



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 21 February 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting open: 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 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
Ngairé Howard
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Cr Luana Lisandro
Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)

3 Presentations

3.1 UFS Implementation Action Plan - Working Group Review

Time	45 minutes
Presenter	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To present the refined summary of the UFS Implementation Action Plan review as collaboratively developed at the workshop. Also, to collaborate on the group's comments on actions that were not addressed during the workshop session due to time limitations.

Outcome

Further adjustment and refinement to the agreed group summary comments for each action of the Implementation Action Plan. Following this the final summary will be sent to members for a last chance to suggest adjustments. The final comments will be presented to councilors during the march concept forum when a presentation on overall program progress will be delivered.

If amendments to the Implementation Action Plan are required a process will commence to seek council endorsement of the amendments.

Outcome/Actions

- **The recommendations of the group were further refined and captured in the IAP review Revision D document.** Below are some additional notes capturing some of the comments.
- 3.30.300 rule discussed and proposed as informing a new canopy target. Agreement to base milestones on projected canopy methodology. Questions how much it will cost over time. Justified extension and continued intensity of program as this is core business for the Town.
- Longer term actions be more ambitious, caution on not just focus on canopy given broad value of the program. Strategic connection with other Councils. More native species maintain the ambition. Group does not support slowing down over a longer term program.
- 3.30.300 not just looking at canopy but also visual site of tree, access to pocket parks, public open space close to their houses within 300m. Total overall 30% canopy.
- Factoring in dead trees into the projected methodology. Proposed not to include tree replacement plantings in canopy addition calculations. Potentially inaccurate as removing lots of dead callistemons and replacing them with large trees. Have had tree losses this summer.
- Not include tree replacements in our annual reporting and canopy measurement.
- Bushy: suggestion for target of urban ecosystems program could be to add 3000 square metres per year of urban ecosystems to align with the 3.30.300.
- Emphasis on Metronet in transport action
- Partnering with others emphasized
- Pierre to summarize 1F recommendation offline
- 1H Recommendation that Developer engage Arborist for tree impact assessment – costing about \$400, education opportunity construction companies – upskill. Arborist will include information on the health and structure of a tree.

- 1J Politically sensitive, would be support from a number of councilors, however would be controversial with community. Recommended approach for incentives rather than punishments.
- 1L Maybe annual award?
- Catherine Webb (DPERP) -pest and disease educator Apps: My Pest Guide Band My Weed Watcher. A lot of information is available and suggestion to create an online hub on Urban Forest webpage to collate useful sources for community education.
- 2H Resource Centre -Similar to the Creek Centre at Canning was the initial intention. Satisfaction with combined approach of Harold Hawthorn facilities and outdoor learning areas.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 69 Cornwall Street, Lathlain Project Proposal

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - 69 Cornwall [4.1.1.1 - 4 pages]

Purpose of the item

UFS Implementation project proposals are received from the community and Town staff via online form. The proposals are collated and presented to the UFS Implementation Working Group who will provide advice and recommendations to inform prioritisation and implementation of UFS implementation projects.

Outcome

Open discussion about the proposal amongst the group and Town subject matter experts' recommendations, advice and additional opportunities be recorded in the meeting notes. This will assist Town staff in the prioritisation of projects. It will also assist in understanding the likely community impacts and sentiment which will influence the manner of project delivery.

Strategic outcomes

EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	Intended public value outcome or impact
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Outcome/Actions

- It was mentioned that trees have been removed due to signage and to be aware of clearance for signage.
- A suggestion that low planting/shrubs planted in the development control area and below signage. This can be investigated at the next meeting with Mainroads.

- This maybe an opportunity for Mainroads (looking for ways to green the area). Site could be nominated for greening. Street tree planting next winter.

Action: Add to 2022 Leafy Street Program

Next steps

General support expressed by the UFS IWG, this portion of the street could be included as a focus area for the 2022 Leafy Streets sub-program and possibly Urban Ecosystem sub-program.

5 General business

Next Agenda clarify roles and responsibilities Term of Reference

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	Open
Review UFS Implementation Action Plan with the UFS IWG.	PQ	Planning for early 2022 (including EM Concept Forum in March)	Closed 21.2.2021
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	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
Promotion of the community project proposal process and the bus stop gardens program.	PQ + AH	NEW 15/11/2021 Currently content creation is in progress and is scheduled for promotion in January 2022.	Closed

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7 Close

Meeting Closed 8.35am