

MINUTES

Seniors Interests Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2008

MEETING DATE



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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, 2 APRIL 2008.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	<i>Presiding Person</i>	South-East Ward
Cr Fiona Diaz	<i>Deputy Presiding Person</i>	South Ward
Ms Joy Coleman		Community Member
Ms Valerie Corey		Community Member
Ms Patricia Geary		Community Member
Ms Margaret March		Community Member
Mr Allyn Bryant		Association of Independent Retirees
Ms Maria Bunn		Multicultural Aged Care Services WA from 0950 hrs
Mr Alex Cilia La Corte		National Seniors

Officers:

Ms Rebecca Moore	Manager, Community Development & Libraries	Absent from 1100 hrs to 1102 hrs
Ms Anita McIntyre	Acting Co-ordinator, Community Services	Absent from 1110 hrs to 1115 hrs
Ms Pauline Sookloll	Community Development Officer, Community Services	
Mrs Jill Hewison	Administrative Secretary	

In attendance:

Karen Merrin, Social Worker, Older People's Rights Service	<i>to 1110 hrs</i>
Scott Johnson, Solicitor, Older People's Rights Service	<i>to 1110 hrs</i>
Christine Young, Manager, Cultural and Community, City of Melville	<i>to 1110 hrs</i>
Karen Purdy, Department of Community Development, State Government	<i>to 1110 hrs</i>

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 0937 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ms Lynda Waterman

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2008**

The Presiding Person announced that the Minutes of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2008 would be held over until the next meeting of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Person welcomed Mr Alex Cilia La Corte National Seniors and asked each member to introduce themselves and which organisation they represented.

The Presiding Person tendered a letter of resignation from the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee from Mr Peter Boam. (Attachment 1 refers).

The Presiding Person advised that the items on the agenda would be covered in the following order (Item 3, Item 4, Item 2 and Item 1) to enable those who were giving presentations to leave earlier, if they so wished.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS**ITEM 3 PRESENTATION - ELDER ABUSE [55511]****WARD:** All**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Clayton Higham
 Planning and Community Development

Karen Merrin, Social Worker and Scott Johnson, Solicitor, from the Older People's Rights Service (OPRS), an initiative of Advocare, will attend this meeting to provide SIAC members with information about OPRS and elder abuse.

The Older People's Rights Service provides legal advice, information and legal advocacy; short-term counselling; and referral to consumers and residents with concerns about nursing homes, hostels, Home and Community Care (HACC), Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT).

Advocare's Abuse Prevention Program provides support to older adults living in the community who are at risk of abuse from someone with whom they have as relationship of trust, such as family and friends.

Maria Bunn entered the Room at 0950 hrs.

Karen Merrin and Scott Johnson gave a rundown on the role of 'Older People's Rights Service' (OPRS) which is an initiative of Advocare.

Discussion ensued.

The Presiding Person thanked Karen and Scott for their presentation.

**ITEM 4 PRESENTATION - TALES OF TIMES PAST
[55511]****WARD:** All**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Clayton Higham
 Planning and Community Development

Committee members Patricia Geary and Valerie Corey will update the Committee on the progress of Tales of Times Past Intergenerational Intercultural Oral History Program. The program evolved from Vasanti Sunderland's extensive experience

working with a wide range of people from diverse experiences and cultural backgrounds in her role as a Community Development Consultant/ Facilitator and Storyteller.

The vision of the program is to make a contribution to enriching communities through promoting participation, encouraging understanding and recognition of the value of all members of our community across all cultures and generations.

The aims of the program are to:

- Enable seniors to meet and celebrate shared and different histories;
- Promote interaction between generations within family structures;
- Establish a community resource of oral historians operating as independent groups available to schools, educational institutions, government and non-government agencies, business and community groups and the general public;
- Contribute to a greater understanding of the issues faced by each generation as well as the skills and experiences each can offer, by dispelling the stereotypical myths and fears held by different cultures and generations;
- Break down and reduce the isolation of seniors and age segregation in community activities.

Since the inception of this highly successful program in 1995 Tales of Times Past has involved more than 600 senior storytellers and over 60,000 students, teacher, parents and members of the public across Western Australia. The City of Joondalup Tales of Times Past program led by Community Vision and Vasanti Sunderland and supported by the City of Joondalup commenced in February 2008. The City is providing facilities and resources to the programme so that as many people as possible, seniors, children, families and schools, can all take part.

The Acting Co-ordinator Community Services presented a document entitled “Tales of Times Past” – Intergenerational/Intercultural Oral History Programs (Attachment 2 refers).

Patricia Geary and Valerie Corey gave an update on the “Tales of Times Past Intergenerational Intercultural Oral History Program”.

Discussion ensued.

The Presiding Person thanked Patricia and Valerie for their presentation.

MOVED Valerie Corey SECONDED Joy Coleman that the meeting be ADJOURNED for a period of ten (10) minutes and resume at 1030 hrs.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr & Diaz, Ms March, Ms Coleman, Ms Corey, Ms Geary, Mr A Bryant, Ms M Bunn, Mr A Cilia La Corte

The meeting RESUMED at 1030 hrs.

ITEM 2 PRESENTATION - AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY FOR SENIORS CITY OF MELVILLE [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE

DIRECTOR: Mr Clayton Higham
 Planning and Community Development

Christine Young, Manager Cultural and Community, City of Melville, will attend this meeting to provide SIAC members with information about the City of Melville Age-Friendly Melville Strategy: Directions for Seniors which was launched in October 2007.

The strategy aims to create an age-friendly City by promoting active ageing, removing and preventing barriers that people encounter as they grow older and ensuring policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to support and enable seniors to age actively.

