



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 20 September 2021



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1 Opening

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Meeting open: 7:32

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 kaaditjin, 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 Ronhhda Potter

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Pierre Quesnel (Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Pierre Quesnel (Place Leader Urban Forest)

Presenters

Observers

Apologies

Cr Vicki Potter
Cr Luana Lisandro
Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

3 Presentations

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Cockatoo Corner Micro Park (Millen PS)

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. UFS Project Proposal - Cockatoo Corner - Millen PS [4.1.1.1 - 13 pages]

Purpose of the item

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Outcome/Actions

- The majority of the site is on Millen Primary School land and therefore the jurisdiction of the Department of Education (DoE).
- Due to the tenure of the site a partnership approach with the DoE would be required.
- The partnership would require determination of clear roles and responsibilities of the Town of Victoria Park and the DoE
- Some old cypress trees on the site are in poor health and it was recommended they be removed during the project.
- The significance of the site was discussed as adjacent a main entrance to the school it is highly visible and pedestrianized.
- The project would involve tree planting, eco zoning and installing low key (eg limestone) path to allow exploration of the micro park and formalize a desire line across the site, cutting the corner between Pinedale and Ramsden streets.
- Bateman Primary School was stated as a precedent for such a project.
- Some discussion around ongoing maintenance, Town officers did not commit to taking on the maintenance of the site and this would have to be determined.
- Overall the group provided in principle support of the project through a partnership arrangement with the DoE.
- Emma to follow up with the school and DoE for their support of the project and willingness to discuss arrangements with the Town.

4.1.2 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Albany Hwy Greening - Westminster Street

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Project Proposal - Albany Hwy Greening - Westminster st [4.1.2.1 - 8 pages]

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Discussion points

Project costs
Community support
Place impact
UFS targets
Environmental services
Health outcomes

Outcome/Actions

- Solar powered nature of the adjacent parking machines was mentioned.
- Suggestion that the base of the trees could be planted out to further soften, cool and beautify the spaces.
- It was noted that this is a very high usage ride sharing pick up location. Therefore these nib spaces are used for safely standing and waiting for collection from the service. This use could conflict with planting out the bases of the trees and in some locations permeable paving would be more supportive of this use.
- The idea of including public seating in the project was mentioned and supported by the group.
- Any vegetation included in this area would have to be very hardy and able to withstand physical knocks and stepping upon etc.
- It was agreed that the above comments are for resolution in the design of the project.
- The project received support from the group for inclusion in the Albany Highway Greening Project for implementation in 2022

5 General business

- It was proposed and supported that the 2022 Leafy Streets Program target high urban heat areas as determined by the Arbor Carbon canopy and Heat study. Higher density areas is another key target

for 2022 and the overlay of both density and urban heat will determine the Leafy Streets target areas.

- A proposed selection of the target areas for 2022 will be presented to the UFS IWG group for review.
- It was queried whether habitat corridors are also a valuable target for street tree planting in the Leafy Streets program. It was proposed that this be a separate study and piece of work that could include influence low lying vegetation as well.
- The opportunity for combining / aligning greening program implementation with road or service upgrades was mentioned. Town officers committed to continuing to seek these opportunities.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Present 2022 Planting Season tree tags, letters and information to UFS IWG for review.	PQ + AH	Required before PS22	
Review UFS Implementation Action Plan with the UFS IWG.	PQ	Open	
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 wide spread) • Bird waterer need (close to habitat and lack of standing water) • Water connection availability. 	PQ	Open	
Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting	PQ	Open – still in development by ops team	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ	Proposed delay until after planting season 2021.	Open

7 Close

Meeting close: 8:36