

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 21 Tuesday 5 October 2021 5.30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu (arrived at 5.34pm)
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apology

Councillor Jason Chang

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee On Tuesday 19 October 2021

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business tomorrow
- the agenda comprised of nine reports from management
- an apology had been received from Cr Chang.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved:

Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 20, held on Tuesday 21 September 2021, be confirmed.

Seconded:

Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey.

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.34pm.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

Queen Victoria Market (QVM)

Mary-Lou Howie asked a question about whether the City of Melbourne had applied for referrals under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) for QVM developments.

The following response was provided by Jonathan Kambouris, Director City Projects;

- The City of Melbourne is committed to protecting the heritage of the Queen Victoria Market and the
 respectful acknowledgment of the former cemetery. Council first nominated the Queen Victoria Market for
 inclusion on the National Heritage List in 2015 prior to it being added to the list in July 2018.
- Recently, developments were referred to the City of Melbourne from the Minister for Planning as the Responsible Authority. The City of Melbourne is not the land owner of the proposed developments.
- While outside the listed area, under the requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment it is the responsibility of the land owner to fulfil the obligations under the EPBC Act.
- In relation to the Southern Development Site, there is an EOI process currently underway. At the
 appropriate time the future land owner/developer will be responsible for compliance with the EPBC Act, in
 addition to Melbourne Planning Scheme and Heritage Victoria requirements.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, Draft Carlton Gardens Master Plan for community engagement:

Requests to speak:

- Margaret O'Brien
- Fiona Bell, Deputy President, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

Items of Correspondence:

- Fiona Bell, Deputy President, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.
- Yolande Leonardi.

City Planning Portfolio

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider two reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit application: TP-2020-453, 16 Chetwynd Street, West Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for partial demolition and construction of an extension to the existing dwelling at 16 Chetwynd Street, West Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

- That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions outlined in the Delegate Report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management), with conditions 1b and 1c amended as follows:
 - Replacement of the aluminium framed front window (WIN01) with timber framing to match the existing double hung window with two panes to each sash.
 - 1c. Removal of the metal sheeting on the front door (DDR01) with retention of the existing timber door, or replacement with a 4-panel solid timber door with bolection moulding, and highlight glazing.

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 City of Melbourne Submission on Arden Planning Package

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the City of Melbourne's submission to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) on the Arden Planning Package, including Amendment C407 at Attachment 2 of the report from management.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the City of Melbourne's submission to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) on the Arden Planning Package, including Amendment C407 at Attachment 2.
 - 1.2. Notes that the submission will form the basis of the City of Melbourne's ongoing consultation with the VPA, in the interest of resolving issues where possible prior to a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) hearing or alternative planning pathway.

- 1.3. Notes the letter from the Deputy Secretary, Policy, Precincts & Innovation at the Department of Transport providing Council with an update on the Victorian Government's commitments to affordable housing in Arden Central and its intention to cover the balance of funding required to cover DCP project costs.
- 1.4. Requests that, if a SAC is determined to be the preferred planning pathway, the Minister for Planning consults the City of Melbourne on the SAC process, refers all submissions to the SAC and ensures the planning pathway enables equal access to the planning process for all submitters.
- 1.5. Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the City of Melbourne submission.

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.3 Munro Community Hub and Library

The purpose of this report was to recommend a proposed mix of uses within the Council owned Munro site on the corner of Queen and Therry streets Melbourne, including a new Community Hub and Library.

Moved:

Cr Hakim

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the proposed uses (Table 1 in paragraph 8 of the report) for the Munro Community Hub and Library (Facility).
 - 1.2. Authorises the Deputy Chief Executive Officer to progress the design of the fit out for the Facility and preparation of contract documentation.

Seconded:

Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Design Excellence Program (Major Initiative 22) - Design Excellence Advisory Committee (DEAC) and Melbourne Design Review Panel (MDRP) members

The purpose of this report was to update Councillors on the call for applications process and to note the appointment of members to the Design Excellence Advisory Committee (DEAC) and Melbourne Design Review Panel (MDRP).

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.37pm and returned at 6.40pm

Cr Campbell left the meeting at 6.37 and returned at 6.40pm.

