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South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

26 June 2019

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Hosted by the City of Gosnells

2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells

Wednesday 26 June 2019 commenced at 6:00 pm

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MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale	Mayor Henry Zelones OAM JP
City of Canning	Cr Sara Saberi Cr Tim Porter (Deputy)
City of Gosnells	Cr Julie Brown (SC) Cr Olwen Searle Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of South Perth	Mayor Sue Doherty - Chair Mr Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
Town of Victoria Park	Cr Bronwyn Ife Cr Brian Oliver (SC) Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Ms Lynne Craigie OAM, President, WALGA Mr James McGovern, Manager, Governance
DLGSC Representative	Ms Jodie Holbrook
Guest Speakers	Nil

APOLOGIES

City of Canning	Cr Ben Kunze – Deputy Chair Mr Arthur Kyron, Chief Executive Officer
City of South Perth	Cr Greg Milner
City of Armadale	Cr Ruth Butterfield (DSC) Ray Tame, Chief Executive Officer
WALGA Secretariat	Lyn Fogg, Governance Advisor, Sector Support & Advice
DLGSC Representative	Ms Jodie Holbrook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting, to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Meeting Guidelines and Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Olwen Searle

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 1 May 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment in the Agenda.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

Item 5.1 National Redress and Local Government

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Tim Porter

That WALGA continue to promote awareness of the National Redress Scheme and note that some Local Governments may wish to join the Scheme in the very near future to demonstrate a commitment to the victims of institutional child sexual abuse.

CARRIED

Item 5.2 Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and *Heritage Act 2018* Proclamation Regulations

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

Item 5.3 Review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (Phase 2)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Sue Doherty
Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

Item 5.4 Planning for Bushfire Guidelines: Element 3 Vehicular Access

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Henry Zelones
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

Item 5.5 Remote Area Tax Concessions

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

Item 5.6 Directions Paper for the 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Oliver
Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

Late Item 5.7 Urban Forest Grants Program

By Town of Victoria Park

BACKGROUND

In March 2019, the Town of Victoria Park Council at its Ordinary Council meeting, adopted its advocacy priorities for 2019. One of the four advocacy priorities is advocating for Urban Forest Strategy initiatives. This was following Council's endorsement of the Urban Forest Strategy at its Ordinary Council meeting in September 2018, which aims to increase the Town's tree canopy to 20 per cent, and will require the planting of up to 256,000 trees. An Implementation Action Plan to deliver the Town's Urban Forest Strategy, is currently being drafted.

The Town of Victoria Park's Advocacy Priorities 2019 document outlines that the Town advocates for dedicated funding grants to help local governments deliver their Urban Forest Strategies. Stakeholders to help achieve this advocacy priority are identified, with WALGA recognised for seeking their support in the establishing a Local Government Greener Perth grant program, funded by the State Government.

COMMENT

The Town of Victoria Park's Urban Forest Strategy aims to increase the Town's tree canopy from 10 to 20 per cent, which will require the planting of up to 256,000 trees. This ambitious tree canopy target will require dedicated resources and significant financial investment to achieve.

The Town of Victoria Park's Advocacy Priorities 2019 document outlines that the Town advocates for dedicated funding grants to help local governments deliver their Urban Forest Strategies. To achieve this, it is recommended that the State Government establishes a Local Government Greener Perth grant program, similar to what is currently provided by the NSW State Government.

In NSW, the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney Grant from the NSW State Government supports local councils in Greater Sydney to enhance urban tree canopy by co-funding tree planting projects in public spaces such as streets, parks and plazas.

The Town of Victoria Park's Advocacy Priorities 2019 document seeks for the State government to provide \$10 - \$20 million annually for local governments to access via a grant program to increase tree canopy.

In 2016, the canopy cover of the Greater Perth region was 19.95%, as documented in the "Better Urban Forest Planning" guiding document (November 2018) published by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in conjunction with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA). This was a decline of 2.32% canopy cover from the previous survey in 2009.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The recent release of the *Better Urban Forest Planning Guide* by WALGA and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage highlighted the current deficiency of tools currently available to Local Government to adequately deliver on the goals and objectives of their Urban Forest Plans, and also to facilitate positive outcomes through the planning system for urban forests.

In light of these deficiencies the Planning and Environment teams at WALGA have convened an Urban Forest Working Group that will bring together Local Government officers and have a scope to investigate all matters relating to Local Government's role in Urban Forest management planning and implementation.

The purpose of the Local Government Urban Forest Working Group is to build the capacity of Local Government, share information, identify gaps and develop practical planning outcomes and tools. The Working Group will operate as a community of practice for members to share their experiences, take collective action and responsibility for progressing agreed priority issues. At time of writing the Group has membership from 18 Local Governments and is scheduled to meet in late July for its inaugural meeting. The Vision and priorities of the Group will be set by the Group itself.

WALGA is also advocating for urban forests to be a priority in the State Climate Change Policy currently under development by the WA Government.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Bronwyn Ife
Seconded: Cr Brian Oliver

That WALGA supports and develops an advocacy approach for the introduction of a Local Government Greener Perth grant program, funded by the State Government.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor Julie Brown presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.

Nil

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Cr Julie Brown provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Sue Doherty
Seconded: Cr Brian Oliver

That the next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone be held on Wednesday 28 August at the City of South Perth commencing at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.