



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 20 March 2023



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 7.32pm

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

Rowena Skinner
Nadia D'Hart
Emma Monk
Ngairé Howard

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Deniqua Boston (Place Leader, Urban Forest)

Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Stephen Szydlowski (Team Leader Natural Areas)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief
Community Planner)

Presenters

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Deniqua Boston (Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical officer)

3 Presentations

3.1 Retaining Tree on Private Property

Time	10mins
Presenter	Natalie Martin Goode
Attachments	March 2023UFIWG presentation

Purpose of the item

To discuss the context and history regarding the Town's position on supporting the retention of trees on private property.

Outcome/discussion

RS: What is the Timeline – A: 2024

Cr L: In relation to Legislation – paragraph in it that state that you can clear trees. A: Planning and development act.

New Medium Density codes –and how that would impact this.

A: New code and existing planning policy. New medium density codes do have retention and tree planting provisions and we need to look at our existing tree retention policy, see how they relate. When the assessment has been done, NMG will present the findings.

Consultation on scheme amendment – advertising early and module scheme to see if this is a change to a no charge scheme.

Cr L: Possible to find out were WALGA are going on this.

A: Indicated that they would give some guidance to that particular topic. Advocacy of the WALGA group is very important.

RS: Is it there any reason why we can't open consultation for amendment to the new TPS before 2024.

A:DD: Test weather again a model scheme test if they view it as a major change. But if not successful if will be the first scheme amendment for 2024. Resources and priority need to be looked at.

EM: The significant tree registers don't seem to be the way forward, but this is the only thing we are pursuing because WAPC are saying to City of Nedlands, hoping that enough local governments keep proposing the similar model of City of Nedlands that WAPC that maybe local governments may want better protection. Significant tree register – why are we going down this path.

A: Only option at the moment. Conscious of staff resources for the planning team.

Cr L: Importance of advocacy – WALGA are calling out for agenda items, will make time for meeting with NMG for drafting a motion for a WALGA zone meeting about lobbying the Minister/WAPC regarding tree protection (i.e City of Nedlands tree protection amendment)

Cr L: Recommendation 18, to implement UF overarching state body 18 was not taken up by the state. We need to push for this to be fully excepted.

<https://www.infrastructure.wa.gov.au/state-infrastructure-strategy/recommendation-18>

Cr D: Lets raise something at our WALGA zone meeting. Reach out to Jayde Mayne who coordinates the WALGA UF group so that we don't do the motion in isolation.

3.2 Urban Forest Program Delivery Update

Time	10mins
Presenter	David Doy
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Inform the working group of the status and progress of Urban Forest projects and engagement.

- WA Tree Festival – We have developed a program including partnering with Friends of Jirdarup for a treasure hunt and the promotion with other LGA's
- Kent St Verge Stg 3 – Spraying underway with RFQ's to be sent for completion of works by the 31st May in preparation for the community planting day on the 30th July 2023
- Rotary Park - Spraying under way, RFQ currently being prepared for completion of works ready for the NAIDOC week planting day on the 2nd July.
- Grants – 5 submissions have been submitted and met the criteria and are currently being assessed by the panel
- UFS @ Home – Working on communication plan and delivery plat form for orders to open on the 27th April, with plant pick up occurring on the 27th May 2023

Outcome/discussion

Q: Cr D: will there be any replanting of last years Kent St planting A: Yes

Q: Cr D: Potential that the grant for \$25,000 be increased. Suggestion to half the UF strategy budget, could we ask for some of that money to be reallocated if there is merit.

A: Grants are under operational budget not capital, may ask to increase next year.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Working Group Member EOI

Reporting officer	David Doy
Origin of request	Working Group Requirements
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Inform the working group of the resignation of Ben Whitehouse from the working group. We are in the process of advertising for expressions of interest to fill both Heather and Ben's positions.

Outcome/discussion

Do you (working group members), know of any residents that would be suitable candidates for the positions?

Next steps

Send EOI communication links to the working group for targeted distribution. EOI is scheduled for advertising next week (Thursday 23rd March).

See draft link below

[Join an Advisory Group - Victoria Park](#)

5 General business

Cr L: CEO can appoint position from previous candidates A: Preference to go out again for candidates.

Is the Town aware of any Federal Funding and can the Town apply for this.

Australian Local Government Association are calling for a notice of motion for further assistance from Federal Government

A: The Town is always interested in external funding. Deniqua was looking at grant for disaster mitigation. Government.

Cr I: will Street trees that have died be replaced this planting season.

A: Yes

Cr L: Can anyone give notice on removed of trees on someone's else verge.

Q: Yes

EM: Federal funding – Money that the Federal government committed to the Swan Canning River system. \$15 million, part of the south east grouping (Vic Park, Canning Armadale and Gosnell) work with that group of LG to proposed tree and vegetation planting that can improve the health of the Swan Canning River system quality you may be able

A: A group called SECCA which we are working on this.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comments
To send out poll to see what works for the members re: time and day of meeting	DB	
Cr I to meet with Natalie MN re WALGA agenda	NMG	Meeting 24/03/23
IAP Review Set time and date for next portion of review in the last week of March.	IWG	
IWG Event involvement and engagement. Inform IWG of support they can offer in delivering UF program and events.	DB/ AH	Engagement email to be sent out closer to events.
WG members to consider the use of plaques to recognise UFS volunteer contribution.	Working Group	Would someone from the group like to volunteer to gain quotes?
Review IWG Terms of Reference Proposing 2-year term, maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Elected members to be re-elected in alternate years to community	DB	Awaiting direction from Governance.

members to sustain knowledge in the group.

7 Close

Meeting closed 8.28am