

Minutes

Sustainability Advisory Committee

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2009

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2009.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	Presiding Person	
Cr Mike Norman	Deputy Presiding Person	
Cr Albert Jacob, JP		<i>absent from 1820 to 1823 hrs</i>
Cr Russ Fishwick		<i>from 1815 hrs</i>
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative	
Mr Rainer Repke	Community Representative	
Mr John Chester	Community Representative	
Mr John Rule	Community Representative	
Mr Peter Jacoby	Community Representative	

Officers:

Ms Glenda Blake	Acting Manager, Strategic and Organisational Development
Mr Mark Tucek	Environmental Development Coordinator
Mrs Jill Hewison	Administrative Secretary

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1810 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Mr Brett Dorney
Ms Ute Goeft

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2008

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Chester that the minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 23 October 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (8/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr, Norman & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Person invited all members to introduce themselves and give a brief rundown of their background.

The Presiding Person also welcomed John Rule and thanked him for becoming involved in the Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS**ITEM 1 PRESENTATION OF LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN - [24597]**

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Ian Cowie
DIRECTOR: Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present to the Sustainability Advisory Committee the City of Joondalup Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019 (LMP) as adopted by Council at its meeting held on 16 December 2008.

BACKGROUND

In February 2007, a desktop review of landscape planning and management within the City of Joondalup was undertaken. The purpose of this study was to assess the City's current approach to landscape master planning and to develop new principles and concepts to underpin a future LMP. These principles and concepts were developed in alignment with community expectation and sustainable environmental management. Council at its meeting on 18 March 2008 (CJ034-03/08 refers) resolved inter alia to:

“REQUEST the development of a Strategic Landscape Master Plan to specifically guide the implementation of landscape planning within the City.”

DETAILS

Council at its meeting on 16 December 2008 (CJ259-12/08 refers) adopted the City of Joondalup Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019 shown as Attachment 1.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

There are currently no legislative requirements for the City to adopt landscape master planning. However, recent State Government legislation now requires local governments to assess and reduce water usage within prescribed limits which can be largely achieved through the implementation of actions contained in the LMP.

Risk Management considerations:

A key operational and financial risk for landscape master planning will be the costs associated with the implementation and ongoing maintenance of landscaping works. It is therefore important that pilot and iconic projects are the subject of a cost benefit analysis.

Another risk may be the reaction of the community to changing the profile of parks. The community will need to be engaged and advised through effective consultation during the planning and implementation of individual landscaping projects.

Financial/Budget Implications:

The Landscape Master Plan is not a funded Plan. Individual on ground projects will be determined on an annual basis and funding will be allocated through the annual budget process.

Policy Implications:

The landscape master planning proposal has a link to the City's Sustainability Policy. It will also link in with the City's commitment to designing out crime and the detailed planning stages of individual open space areas will take this aspect into account.

Regional Significance:

The City may consider partnerships with other local governments in undertaking projects, particularly those that share common boundaries. It is understood that the City of Stirling has commenced piloting similar water-saving concepts to those contained in the LMP. This may provide partnership opportunities going forward.

Sustainability Implications:

Effective landscape master planning has the potential to produce long-term sustainability for the City's public open spaces.

Consultation:

A key component of landscape master planning will be the need for community consultation, engagement and education. The LMP sets out a series of actions that will engage and educate the community about the City's landscaping objectives. These will occur as key on-ground projects are planned and implemented. A specific process for community engagement will be developed and implemented for all relevant individual landscaping projects as detailed within the actions of this Plan.

COMMENT

The City of Joondalup has a significant opportunity to become a leader in climate change response whilst retaining public amenity within public open spaces. Developing and maintaining public open spaces, verges/medians and building surrounds are critical aspects of the core business of local government. This is particularly true in the current environment, when much pressure is placed upon local government to explore better ways of managing public spaces in response to climate change challenges.