Using funding from the Office for Seniors Interests and Carers, The City of Melville conducted research as part of the World Health Organisation – Age-Friendly Cities (WHO – AFC) project.

The City of Melville was the only local government in Western Australia to participate in the WHO – AFC project which aimed to identify indicators of an age-friendly City and produce a practical guide to encourage community development, advocacy and policy change.

City of Melville residents participated in WHO – AFC research, which involved 14 focus groups and a number of workshops with seniors, informal carers and relevant organisations. Participants in the workshops provided information on a range of different topics such as transportation, social participation, communication and information, community support and health services and other elements that make a City age-friendly.

The Age-Friendly Melville Strategy captures the research and actions of the WHO – AFC project, as well as setting strategies for future directions by linking to the City of Melville Community Plan. One of the key priorities of the Community Plan is to create an age-friendly City by determining key priorities and identifying future strategies and actions.

The City of Melville's experience through the success of the "Liveability Survey" process and the development of the WHO – AFC initiatives will be valuable for the SIAC to note in review of the City of Joondalup Seniors Plan.

Christine Young Manager Cultural and Community, City of Melville and Karen Purdy, Department of Community Development, State Government tabled a World Health Organisation brochure entitled ' Global-Age – Friendly Cities: A Guide on which they gave a presentation. (Attachment 3 refers).

Discussion ensued.

The Manager, Community Development & Libraries Officer left the Room at 1100 hrs and returned at 1102 hrs.

Christine Young, Karen Purdy, Karen Merrin, Scott Johnson and the Acting Co-ordinator Community Services left the Room at 1110 hrs.

The Acting Co-ordinator Community Services re-entered the Room at 1114 hrs.

ITEM 1 SENIORS INTEREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY [55511]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Clayton Higham
Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) with the nominations received for the industry representative vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the process undertaken to fill the SIAC “industry representative” vacancy. The process included advertising in the Joondalup Times community newspaper, targeted mail out to organisations which provide services to seniors throughout the City and disseminating an advertisement electronically through an extensive email network.

It is recommended that the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee:

- 1 *NOTES the process undertaken to fill the “industry representative” vacancy;*
- 2 *NOTES the nominations received;*
- 3 *DETERMINES the most appropriate nominee given the Committee’s objectives and submits its preferred nominee to Council for endorsement.*

BACKGROUND

The SIAC operates under a Terms of Reference, which outlines membership, terms of appointment and vacancies and informs the process of filling Committee vacancies

DETAILS

The SIAC “industry representative” vacancy was advertised:

- Through an advertisement in the Joondalup Times community Newspaper on 13 March 2008;
- Throughout the extensive “industry” email network of the Community Development Officer;
- Through a targeted mail out to organisations who provide services to seniors throughout the City;
- By word of mouth as opportunities presented.

Applications for nominations will close on Monday 30 March 2008. Applications will be tabled to the Committee to determine the most appropriate nominee at the 2 April meeting.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is linked to the Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The SIAC is a Council Committee; therefore membership needs to be endorsed by Council. The Committee’s Terms of Reference require that the tenure of the Committee be for a period of two years and that the two-year period coincide with the election cycle of the elected Council.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability implications:

Not Applicable.

Consultation:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

Information provided by individuals on the nomination form highlights the knowledge and experience of each nominee. The Committee will be asked to propose a quality representative, adding to the depth of knowledge and experience and importantly, the diversity of industry representation on the SIAC.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Nomination Form.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the process undertaken to fill the "industry representative" vacancy;
- 2 NOTES the nominations received;
- 3 DETERMINES the most appropriate nominee given the Committee's objectives and submits its preferred nominee to Council for endorsement.

The Presiding Person spoke in relation to Mr P Boam's resignation from the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

The Manager, Community Development & Libraries advised that the vacancy had been advertised and that interested parties had been written to in relation to the vacancy. Applications closed as at 31 March 2008 and four (4) nominations had been received. The Manager, Community Development & Libraries tabled a document listing the names of the nominees together with a summary for each nominee. (Attachment 4 refers). The Manager, Community Development & Libraries advised each committee member had 2 votes, one for each vacancy.

MOVED Maria Bunn SECONDED Allyn Bryant that the meeting be ADJOURNED for a period of ten (10) minutes and resume at 1115 hrs.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr & Diaz, Ms March, Ms Coleman, Ms Corey, Ms Geary, Mr A Bryant, Ms M Bunn, Mr A Cilia La Corte

The meeting RESUMED at 1115 hrs.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the process undertaken to fill the "industry representative" vacancy;
- 2 NOTES the nominations received;
- 3 DETERMINES the most appropriate nominee given the Committee's objectives and submits its preferred nominee to Council for endorsement.

MOVED Patricia Geary SECONDED Joy Coleman that the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 1 **ACCEPTS the resignation of Mr Peter Boam and thanks him for his valuable contribution in the past;**
- 2 **NOTES the process undertaken to fill the "industry representative" vacancies;**
- 3 **NOTES the nominations received;**
- 4 **DETERMINES the most appropriate nominees given the Committee's objectives as being:**
 - **Mr Bruce Dufty, Concordia Lutheran Church**
 - **Ms Anne Pike, Advocare Inc.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr & Diaz, Ms March, Ms Coleman, Ms Corey, Ms Geary, Mr A Bryant, Ms M Bunn, Mr A Cilia La Corte

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Nil.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 1125 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Cr Fiona Diaz
Ms Joy Coleman
Ms Valerie Corey
Ms Patricia Geary
Ms Margaret March
Ms Maria Bunn
Mr Allyn Bryant
Mr Alex Cilia La Corte