported on the following items:

- Discussions with the Water Corporation regarding the bushland they manage on the western side of Craigie Bushland. City staff members had provided Water Corp with costings to fence and construct pathways in the area. The Conservation Coordinator added that the City was not going to make a financial contribution to the proposed work because it was solely within the Water Corporation's Land. Committee members said they appreciated the Water Corporation's proposed action in this area.
- An overview of the activities of the newly formed Friends of Maritana Bushland group.
- The condition of the Periwinkle bushland is improving due to the work undertaken by group members and Council. Discussion followed on methods to reduce feral bee populations in the bushland reserves managed by council.
- Nesting boxes that have been purchased through the Council Community Grants Scheme being installed in Korella Park, Mullaloo.
- The Western Power substation that is proposed for Padbury – Western Power has lodged a development application with Council.
- The Council website not being updated on a regular basis. A committee member noted that issues for 'Public Comment' should be placed on the Council Website - not only advertisements in the local paper or West Australian Newspaper.
- Recent coastal dunal rehabilitation work being undertaken by Council with locals schools as part of the City's 'Adopt a Coastline' programme.
- Issues regarding Warwick Bushland. Warwick Senior High School is now very actively engaged with the Friends Groups working in the bushland. Concern raised about the Mossman River grass now being found in the area. This will be reported to the City's Operations Business Unit to act upon.
- Porteous Park and Robin Reserve had been weeded by volunteers, a number of weed issues discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Wednesday 28 September 2005.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1945 hours.