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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Gaetano Greco (7.27 pm)
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Angela Villella
Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services
Allan Cochrane – Acting Director Corporate and Planning Services
Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance
Verica Jokic – Senior Media Advisor
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business
Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged for the initial absence of Cr. Greco.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 July 2016 and the Special Council meeting held on 25 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 299

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time:

- **Damian Kingsbury of Thornbury asked the following:**

“At a time when rate capping has put pressure on essential Darebin Council services to the community and Council has not yet committed funds to conserving for public use the former Ruthven Primary School site and 1.8 HA of land adjoining Merri Creek at the former Lakeside Secondary College:

- (1) has council cut \$42,000 from the historic Bundoora Homestead and/or its associated arts centre and considering closing it one day a week.*
- (2) Further, will it entertain the fiscally irresponsible idea of spending \$10 million dollars, as endorsed by Cr Trent McCarthy and reported in Leader Community News, to purchase a former bank building and theatre site in Rucker Ward for the purpose of creating 'artists' hubs' when there is already a large Arts and Entertainment Centre located on the corner of Bell Street and St Georges Road?”*

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, provided the following responses:

- (1) There has been no cut in the budget for Bundoora Homestead or the associated arts programming.*

There have been numerous discussions with the Board of Management for over a year regarding the draft Business Plan with strategies to build and grow the service currently being delivered at the Homestead. There are a number of strategic drivers that provide a solid foundation for meeting community demands and aspirations for the centre that the plan outlines. Discussions have not included a one day per week closure, however, a more general brainstorm of options has been discussed in light of rate capping and looking to scope new ideas from the new board membership which had its first meeting at 20 July. The draft business plan has not yet been presented to Council as the new board has only been introduced to the draft last month and have agreed to workshop ideas and formulate a final plan for Council endorsement later this year.

- (2) This matter will be considered when it comes up through the Notice of Motion section in tonight's agenda.”*

- **David Redfearn of Northcote asked the following:**

“While I acknowledge and, in fact, embrace the critical importance of the arts to the social and economic wellbeing of our community as well as Darebin Council's support for this sector, given the current fiscal constraints on local government and the fact that there is already significant public arts infrastructure in Darebin e.g DAEC (partly funded by the Keating Government), Bundoora Homestead, the Creative and Digital Arts Incubator and the Northcote Town Hall (redeveloped with substantial funding from the Bracks Government), what would be the impact on the recently adopted council budget of the purchase of the two major buildings reported in the Northcote Leader given the price tag of up to \$10 million? What other community priorities may have to make way for such purchases and is this normal practice for consideration of major items of expenditure?”

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, provided the following response:

“This matter will be considered when it comes up through the Notice of Motion section in tonight's agenda.”

- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir asked the following:**

- (1) *Why did Darebin Council not consult the community before discontinuing written responses to questions that are verbally answered on the night of council meetings? Noting that many residents do not have electronic access to the minutes, or sufficient mobility to travel to read the minutes, will council reinstate formal written responses as a matter of urgency?*
- (2) *Why is Darebin Council undertaking a separate valuation of the former Ruthven Primary School site, and 1.8ha of land adjoining the Merri Creek at the former Lakeside Secondary College, rather than using the Valuer General's valuation for the land? On what zoning or zonings is Darebin Council undertaking its valuation?*

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, provided the following responses:

- (1) *Council's Governance Local Law only requires a written response to be provided if the question is taken on notice. The community will be given an opportunity to have input to public question time when the Governance Local Law is reviewed and put out for community consultation after the new Council is elected.*
- (2) *Council is not undertaking a separate valuation for the surplus Victorian Government land at the former Ruthven Primary School.*

As there is no current Valuer General approved valuation for the land, Council has offered to issue joint valuation instructions with the Department of Education. Council understands that the Victorian Government is seeking for the land to be valued on the basis of 'highest and best use'. The Department of Education have advised that they will be instructing the valuers to use the proposed GRZ2 zoning and development overlay when assessing the underlying value of the land.

The above 2 questions and responses will also be provided to the Victorian Ombudsman office as part of Council's response to their similar enquiry in relation to public question time and the former Ruthven Primary School and Lakeside Secondary College. I and the CEO also invite you to come into Council and have a meeting to discuss these sites with us.

- **Michelle McCorkell asked the following:**

"Could we please have an update on what is happening with new playgrounds at Newman, Turner and AH Capp Reserves? Council website states they will be finished by 30 June but that has not happened."

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, provided the following responses:

"The play space at Turner Reserve is nearly complete with our contractor rectifying some small detail work that we weren't satisfied with before we open it to the public in the coming weeks.