The LMP will directly support the objectives of other key plans the City has developed, or is in the process of developing, including the ICLEI Water Action Plan and the Department of Water's Water Conservation Plan. Furthermore, the approach being taken by the City has been acknowledged by the Department of Water, who awarded the City a high commendation at its recent Water Awards. As part of the LMP processes, all of the City's public open space, verges/medians and building surrounds are currently being assessed on the basis of pre-formulated criteria to determine their priority for landscape master planning.

This priority listing will lead to a schedule of works to enable Individual Landscaping Plans for parks, verges/medians and building surrounds to be developed over time, as priority dictates. An initial priority listing will be developed as an action of the LMP. It should be noted that the LMP will provide a program of works that will likely span a 10-20 year rolling program, depending on the results of the prioritising of works and the resources required. It is envisaged that the program of works to be developed would replace the Dry Parks Program of the Capital Works Program and that the Landscape Master Planning Program will be implemented once pilot and iconic projects have been completed and evaluated.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the attached Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019 endorsed by Council.

The Acting Manager, Strategic and Organisational Development gave an overview of the Report.

Cr Fishwick entered the Room, the time being 1815 hrs.

Cr Jacob left the Room at 1820 hrs and returned at 1823 hrs.

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Cr Norman that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the attached Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019 endorsed by Council;**
- 2 THANKS the Council and Staff for developing and endorsing the Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019;**
- 3 REQUESTS Council to seek a report from the CEO projecting the estimate of:**
 - (a) maintenance costs avoided;**
 - (b) capital costs saved;**
 - (c) quantity of water saved;****by implementing the Landscape Master Plan**
- 4 REQUESTS Council to seek a series of reports from the CEO, not more than every two years, but not less than every four years, evaluating the success of the Landscape Master Plan;**
- 5 INFORMS the Council that the WAPC has released a publication, “Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia: A manual for evaluation, assessment, siting and design;**
- 6 REQUESTS Council to seek a report from the CEO on the usefulness of the publication, “Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia” in evaluating the success of the City’s Landscape Master Plan.**

Discussion ensued.

AMENDMENT MOVED Cr Norman SECONDED Cr Fishwick that Point 3(b) be removed and that point 3(c) becomes point 3(b).

Discussion ensued.

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (8/1)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Corr, Norman, Fishwick & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Rule, and Mr Repke **Against the Amendment:** Mr Magyar

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Chester SECONDED Cr Fishwick that Point 4 be amended to read as follows:

- “4 (a) REQUESTS Council to ensure that a report on the Landscape Master Plan is included in the annual report;**
- 4 (b) SEEKS confirmation that an evaluation on the KPIs contained in the Landscape Master Plan will be recorded in the annual report.”**

Discussion ensued.

The Amendment was Put and**CARRIED (9/0)**

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Corr, Norman, Fishwick & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Magyar, Mr Jacoby, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

Discussion ensued.

It was requested that Points 3 and 6 of the Motion be voted upon separately.

The Original Motion as amended, being

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the attached Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019 endorsed by Council;**
- 2 THANKS the Council and Staff for developing and endorsing the Landscape Master Plan 2009-2019;**
- 4 (a) REQUESTS Council to ensure that a report on the Landscape Master Plan is included in the annual report;**
(b) SEEKS confirmation that an evaluation on the KPIs contained in the Landscape Master Plan will be recorded in the annual report.
- 5 INFORMS the Council that the WAPC has released a publication, “Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia: A manual for evaluation, assessment, siting and design.**

The Motion was Put and**CARRIED (9/0)**

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr, Norman, Fishwick & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Cr Norman that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 3 REQUESTS Council to seek a report from the CEO projecting the estimate of:**
(a) maintenance costs avoided;
(b) quantity of water saved;
by implementing the Landscape Master Plan

The Motion was Put and**CARRIED (6/3)**

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr, Norman & Fishwick, Mr Magyar, Mr Jacoby and Mr Repke **Against the Motion:** Cr Jacob, Mr Rule and Mr Chester

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Cr Norman that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 6 REQUESTS Council to seek a report from the CEO on the usefulness of the publication, “Visual Landscape Planning in Western Australia” in evaluating the success of the City’s Landscape Master Plan.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/4)

In favour of the motion: Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke **Against the Motion:** Crs Corr, Jacob, Norman & Fishwick

Appendix 1 refers

ITEM 2 PRESENTATION OF BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN - [24597]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Ian Cowie
DIRECTOR: Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present to the Sustainability Advisory Committee the City of Joondalup Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 (BAP) as adopted by Council at its meeting held on 16 December 2008.