Moved:

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

- 1. That Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the updates to the 'Design Excellence Advisory Committee (DEAC) Terms of Reference 2021-2025' and 'Melbourne Design Review Panel (MDRP) Terms of Reference 2021-22 Pilot Program' (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management).

1.2. Notes the appointment of members to MDRP and DEAC (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management).

Seconded:

Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.5 Draft Carlton Gardens Master Plan for community engagement

The purpose of this report was to seek approval from the Future Melbourne Committee to release the draft Carlton Gardens Master Plan for community engagement.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Margaret O'Brien
- Fiona Bell, Deputy President Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece left the meeting at 7.03pm and returned at 7.04pm.

Moved:

Cr Leppert

- 1. That the Melbourne Committee:
 - Endorses the draft Carlton Gardens Master Plan for community engagement (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management).
 - 1.2. Authorises the General Manager, Strategy Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft Carlton Gardens Master Plan prior to publication.

Seconded:

Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.6 City Activation Grants

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the City Activation Grants program (CAGP) that will support the activation of retail, hospitality and entertainment precincts across the City of Melbourne

Moved:

Cr Louey

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Endorses the proposed City Activation Grants program (Program).
 - 1.2. Endorses management working with the Victorian government to develop and deliver the Program, to support the activation of retail, hospitality and entertainment precincts across the City of Melbourne.
 - 1.3. Notes that the overall funding pool for the grants scheme is \$1.75m.

Seconded:

Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.7 Draft Financial Plan

The purpose of this report was to seek the Future Melbourne Committee endorsement to start the community engagement process of the draft Financial Plan between 6 and 19 October 2021.

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

That the Future Melbourne Committee endorses the draft 10 Year Financial Plan to go to public exhibition for broader community engagement.

Seconded:

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.8 Adoption of Asset Plan 2021-2031

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee approval for the draft Asset Plan 2021-2031 to be exhibited on Participate Melbourne prior to formal Council adoption at its meeting on 26 October 2021.

Moved:

Cr Le Liu

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Approves the draft Asset Plan 2021-2031 (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) to be exhibited on Participate Melbourne for community comments prior to formal Council adoption at its meeting on 26 October 2021.
 - 1.2. Approves the inclusion of a DDA review as a project specific inclusion for any material ongoing projects (maintenance, renewal, upgrade or new) to ensure DDA factors are a constant consideration in the delivery of the asset plan going forward.
 - 1.3. Authorises the General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further necessary changes to the draft Asset Plan by way of presentation and formatting prior to public exhibition.

Seconded:

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.9 Proposal to defer busking, outdoor dining fees and infrastructure costs involving parklets and laneway closures until 1 April 2022

The purpose of this report was to inform Future Melbourne Committee of management's intention seek Council endorsement in October of the proposal to defer busking, outdoor dining permit fees and outdoor dining infrastructure costs to 31 March 2022.

Moved:

Cr Campbell

- 1. That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends that Council:
 - 1.1. Defers the proposed outdoor dining permit fee introduction until 1 April 2022 to allow for more regular trading conditions to return as vaccination rates increase. The income foregone being \$405,000 could be included in Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund 2 (MCRF2).
 - 1.2. Defers outdoor applications fees until 1 April 2022. Any business that has already paid the application fee will be notified that they will be given a credit for next year's renewal.

- 1.3. Purchases existing on-street parklet infrastructure and give it to parklet permit holders who have previously engaged in the program and transfer all ongoing cleaning, maintenance and repair costs to parklet permit holders. The cost of this being \$1,132,000.
- 1.4. Re-instates some of the removed parklets strictly on request by businesses who had previously made a decision to remove parklets in July based on costs. These will only be reinstated on request and considered on a case-by-case basis. Each parklet reinstatement would cost approximately \$3,500 per bay (plus traffic management costs). It is estimated that up to 15 parklets may be reinstated to assist businesses at a cost of approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000.
- 1.5. Continues to support the laneway closure program at a cost of approximately \$878,000 for the provision of security infrastructure until 1 April 2022.
- Engages with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on further support for outdoor dining through MCRF2.
- 1.7. Defers the introduction of busking permit fees until 1 April 2022 to encourage buskers to return to the city and introduce promotional activities and initiatives such as 'Tip My Hat' competition.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no items of general business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

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