The play spaces at Newman Reserve and AH Capp Reserves have been delayed due to unexpected contractor delays. Council staff are negotiating a speedy completion to these projects with the contractor.

The Council website has been updated to reflect this information and we thank you for your patience.

Staff contact details will be forwarded to you to enable you to contact them for further details as the projects progress."

- **Peter Thomson of Reservoir submitted the following:**

“To provide the old library in Ralph Street, Reservoir for the use as an office/cultural space for the Wurundjeri”.

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, advised Mr Thomson that the question would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to him.

At the conclusion of Public Question Time, Cr. Tsitas, with leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, addressed Council to advise that he would be retiring from Council at the end of this Council term.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Standing Orders be suspended to offer condolences and have a minutes silence on the passing of the former Mayor of Brunswick, Mr Mike Hill.

CARRIED

A minutes silence was held.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Standing Orders be resumed

CARRIED

Cr. Fontana welcomed former Darebin Mayor, Rae Kingsbury (Perry) and Mr David Redfearn, former Mayor of Northcote to the meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 TOURISM: A DESTINATION PLAN FOR DAREBIN

MINUTE NO. 300

Author: Manager Economic Development and Civic Compliance

Reviewed By: Acting Director Corporate Services

Report Background

The City of Darebin's Council Plan 2013 – 2017 highlights as a priority action the need to initiate a Cultural Tourism Strategy to promote Darebin's cultural assets, heritage sites, facilities, major festivals and events. This Strategy achieves this action and provides a Council wide approach to champion the local visitor economy and harness Darebin's assets to maximise patronage and visitation.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

A draft Strategy was presented to the Council Briefing on 2 May 2016.
Councillor Briefing – 18 July 2016.

Council Plan Goal

- Council Plan Goal 1: Vibrant City and Innovative Economy
- Council Plan Goal 2: Healthy and Connected Community
- Council Plan Goal 4: Thriving and Creative Culture

Summary

This Strategy has been prepared in consultation with industry, community and stakeholders. This paper reports on the consultation findings and outlines framework for Council's first-ever Tourism Strategy, attached as **Appendix A**. This paper highlights the framework for diversifying the local economy, and growing tourism visitation by leveraging the opportunities that exist within Darebin and in Melbourne's North.

The Strategy focuses Council's actions in the following three key strategic directions:

- Our story
- Enhancing the visitor experience
- Supporting our businesses

Recommendation

That Council adopt *Tourism: A Destination Plan for Darebin 2016-2021* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopt *Tourism: A Destination Plan for Darebin 2016-2021* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

On behalf of Cr. Greco, Cr. Villella proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li.

That Council:

- (1) Adopt *Tourism: A Destination Plan for Darebin 2016-2021* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Receive an annual progress report on the implementation of the strategy and the measurable achievement.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Adopt *Tourism: A Destination Plan for Darebin 2016-2021* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Receive an annual progress report on the implementation of the strategy and the measurable achievement.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Adopt *Tourism: A Destination Plan for Darebin 2016-2021* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Receive an annual progress report on the implementation of the strategy and the measurable achievement.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco entered the meeting at the end of discussion of the above item at 7.27 pm.

6.2 ENERGY EFFICIENT STREET LIGHT PROJECT**MINUTE NO. 301****Author:** Manager Environment and Natural Resources**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

At the Council meeting held 15 July 2013, Council initiated and accepted funding for a 3 year project to replace residential street lights with more energy efficient lights. The project is now complete and this report details the outcomes.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 15 July 2013 Council resolved that:

- (1) *Council resolves to enter into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia to install energy efficient street lights in the City of Darebin which includes Commonwealth funding of \$1,850,311 (GST exclusive) and Darebin Council funding of \$2,500,696 (GST exclusive) over a 3 year period.*
- (2) *The Chief Executive be authorised to finalise and execute the funding agreement on behalf of Darebin Council.*
- (3) *Council confirm project funding arrangements for this project as part of the mid-year budget review.*
- (4) *Council seeks approval from the Local Government Minister under sub-section 186(5)(c) of the Local Government Act to be exempt from the public tendering process and to approve Citipower project management and tendering of energy efficient lighting installation within the Darebin Citipower distribution area.*

Council considered subsequent reports in 3 February 2014 and 16 March 2015 regarding purchase of lights and contracts with Citipower and Jemena respectively.