BACKGROUND

The Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) Project is an ICLEI partnership project, involving 21 cities from around the world, to enhance the profile, planning and management of biodiversity at a local level. The aim of the three year project is to develop a Local Government Network for biodiversity action, broadly representative of ICLEI’s regions and continents, to promote a greater understanding of local government biodiversity issues leading to the implementation of appropriate measures within the participating local governments.

The City of Joondalup has been actively progressing the ICLEI LAB project five step process which is outlined as follows:

Step 1:

Development of a biodiversity report that documents the current state of biodiversity and its management within each City.

The City of Joondalup has completed Step 1 with the production of its Local Action for Biodiversity Report which was showcased at the Local Action for Biodiversity Mayor’s Conference held in May 2008 in Bonn, Germany.

Step 2:

Ensuring long-term commitment by City leadership to sustainable biodiversity management through LAB cities formally endorsing a local government biodiversity declaration.

Step 2 was completed on 19 February 2008 with Council endorsing the signing of the Durban Commitment: Local Government for Biodiversity Statement and the Countdown 2010 – Save Biodiversity Declaration, with the subsequent signing of both documents in September 2008 at the international LAB Workshop in Durban, South Africa.

Step 3:

Development of a 10-year Biodiversity Action Plan for the City that includes commitment to biodiversity preservation within broader City plans.

Step 4:

Formal acceptance by Council of the City's BAP.

Step 5:

Implementation of five new on-the-ground biodiversity projects by the end of the three year project (all of which are currently in progress).

Council at its meeting on 16 December 2008 (CJ260-12/08 refers) adopted the attached BAP, thus serving to complete Steps 3 and 4.

DETAILS

The Council endorsed City of Joondalup Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 is included as Attachment 1.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not Applicable.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

The BAP is not a funded plan. Individual on ground projects will be funded through the annual budget process.

Policy Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Actions outlined within the BAP give rise to a number of projects that will require regional cooperation as well as the support of the State Government. Topics such as the Yellagonga Regional Park, biodiversity corridors and ocean water management are areas that will require a regional approach.

Sustainability Implications:

Protecting biodiversity is the cornerstone to protecting healthy ecosystems. Maintaining healthy ecosystems improves the chances of plants, animals and landscapes recovering from unpredictable natural occurrences such as fire, flood, cyclones and the potential effects of climate change. The aesthetic value of natural open space areas also contributes to the well-being of the community.

Consultation:

The Biodiversity Action Plan is an operational plan that will guide the work of the City over the next 10 years in managing its biodiversity and natural areas. Given the nature of the Plan it is therefore considered not necessary to seek public comment in this instance. However, it should be noted that the implementation of many of the actions contained in the BAP will give rise to community consultation and engagement as specific projects are planned and implemented.

COMMENT

The City's involvement in the ICLEI LAB Project has placed the City as a leader in this field including on the international stage. The City's LAB project was listed as finalist in the State's Environment Awards for 2008, which has drawn state wide attention to the work being undertaken through this project. The production and adoption of a long term action plan will provide the City with a framework to progress biodiversity conservation and enhancement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

The Manager, Organisational Development gave an overview of the Report.

