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VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 10 October 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 7.30am

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

UFS Implementation Group Members

Ben Whitehouse
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngaire Howard
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Stephen Szydlowski (Urban Ecosystems Supervisor)
Deniqua Boston (Urban Forest Place Leader)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Observers

Apologies

Cr Luana Lisandro
Penny Fletcher
Stephen Szydlowski
Shelly Woods

3 Presentations

3.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation update

IAP monthly Key Progress

Working Group Strategy advice

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation

4.1.1 2022 Planting Season Update

Planting season is nearing to an end with 90 remaining trees to be planted in the coming weeks.

Purpose of the item

Provide an update to the group on the current progress of planting season activities

Outcome

Informed working group and staff

Allowing the IWG to identify and then discuss solutions/actions for risks and opportunities to assist the implementation of the final month in the 2022 planting season.

Discussion points

Currently working through the planning for next season planting, the following projects are being proposed:

Urban Ecosystems Program (SS)

- Hayman Rd, continuation of ecological corridor
- Rotary Park, St James
- POS infill planting to reduce turf were identified

Vic Park Leafy Streets Program (PF)

- Main PED connectors to POS and Amenity ie; public transport, shops schools etc
- Secondary PED connectors from POS and Amenity to Main Ped Connectors
- Focus on Lathlain and Carlisle in response to the heat mapping, low canopy/high temp zone

Green Basins Program (SS)

- Planning for 2023, currently identifying possible sumps and micro parks. Liaising with engineering to check functionality of the sumps
- Focusing on locations where POS is not within the 400m PED shed

Contributions to Projects in Other Programs (DD)

- METRONET project – tree removal strategy DA provide proposal to the working group
 - o Review design around Trans Perth Rail to ensure trees are planted
- Canning Pedestrian Bridge
- Edward Millen
- Archer Mint. Existing tree were cut in these works.
 - o Followed up with Rizwan (project manager), Arborist has been onsite reviewing tree health, no concerns have been identified.
 - o Watering schedule has been put in place to maintain mature tree health through construction.

UFS @ home Survey

- Plant success and survival rate how many plants survived and what species.
- Survey feedback to be included into the yearly report.
 - o This is currently being put together and will be presented in the end of planting season report.

Urban Ecosystem Care Role

- A preferred candidate has been selected, awaiting on medical checks

Status of Previously Proposed projects

- Follow up with the status of these and ensure they are included into next year schedule.
 - o These have been included onto the schedule list for next year
- Follow up email on status of the projects to residence that proposed the projects.
 - o These projects have been included in the 2023 planning list

5 General business

UFS IWG Volunteer Positions

- Proposal for 2 year term – maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Members supported this action with elected members and community to be re-elected in alternate years to sustain knowledge within the group.
- Heather has stepped down from chairperson position. Call for Chairperson nominations to be voted on at the next meeting.

Protected Bike Design Query

- Query how are we looking at protected bike design, example at the western end of Albany Hwy is very concrete heavy, how can these be designed to reduce the amount of hard surface? Bollard divides and narrower roads?
 - o This has been put forward to the Place Planning Team for awareness of future bike segregation designs and coming up with a better strategy moving forward.

- The western end of Albany Hwy and the bus transfer station is currently being looked at for a redesign by PTA with the consideration of bike movement.

Sustainability Unit Framework

- Caring for Country program, which integrates the indigenous approach and is not separate to.
 - Note for consideration moving forward

Bird waterers

- How do we support bird life around town?
 - One proposed in the Rotary Park renovation, and included in POS area where possible

LSP2

- Include the significant tree register in the Albany Hwy LSP2

Next Meeting (Monthly)

- Switch to Hybrid model of meeting
- Update UFS IWG contact list.

Action - This will be sent as a separate email.

Awards

- AILA Award 14th Oct
- ALPH Award 14th Oct - Mayor is attending a sustainability speaker event whilst in Korea. It will be great to hear discussion points.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Bird waterer mini study be conducted to guide appropriate locations for future installations. Study to analyse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current bird waterer locations (ensure town widespread) • Bird waterer need (close to habitat and lack of standing water) • Water connection availability. 		Open. Will update next meeting.	Open
Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting.	PQ/AW	Open – still in development by ops team. Update meet meeting.	Open

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PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ	Proposed delay until after planting season 2022. September	Open
Plan for when and where bird waterers can be placed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraser Park 	DB	Look at adding some to Basins. Noted	
Update on Sand Pit Concept Plan	DB		
Update from Korea. Presentation from the Mayor	DB	Update status	
Update terms of reference for a 2 year term with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Community re-election to alternate with council elections	DB		
Ensure LSP2 document includes the significant tree register.	DB	In progress	
Update UFS IWG contact list	DB	Completed	

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7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.35am