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 23 February 2015

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Council Plan Goal 3 – Sustainable and resilient neighbourhoods
- Community Climate Change Action Plan

Summary

This report details the outcomes of the Energy Efficient Street Light project. Over 3 years 9440 lights have been upgraded to energy efficient lights and 235 lights have been removed. Since 2012/13 annual street lighting costs have reduced by \$566,000 and there is an estimated reduction of 3802 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. This is an excellent outcome for a project that is expected to have a simple payback of Council funds of under 5 years.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Council:

- (1) Note this report and the significant financial and environmental savings achieved by this project.
- (2) Considers a further report which reviews the Public Lighting Policy in June 2017.

CARRIED

6.3 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE REAR 47 AND 49 DAREBIN BOULEVARD AND 66 DUNDEE STREET, RESERVOIR**MINUTE NO. 302****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details regarding the outcome of preliminary investigations into the proposed discontinuance and sale of part of the right of way at the rear of 47 and 49 Darebin Boulevard and 66 Dundee Street, Reservoir.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

Council Briefing 11 July 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal: Excellent Service – Strategy 5.4 Long term responsible financial planning
Strategy: Property Asset Management Strategy – May 2015

Goal: Vibrant City and Innovative Economy – Strategy 1.4
Strategy: Strategic Land Use and Sustainable Transport Planning Policies.

Summary

This report provides the history and background relating to the right of way at the rear of 47 and 49 Darebin Boulevard and 66 Dundee Street, Reservoir (Road) shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and recommends that Council commence the statutory procedures to discontinue the Road. The statutory procedures provide Council with the opportunity to ascertain if there is any support for, or opposition to, the proposal.

In October 2015, Council received an enquiry from an adjoining property owner requesting the discontinuance and sale of the Road. Initial investigations identified that the Road is occupied and although it is not listed in Council's Register of Public Roads it is a road on title.

Correspondence regarding the proposal was sent to all adjoining property owners however, only the owner of 49 Darebin Boulevard has confirmed their interest in acquiring the land at the rear of their property, if discontinued. No objections have been received from adjoining property owners, service authorities or other Council departments in relation to the proposal.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

- (1) Commence the statutory procedures under section 206 and Clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the Act”) to discontinue the Road at the rear of 47 and 49 Darebin Boulevard and 66 Dundee Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the plan enclosed as **Appendix C**.
- (2) Give public notice under sections 207A and 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council’s website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the Road to the adjoining property owner at 49 Darebin Boulevard, Reservoir, by private treaty and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners.

CARRIED

6.4 ROAD ADJOINING 40 AND 42 PINE STREET, RESERVOIR**MINUTE NO. 303****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the history relating to the occupation of the road adjoining 40 and 42 Pine Street, Reservoir.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

Council Briefing 11 July 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal: Excellent Service – Strategy 5.4 Long term responsible financial planning
Strategy: Property Asset Management Strategy- May 2015

Summary

This report provides the history and background relating to the occupancy of the road located between 40 and 42 Pine Street, Reservoir (Road) as shown in **Appendix A** and recommends that Council commence the statutory procedures to discontinue the Road. The statutory procedures provide Council with the opportunity to ascertain if there is any support for, or opposition to, the proposal.

Investigations into the discontinuance and potential sale of the Road commenced in 2012, following an application for a planning permit that indicating the use of the Road land within the development (**Appendix B**) as the proposed use would require the road status of the land to be removed. The investigation revealed the owner of 42 Pine Street, Reservoir (Owner) was also the registered proprietor on title of the Road and had been in occupation of the Road for a significant period of time.

For the road status/reservation to be removed from the land, it was proposed that Council could consider exercising its power under section 206, schedule 10, clause 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to discontinue the Road. Despite attempts to reach agreement with the Owner and proceed to the next stage of the process, an impasse was reached as the Owner of the land objected to the concept of 'buying' the land back from Council following the discontinuance process (which automatically vests the land in Council).

The Owner of the Road has subsequently approached Council to seek assistance in removing the road reservation from the land without going through the discontinuance process.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Commence the statutory procedures under section 206 and Clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (*"the Act"*) to discontinue the Road located between 40 and 42 Pine Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the plan enclosed as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Give public notice under sections 207A and 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the Road to located between 40 and 42 Pine Street, Reservoir, by private treaty and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council provide written advice to the Owner confirming that the Road located between 40 and 42 Pine Street, Reservoir shown hatched on the plan enclosed as **Appendix A** is not reasonably required for public use, is not registered as a public road on Council's register of public roads under the *Road Management Act 2004* and that the land is not otherwise considered to be a public highway.