MOVED Cr Jacob SECONDED Cr Fishwick that the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the attached Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 endorsed by Council.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Chester that the following points 2 and 3 be added to the motion:

“2 THANKS the Council and staff for developing and endorsing the Biodiversity Action Plan;

- 3 SEEKS ongoing involvement within the Terms of Reference of the Sustainability Advisory Committee in many tasks identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan.”**

Discussion ensued.

It was requested that Points 2 and 3 of the Amendment be voted upon separately.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Chester that the following point 2 be added to the motion:

- “2 THANKS the Council and staff for developing and endorsing the Biodiversity Action Plan.”**

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Corr, Norman, Fishwick & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Chester that the following point 3 be added to the motion:

- “3 SEEKS ongoing involvement within the Terms of Reference of the Sustainability Advisory Committee in many tasks identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan.”**

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (7/2)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Corr, Norman, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke
Against the Amendment: Crs Fishwick & Jacob

AMENDMENT MOVED Cr Norman SECONDED Mr Repke that an additional point 4 be added to the Motion to read:

- “4 That Council CONSIDERS increasing beyond three (3) the number of locations for biodiversity signage along the coastal foreshore.”**

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Corr, Norman, Fishwick & Jacob, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

The Original motion as amended, being:

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the attached Biodiversity Action Plan 2009-2019 endorsed by Council;**
- 2 THANKS the Council and staff for developing and endorsing the Biodiversity Action Plan;**
- 3 SEEKS ongoing involvement within the Terms of Reference of the Sustainability Advisory Committee in many tasks identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan.**

- 4 That Council CONSIDERS increasing beyond three (3) the number of locations for biodiversity signage along the coastal foreshore.**

was Put and

CARRIED (9/0)

In favour of the motion: : Crs Corr, Norman, Jacob & Fishwick, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke

Appendix 2 refers

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOTICE OF MOTION – MR S MAGYAR

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Mr Magyar gave notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 19 February 2009:

“That the Sustainability Advisory Committee, in accordance with Council’s resolution of 30th September 2008, Item CJ198-09/08, that “Council requests that proposals for workshops be presented to Council in the first instance to determine whether a workshop should be held”, hereby submitted the following reports and references and documents for Council’s determination of the suitability of the documents for a Sustainability Advisory Committee Workshop:

- 1 “Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, Version 3.0”, Global Reporting Initiative;***
- 2 “Standards and Practices for Forecasting”, J Scott Armstrong, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania;***
- 3 Weathercocks & signposts, The environment movement at a crossroads, April 2008, WWF;***
- 4 “Five Axioms of Sustainability”, Richard Heinberg’s MuseLetter #178 – February 2007.”***

Officer’s Comment

Council at its meeting held in September 2008 (Item CJ198-09/08 refers) resolved that:

“requests for proposed workshops are to be presented to Council in the first instance to determine whether a workshop should be held.”

If the above motion is supported by the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the matter will be forwarded to Council for its determination.

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Cr Jacob that the Sustainability Advisory Committee, in accordance with Council’s resolution of 30th September 2008, Item CJ198-09/08, that “Council requests that proposals for workshops be presented to Council in the first instance to determine whether a workshop

should be held”, hereby submit the following reports and references and documents for Council’s determination of the suitability of the documents for one or more Sustainability Advisory Committee Workshop/s:

- 1 “Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, Version 3.0”, Global Reporting Initiative;
- 2 “Standards and Practices for Forecasting”, J Scott Armstrong, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania;
- 3 Weathercocks & signposts, The environment movement at a crossroads, April 2008, WWF;
- 4 “Five Axioms of Sustainability”, Richard Heinberg’s MuseLetter #178 – February 2007.”

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (8/1)

In favour of the motion: : Crs Corr, Norman & Fishwick, Mr Chester, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar, Mr Rule and Mr Repke **Against the Motion:** Cr Jacob

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Nil.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 1955 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Cr Mike Norman
Cr Albert Jacob
Cr Russ Fishwick
Mr Steve Magyar
Mr Rainer Repke
Mr John Chester
Mr John Rule
Mr Peter Jacoby