

MINUTES

Seniors Interests Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

MEETING DATE

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2007

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**MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE,
JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2007.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	Presiding Person	
Cr Richard Currie		
Ms Margaret March	Community Member	
Ms Patricia Geary	Community Member	<i>from 0945 hrs</i>
Mr Allyn Bryant	Association of Independent Retirees	
Mr Peter Boam	Industry Representative	
Ms Lynda Waterman	Industry Representative	

Officers:

Ms Julie Eaton	Coordinator, Community Services
Mrs Lesley Taylor	Administrative Secretary

In Attendance

Ms Jean Garrett – Community Vision

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 0935 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology - Ms Valerie Corey

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2007

MOVED Mr Allyn Bryant, SECONDED Mr Peter Boam that the minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee held on 1 August 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (6/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Currie, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Ms Geary entered the Room at 0945 hrs.

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.

SENIORS WEEK 2007

Co-ordinator, Community Services gave an overview of the recently held Seniors Week and the feedback in relation to comments contained in the Evaluation Sheets.

Ms Eaton commented on the success of Seniors Weeks and suggested it would be appropriate for the Organising Committee to meet within the next 2-3 weeks with a view to discussing the format for the staging of future Seniors Week events.

MOVED Cr Corr, SECONDED Cr Currie that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee NOTES that the events held during Seniors Week were highly successful, were of a great variety, well attended and thanks both the Committee members and organising staff for their input.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Currie, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

VACANCY – SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Co-ordinator, Community Services made reference to the recent vacancy that had occurred on the Committee. Ms Eaton advised that following public advertising calling for expressions of interest for membership to the Committee, one nomination had been received – Attachment 1 refers.

Discussion ensued.

MOVED Mr Peter Boam, SECONDED Cr Currie that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS the appointment of Mr Alex Cilia La Corte to the Committee.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Currie, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

REPORTS**ITEM 1 FUTURE DIRECTIONS - SENIORS INTERESTS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE - [55511]**

WARD:	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	Mr Clayton Higham Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To enable members of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) to discuss the future planning processes and options for the strategic direction of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2006, the Committee commenced the process of identifying and prioritising its key strategic focus areas through discussion and review of the City's Seniors Pan 2004 - 2008. The Committee identified current important issues and priorities for seniors and their impact, the practical application of the Committee's role and the strengths and gaps of the Seniors Plan.

To facilitate further progression, it is recommended that the Committee engage in further discussion to identify and prioritise key focus areas as well as options for the Committee to contribute to these processes in the future.

It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the combined information from workshop discussions on 3 August and 2 November 2005;*
- 2 DISCUSSES the issues identified in 2006 and the Committee's key strategic focus areas for 2007;*
- 3 DISCUSSES the appropriate format for the Committee to continue to operate under in 2007/08.*

BACKGROUND

On 25 September 2001, Council resolved to elect an Occasional Seniors Advisory Committee, which evolved into the Strategic Advisory Committee – Seniors Interests at the Council meeting of 9 October 2001. Initial membership was established at the Council meeting of 18 December 2001. At its meeting of 3 September 2002, Council resolved to remove "Strategic Advisory" from all Council Committees and the Committee became the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

The Committee was established because Council identified:

- the benefit of receiving advice from seniors who reside in the City of Joondalup;
- an ageing population;
- the need for community input into the Seniors Plan.

DETAILS

The Committee's Terms of Reference Objective 3.1 states -

“Provide advice to Council to ensure that the concerns of seniors are adequately represented in the City's planning processes and the strategic directions being developed for older people across the City.”

To assist with future planning and the strategic direction of the Committee, it would be useful for members to consider and discuss the following questions at the meeting:

- What is your perception of the role of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee?
- How can objectives be practically and effectively applied?
- What are the current priorities for the Committee?
- What are the strengths of the Committee?
- What are the challenges faced by the Committee?
- Is a Committee structure the best way of ensuring that the needs of seniors are considered during the City's decision-making processes?
 - Should it be a reference group of the City?
 - Should it operate under a forum based system meeting 2-3 times a year?
 - Continue as a Council Committee?

Information gained from discussions will inform the Committee regarding priorities for the review of the Seniors Plan and assist in considerations as to whether the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is the best way in which to ensure that the needs of seniors are met in decision-making processes.

It is proposed that this be conducted in the form of a facilitated discussion at the meeting.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is linked to the Strategic Plan through the following objectives:

- 1.1 To develop, provide and promote a diverse range of lifelong learning opportunities.
- 1.3 To continue to provide services that meets the changing needs of a diverse and growing community.
- 1.4 To work with the community to enhance safety and security in a healthy environment.
- 3.3 To continue to meet changing demographic needs.
- 4.3 To ensure the City responds to and communicates with the community.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is an official Council Committee. Its Terms of Reference are endorsed by Council.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

This process is consistent with and complements Committee participation in the review of the Seniors Plan 2004 – 2008.

The effectiveness of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is dependant on Committee members actively participating in, and contributing to processes, which inform the future planning and strategic direction of the Committee.

The Committee needs to consider how best to move forward and how it should operate (as a Council Committee, City Reference Group or meet as required forum group).

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation: That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

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- 2 DISCUSSES the issues identified in 2006 and the Committee's key strategic focus areas for 2007;
- 3 DISCUSSES the appropriate format for the Committee to continue to operate under in 2007/08.

Discussion ensued in relation to the future role, challenges, objectives and committee structure, including options for the strategic direction of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

MOVED Mr Allyn Bryant, SECONDED Ms Margaret March that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

- 1 **NOTES the combined information from workshop discussions on 3 August and 2 November 2005;**
- 2 **AGREES the appropriate format for the Committee in 2007/08 should be to continue as per the Terms of Reference for 2006/07.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Currie, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

COMMUNITY VISION

A presentation will be given to a future Committee meeting by Community Vision with respect to its proposed new service.

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

It was requested that a report be prepared outlining activities for seniors within the community and the involvement of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

DEDICATED SENIORS WEBSITE

It was requested that a report be prepared in relation to the possibility of establishing a website dedicated to seniors via a link to the City's website that would include information on upcoming events and issues appropriate to seniors.

It was suggested that information posted on the website be in a larger text more appropriate for seniors.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 1101 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Cr Richard Currie
Ms Margaret March
Ms Patricia Geary
Mr Allyn Bryant
Mr Peter Boam
Ms Lynda Waterman