CARRIED

6.5 SURPLUS STATE GOVERNMENT LAND – 45 MERRI PARADE, NORTHCOTE (VICTRACK RAILWAY LOT 34)**MINUTE NO. 304****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report provides Council with an update on negotiations with VicTrack regarding surplus VicTrack land at 45 Merri Parade, Northcote which had been offered to Council through the Victorian Government's First Right of Refusal process.

The report was originally presented to Council at the meeting held on 18 July 2016, but deferred to this meeting.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 15 October 2015, Council resolved that:

"The Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive Officer of VicTrack and that the Mayor write to the local Members of Parliament and the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water to:

- a. Request the Victorian Government consider declaring surplus VicTrack land at 45 Merri Parade as a Crown Reserve*
- b. Offer Council's services as Committee of Management for that land"*

and that:

"Council receive a report on the progress of negotiations for the gifting of land or protection of land for open space at the following sites:

- b. 45 Merri Parade, Northcote".*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 14 June 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal – Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

- Promote an innovative, vibrant and thriving economy with physical infrastructure that is both well maintained and appropriately regulated

Summary

Council had previously received a report outlining notification via the Victorian Government's First Right of Refusal (FROR) process that a parcel of VicTrack owned land adjoining the Merri Creek at the corner of St Georges Road and Merri Parade in Northcote had been determined to be surplus to VicTrack's requirements. This surplus land was offered to Council, Victorian Government departments and the Commonwealth Government on a first right of refusal basis prior to being offered for private sale to the public. Only Council registered an interest in acquiring the land. The land was assessed using the Darebin Property Management Strategy's Decision Logic Map (**Appendix A**).

The assessment has identified the land as being clearly required for public purposes and capable of providing ongoing strategic value however the \$1.5M valuation offered by VicTrack was considered excessive. On the basis of this assessment Council resolved to advocate for the land to become a crown reserve with Council as committee of management. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning nor Melbourne Water have both advised Council that they did not support such a proposal.

Following community interest in the matter, VicTrack declared that they would not sell the land to developers and would find a way to work with Council to preserve this land for future community use. VicTrack (in conjunction with Council) subsequently issued joint valuation instructions to the Valuer General noting that, if the land were to be sold, it would be sold on the condition that it remains open space. A revised valuation was obtained which valued the land at \$500,000 (approx. 7.25% of the market value of the land as a residential development). VicTrack has also offered Council an alternative opportunity to enter into a five-year community lease for the land at a cost of \$300 per annum.

The lease option, whilst inexpensive, does not guarantee that the land would be protected for any longer than the term of the lease, currently five years. Council's advocacy efforts have been successful in gaining some concessions from VicTrack, however if continued, they are unlikely to result in permanent protection of the land at no cost to Darebin ratepayers and may damage our present positive relationships with VicTrack and the state government. This report recommends that Council accept VicTrack's offer of sale for the land in order to preserve the open space values of the creek environs and also to permanently protect this valuable landmark site from future development.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Acquire Lot 1 on TP861393K, Certificate of Title Volume 4333, Folio 531 (also known as 45 Merri Parade, Northcote) from VicTrack for an amount no greater than \$500,000, plus costs.
- (2) Make arrangements for the funds to be transferred from the Open Space Reserve during the 2016/17 financial year to enable the purchase of surplus VicTrack land at 45 Merri Parade, Northcote.
- (3) Write to the local Members of Parliament, the Minister for Environment and the Chief Executive Officer of VicTrack thanking them for their assistance in preserving the section of the Merri Creek at the intersection of St Georges Road and Merri Parade for future generations and protecting this landmark site from inappropriate development.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council write to all local Members of Parliament, the Minister for Environment, the Minister for Transport and Chief Executive Officer of VicTrack seeking their support for Council to acquire the land known as 45 Merri Parade, Northcote for up to \$100,000, with Council to commit to the balance of \$400,000 to conservation projects and other improvements to this landmark site referred to future budgets.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Oliver Walsh	Cr. Julie Williams
	Cr. Steven Tsitas
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Tim Laurence
	Cr. Gaetano Greco
	Cr. Angela Villella

The Chairperson declared the motion to be lost.

Alternate Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopt 'Option 4 – Continued Advocacy' as outlined on page 38 of this report as follows:

“Council could continue its advocacy role via local politicians and the community with the intention of seeking permanent protection for the land at no cost to Council (and the ratepayers of Darebin).”

The two offers that VicTrack has provided Council (to either purchase at \$500,000 or lease at \$300/year) likely represent the best possible outcome that could be gained within the Victorian Government’s land sales policy and guidelines framework.

Provision of the land to Council at no cost or the permanent reservation of the land as open space would require direct Ministerial involvement. Such direct intervention would be contrary to established Victorian Government policies and guidelines, be unprecedented and would likely have ramifications to other sales of government land in other municipal areas.”

THE ALTERNATE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopt Option 4 outlined in the report as follows:

“Option 4 – Continue advocacy

Council could continue its advocacy role via local politicians and the community with the intention of seeking permanent protection for the land at no cost to Council (and the ratepayers of Darebin).

The two offers that VicTrack has provided Council (to either purchase at \$500,000 or lease at \$300/year) likely represent the best possible outcome that could be gained within the Victorian Government’s land sales policy and guidelines framework.

Provision of the land to Council at no cost or the permanent reservation of the land as open space would require direct Ministerial involvement. Such direct intervention would be contrary to established Victorian Government policies and guidelines, be unprecedented and would likely have ramifications to other sales of government land in other municipal areas."

CARRIED

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

For

Cr. Bo Li

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Vince Fontana

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Oliver Walsh

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Angela Villella

Against

Cr. Julie Williams

Cr. Steven Tsitas

The Chairperson declared the motion to be carried.

Cr. Li temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.40 pm and returned at 7.42 pm.

6.6 SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES WITH COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

MINUTE NO. 305

Author: Coordinator Performance Support**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

At the Special Meeting of Council of 9 November 2015, Councillors were appointed to Community Advisory Committees. This report provides a six month progress update on Committee activities.

Previous Resolution

At the meeting on 20 October 2014, Council resolved:

'That Council...

(4) That officers report on all Committees to Council every six months.'

Briefing Date

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy (Goal 6)

Summary

This report provides a six month progress report for the 19 Community Advisory Committees with Councillor representation for the period December 2015 to May 2016.

The attached Committee reports provide the following information for each Community Advisory Committee:

- Committee Summary
- Progress of key issues/challenges
- Progress of activities/outcomes
- Future plans for the next six months

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council note the six month progress reports of the listed Community Advisory Committees as attached in **Appendix A** to this report.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh requested that it be noted he is also a proxy for the Darebin Disability Advisory Committee.

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.12 pm.

6.7 IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECTS TO BE NOMINATED FOR SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANTS 2017/2018**MINUTE NO. 306****Author:** Manager Leisure and Public Realm**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

The Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) is an annual State Government funding program that provides funding to Councils to support the development of community sporting facilities. It presents an opportunity to deliver sport and leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council. This report outlines the projects identified as most critical to increase participation in sport and physical activity, strongest aligned to Council's strategic priorities and those most likely to meet the criteria for funding in the 2017/2018 CSIF grants program.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – Monday 11 July 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- **Council plan 2013 – 2017** strategies - 2.6 Community health and fitness; and access to opportunities; 2.10 Social and physical connectedness; 2.13 equitable access for all; 2.15 equity in sport; 5.2 access and inclusion
- **Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017** goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; goal 5 protect and promote Darebin people's physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)
- **Darebin Leisure Strategy and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015 - 2020**

Summary

The 2017/2018 SRV CSIF grants are now open and it is proposed that Council makes four applications across three categories: Major Facilities (one project); Minor Facilities (two projects) and; Cricket Facilities (one project). With Council endorsement these applications will be prepared and submitted to SRV. Details of projects and costings are contained within this report.

The projects recommended are identified Council priorities, have detailed planning underway and are the types of projects that have been successful through this funding program in previous years.

Should all applications be successful Council will receive \$900,000 in funding. The required Council co-contribution will total approximately \$2,286,500. Council should note their obligation to the required co-contribution to these projects in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (for one multi-year project) capital works budgets (further detailed below).

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes that SRV grants present an opportunity to deliver Leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council. The projects recommended are in line with existing Council priorities, have detailed planning undertaken and are the types of projects that have been successful through this funding program in previous years.
- (2) Resolves to submit applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria for the following categories and projects:
 - Minor Facilities category – installation of sports field lighting systems at Bundoora Park and Pitcher Park
 - Major Facilities category - redevelopment of Bill Lawry Oval pavilion
 - Cricket Facilities category – redevelopment of Preston City Oval cricket practice nets
- (3) Notes that should all projects be successful in attracting funding, there would be a consequential obligation for a co-contribution of approximately \$2,286,500 to these projects in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (for on multi-year project) capital works budgets.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Notes that SRV grants present an opportunity to deliver Leisure infrastructure improvements at a reduced cost to Council. The projects recommended are in line with existing Council priorities, have detailed planning undertaken and are the types of projects that have been successful through this funding program in previous years.
- (2) Resolves to submit applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria for the following categories and projects:
 - Minor Facilities category – installation of sports field lighting systems at Bundoora Park and Pitcher Park
 - Major Facilities category - redevelopment of Bill Lawry Oval pavilion
 - Cricket Facilities category – redevelopment of Preston City Oval cricket practice nets
- (3) Notes that should all projects be successful in attracting funding, there would be a consequential obligation for a co-contribution of approximately \$2,286,500 to these projects in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (for on multi-year project) capital works budgets.
- (4) Receives a further report once the applications have been finalised.

CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.19 pm.

6.8 2016 HOMEMADE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL**MINUTE NO. 307****Author:** Manager Creative Culture**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

On 4 May 2015, Council resolved the following in relation to the draft 2015/2016 budget:

That:

g) Reallocate amount proposed for the Darebin Homemade Wine and Food Festival with that of the True North Festival. Therefore Darebin Homemade Wine and Food Festival - \$76,271, True North - \$30,000.

Previous Council Resolution

This report is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Darebin Arts Strategy 2014 – 2020
- Darebin Council Plan 2013 – 2017, Goal 4 – A Thriving and Creative Culture

Summary

The Darebin Homemade Food and Wine Festival aims to celebrate food traditions and sustainable food practice and is an annual Darebin City Council event. The festival has had many incarnations, including the Darebin Home Winemakers Festival and the Homemade Wine and Beer Festival, and is now in its eleventh year. Darebin Council has been managing the event since 2004, managing all aspect from design, programming, logistics and marketing. The 2016 event comprised of demonstrations, seminars and workshops, as well as arts events exploring the theme of food.

The event has an emphasis on providing opportunities for cross-cultural and inter-generational exchange and 'peer to peer' learning. Exploring the migrant experience is a key tenet of the Festival, and continues to form the overall vision for the event. The 2016 event aimed to expand on the success of the 2015 event by increasing the number of special events in the core program and increasing the participation of local food businesses in the Festival.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Note the Darebin Homemade Food and Wine Festival Traditional and Social Media Coverage Report 2016.

- (2) Endorse the establishment of a subcommittee of the Arts Ambassadors Reference Group to advise on programming, marketing and partnership opportunities, with particular focus on the long standing components of the festival which require review.
- (3) Endorse the idea and opportunities in this report to continue to grow the festival via a socially and culturally sustainable model.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Vilella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

- (1) Note the Darebin Homemade Food and Wine Festival Traditional and Social Media Coverage Report 2016.
- (2) Endorse the establishment of a working party made up of sponsors, participants economic development, arts department, DECC and interested councillors for a high level strategic workshop/s on future direction of the festival. The working party's report is to come to council for deliberation before the end of the year.
- (3) Endorse the idea and opportunities in this report to continue to grow the festival via a socially and culturally sustainable model.

CARRIED

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 BEDFORD ROAD CAR PARK, RESERVOIR

MINUTE NO. 308

Author: Senior Coordinator Transport Management

Reviewed By: Director Assets and Business Services

Report Background

Council has carried a Notice of Motion to investigate alternative parking restrictions and hours of operation within the car park bounded by Bedford Road and Bernard Street to the south of the shops on Broadway, Reservoir.

The report was originally presented to Council at the meeting held on 18 July 2016, but deferred to this meeting.

Previous Council Resolution

At the Council meeting of 5 October 2015, it was resolved:

'That Council resolves to consult the community, including traders and employees, in relation to current parking limits between 7 am and 9 am that are applied in the Bedford Road car park in Reservoir to allow for options for resident parking via longer time limits or resident permits.'

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1: A Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

Summary

In response to the Council resolution on 5 October 2015, Broadway traders were consulted regarding current parking restrictions. It is noted that as the car park is a facility that is provided for traders and customers in the Broadway area, surrounding residents were not consulted. Alternate on street parking is available to cater for residential demands in the area and is managed accordingly.

Council officers visited the shops along Broadway between High Street and Whitelaw Street Reservoir. The majority of responses received supported no changes to the existing car parking restrictions.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council note this report on the Bedford Road car park in Reservoir.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION**8.1 FORMER RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LAKESIDE
SECONDARY COLLEGE****MINUTE NO. 309****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 296 CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 1 August 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council commits to securing an agreement to purchase the former Ruthven Primary School site and the relevant sections of Lakeside Secondary College before Council enters the caretaker period in September.

Notice Received: 18 July 2016**Notice Given to Councillors: 25 July 2016****Date of Meeting: 1 August 2016****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella**

That Council commits to securing an agreement to purchase the former Ruthven Primary School site and the relevant sections of Lakeside Secondary College before Council enters the caretaker period in September.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was not accepted by Cr. McCarthy.

That Council commits to securing an agreement to purchase the former Ruthven Primary School site and the relevant sections of Lakeside Secondary College **one week** before Council enters the caretaker period in September.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella**

That Council commits to securing an agreement to purchase the former Ruthven Primary School site and the relevant sections of Lakeside Secondary College before Council enters the caretaker period in September.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council commits to securing an agreement to purchase the former Ruthven Primary School site and the relevant sections of Lakeside Secondary College before Council enters the caretaker period in September.

CARRIED

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Bo Li	Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Julie Williams	
Cr. Vince Fontana	
Cr. Oliver Walsh	
Cr. Gaetano Greco	
Cr. Angela Villella	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

8.2 RESCODE PROVISIONS**MINUTE NO. 310****NOTICE OF MOTION NO.****297****CR. BO LI**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 1 August 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the correspondence from the Planning Minister received by Darebin Council in July regarding his reluctance to provide guidance to protect adequate private open space (including secluded private open space) provisions in ResCode, particularly for yield driven high density developments with reverse living arrangements.*
- (2) *Authorises the mayor to write to the Premier, the State Opposition Leader and all upper and lower house Northern Victorian MPs expressing its disappointment at the lack of action on this issue, including all correspondence between the Darebin Council and the Planning Minister on this matter, and request urgent review of the ResCode provisions so as to protect the residential amenity of occupants. In particular, the council should highlight the loop hole allowing for upper floor balconies to be provided as a substitute for the provision of adequate on site private open space under Clause 55.05-4 of the Victoria Planning Provisions relating to the provision of private open space. These provisions should be reviewed to reduce the opportunity for yield focused developments from disrupting the openness and landscape character of residential neighbourhoods such as those in Darebin. The provisions should be amended to strengthen decision guidelines setting a better context and site criteria requirement to ensure this form of development is limited to areas where increased residential densities are encouraged and supported by appropriate Infrastructure, services and proximity to an activity centre.*
- (3) *Receives a report, including all correspondences between the Darebin Council and the Planning Minister in relation to this issue, and any options for council to consider in order to preserve residential amenities of our residents.*

Notice Received: 19 July 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 25 July 2016

Date of Meeting: 1 August 2016

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the correspondence from the Planning Minister received by Darebin Council in July regarding his reluctance to provide guidance to protect adequate private open space (including secluded private open space) provisions in ResCode, particularly for yield driven high density developments with reverse living arrangements.*

- (2) Authorises the mayor to write to the Premier, the State Opposition Leader and all upper and lower house Northern Metropolitan MPs expressing its disappointment at the lack of action on this issue, including all correspondence between the Darebin Council and the Planning Minister on this matter, and request urgent review of the ResCode provisions so as to protect the residential amenity of occupants. In particular, the council should highlight the loop hole allowing for upper floor balconies to be provided as a substitute for the provision of adequate on site private open space under Clause 55.05-4 of the Victoria Planning Provisions relating to the provision of private open space. These provisions should be reviewed to reduce the opportunity for yield focused developments from disrupting the openness and landscape character of residential neighbourhoods such as those in Darebin. The provisions should be amended to strengthen decision guidelines setting a better context and site criteria requirement to ensure this form of development is limited to areas where increased residential densities are encouraged and supported by appropriate Infrastructure, services and proximity to an activity centre.
- (3) Receives a report, including all correspondences between the Darebin Council and the Planning Minister in relation to this issue, and any options for council to consider in order to preserve residential amenities of our residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Villella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.46 pm and returned at 8.48 pm.

8.3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PURCHASE 342 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 298 CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 1 August 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council submits an expression of interest to purchase 342 High Street, Northcote for a sum of \$_____.

Notice Received: 19 July 2016**Notice Given to Councillors: 25 July 2016****Date of Meeting: 1 August 2016****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. -**

That Council submits an expression of interest to purchase 342 High Street, Northcote for a sum of \$4 million.

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

8.4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PURCHASE 71-75 GILBERT ROAD, PRESTON**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 299 CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 1 August 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council submits an expression of interest to purchase 71-75 Gilbert Road, Preston for a sum of \$_____.

Notice Received: 19 July 2016**Notice Given to Councillors: 25 July 2016****Date of Meeting: 1 August 2016****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. -**

That Council submits an expression of interest to purchase 71-75 Gilbert Road, Preston for a sum of \$3.2 million.

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. PETITIONS**11.1 SAVE DAREBIN'S HERITAGE AND CREATE TWO NEW ARTS HUBS**

MINUTE NO. 311

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. A. Vilella

That the petition:

"We, the undersigned, wish to inform Darebin City council that two historic buildings are for sale in Darebin and both may be demolished for apartments. Darebin Councillors are meeting on Monday, 1st Augusy to consider purchasing these heritage rich properties: the London Chartered Bank at 342 High Street, Northcote and the former Rivoli Theatre at 71 Gilbert Road, West Preston.

We ask that the Darebin City Council buys these buildings, with the intention to create new local community arts hubs. This is particularly valuable in West Preston, which has few creative community spaces. The old theatre, built in 1936, could be a much need space for local schools (especially West Preston Primary, Bell Primary and Thornbury Primary) for specialist classes, meetings and performances. The old bank in Northcote is an example of the Italian Renaissance style and dates back to the 1880's

If Council does not act, these historic sites will most likely be purchased by developers, knocked down – destroying all heritage value – and turned into apartments.

Which would you prefer: a local arts hub or a new apartment block? Tell Darebin Councillors they need to act now!"

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence abstained from voting.

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 312

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Special Councillor Briefing – 12 July 2016
- Darebin Child Friendly Advisory Committee – 13 July 2016
- Strategic Workshop – 18 July 2016
- Darebin Australia Day Advisory Committee – 19 July 2016

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 12, 13, 18 and 19 July 2106 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 313

Council Resolution**MOVED: Cr.****SECONDED: Cr.****That** Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.**CARRIED****13.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR**

Cr. Fontana reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Australia Day Advisory Committee meeting
- Northern Greenlight Program Graduation Breakfast
- North West Reservoir senior citizens 30th anniversary celebration
- Meeting with David Feeney MP
- Launch of Victorian Planning Authority event
- Northern Blues Breakfast Business event
- CALD press briefing
- Council Briefing session
- Special Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with CEO and Directors
- Meeting with convenor of Darebin Women's advisory Committee
- Meeting with PBAC representatives
- Meeting with Nazih Elasmr MP
- Meeting with Colin Brown
- Crimestoppers Media Launch in Whittlesea
- Meeting with officers to discuss Mayoral event
- Council workshop to discuss DISC and level crossing removals
- Italian Club of Reservoir 35th Anniversary event
- Meeting with Robin Scott to discuss Multi Sports Stadium at DISC
- FFV community business event
- Launch of Helping Hands Mission OP shop event
- Furlan Club's 59th Annual Gala dinner
- Special Council briefing
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting

13.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI

Cr. Li reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Education Committee meeting
- Northern Community Church of Christ Christmas in July lunch
- Board meeting of Regional Kitchens
- Special Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor Briefings regarding grade separations and Darebin Multi Sport Stadium
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting
- Residential issues including planning, dumped rubbish and community food swap in Preston

13.3 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities

- Planning meeting
- Council Briefing
- Briefing on urban renewal opportunities and reservoir structure plan
- Briefing update for the multi-sport stadium
- Hearing of Submissions
- Briefing from High School for Preston group
- Attended to issues raised by residents/traders
 - smart meters
 - planning
 - Preston Market traders
 - McFadzean Village area
 - car stackers
 - olive tree request
 - Bundoora Homestead

13.4 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

Cr. Villella reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Council Briefing session
- Arts Ambassadors meeting
- Council meeting
- DECC public unveiling of the Darebin Community Movement

- Council Briefing on CEO performance review
- Strategic Workshop

13.5 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr. Williams reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Strategic Workshop
- Council Meeting
- Joffre Street Community Information Session
- Meeting with St Aphrem's Church
- Darebin's Young Women's Leadership Program
- Islamic Museum of Australia
- Northern Blues Breakfast Business Event
- Special Council Meeting on the CEO's Performance Review
- Briefing regarding the Preston Girls high school
- Council workshop Darebin Multi sports stadium at John Cain
- Council workshop for the removal of level crossings
- Planning Committee
- Autism Health & Wellbeing Expo
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee - Chaired
- Other Various Constituent matters

13.6 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Special Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with residents regarding Penders Park
- Special Briefing re CEO Performance KPI's
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting
- Meeting with residents regarding arts hubs proposal
- Meeting with traders regarding safety and streetscape improvements

13.7 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities

- Special Briefing re CEO Performance KPI's
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council workshop regarding grade separations

- Meeting with residents regarding Gilbert Road tram line
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting

13.8 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH

Cr. Walsh reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Jobs for Youth launch
- INLEN board meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor Briefings
- Special Council meeting
- Batman Park consultation
- INGT meeting
- Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Council workshop to discuss DISC
- Various constituent matters

13.9 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

Cr. Tsitas reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

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14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

