



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Strategy Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 23 November 2020



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1 Opening

Meeting open: 8am

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

Eric Denholm
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Jason Wicktorowicz
Emma Monk
Ben Whitehouse

ToVP Representatives

Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)

Meeting secretary

Christy Neems

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)

3 Presentations

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 UFS Project Proposal - Raphael Park

Reporting officer	
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal - Raphael Park [4.1.1.1 - 2 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

UFS IWG recommend implementing the project with the following recommendations:

- Expand to potential opportunities in other "gaps" to the perimeter tree planting.
- Opportunity to plant trees roadside of the bollards, allowing spacing for car parking to continue. Effectively this will act as street trees to Washington Street.
- The group acknowledged the great age and heritage value of the ficus trees. Some are now dying and suggested succession planting of the same species.
- The group commented that this would be a relatively cheap and easy project due to the nature of the tree planting in existing lawn space and on an irrigated park.

Discussion points

Project costs

- It is the opinion of the IWG that this project will provide good value for money given no modifications are required to the surrounding ground surface prior to planting and the fact the site is irrigated.

Community support

- The project is likely to be well supported by surrounding residents given it improves the amenity of their street and outlook from their properties.
- Tree planting must not restrict the formal sporting opportunities on the park. Provided this it is likely to be well supported by the sporting clubs as it improves the amount of shade for spectators and general amenity of the park.

Place impact

- The project has an opportunity to improve the experience of the park and of the surrounding streets.
- Washington Street in particular is lacking in canopy cover and given the context large tree species can be selected that will enhance the experience of the street.
- Given a large number of the trees on Raphael Park are of a significant age the group recognised the heritage value of the park's trees. Therefore the group has recommended the exploration of succession planning of the existing trees particularly the ones in poor health. This has led to a suggestion that Ficus be planted near some of the old Ficus trees that are of poor health.

UFS targets

- Potential exists for large canopy species to be utilised which will help the Town's progress towards its canopy coverage targets.

Health outcomes

- Increasing the amount of shade to the perimeter of the park will be of benefit to park users particularly sports spectators.
- Any enhancement to the amenity of active reserves that improve the experience and encourage their use is of health benefit to the local community.

Next steps

It is recommended this project be implemented in the planting season 2021 (June to September).

Town officers will locate trees and select species for planting.

5 General business

Outcomes

Green Tour 2020 discussion - Elected Members and IWG are invited to a tour of the urban forest initiatives locations around Town on Saturday 28 Nov. An invitation has been sent.

Albany Highway presentation – the UFS IWG discuss the Albany Hwy Tree Planting Location Review presentation and potential planting opportunities for key sites along Albany including:

- the empty car yard opposite Boston Brewery;
- long term design plans for the peanut shaped round-about and Isaia Corner;
- 915 Albany Highway
- The Balmoral Hotel– streetscape
- 708/9 – 726 Albany Highway, recommendation to plant in partnership with the development

Recommendation to plan and implement multiple projects next planting season and apply for funding grants including WaterCorp grants, where possible.

Significant tree progress – Information on how other local governments are managing their significant tree register has been circulated to the UFSIWG. Residents living in the City of Vincent require planning approval to remove or modify a significant tree. Residents in the City of Bayside are required to obtain a permit to remove a tree.

Recommendation to seek advice from Town Officers on the best way to administer a significant tree procedure.

The main questions regarding the significant tree register are: How does a tree get on the list (what criteria, who nominates)? and how are they protected?

The Town are in the process of drafting a new town planning scheme. This provides an opportune time to include a clause referring to the preservation of significant trees in the Town.

Recommendation for the Urban Forest Grants application proposal template to have the functionality for the owner of the document to share it with other contributors easier than what the current version allows (eg. a word version).

Actions

Ben Whitehouse to provide Pierre with the preferred location for the second IBC.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
UFSIWG to review the current significant tree register in the October UFSIWG	UFSIWP	Research Presentation sent to members	19/10/2020
PQ to talk to Terry regarding the rollout of underground power	PQ	Terry engaged and has plans received. He will be consulted when planting locations are finalised.	19/10/2020
PQ to go through the tree selection list in the October UFS meeting	PQ	Tree selection lists sent to members	23/11/2020
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ		Open
PQ to provide an update on the WaterCorp partnership for the next meeting.	PQ/CM	Meeting with Caden, agree to pursue for 2021 planting season.	Open
8 and 28 Mars Street sumps - Pierre to review work completed on infiltration cells, similar to those works completed by Town of Mosman Park and City of Mandurah.	PQ	To be pursued following 2020 planting season. Following NoM report investigating Atlantis cells and similar is due to council March 2021	Open
PQ to contact Heather and Ben regarding IBC locations	PQ	Locations determined	23/11/2020
PQ and AH to organise tour of key sites from the 2020 planting season for UFSIWG and EM's	PQ	The Green tour organised for the 28 th of November	11/11/2020
PQ to email Albany Hwy Planting site review to UFS IWG members	PQ	Completed and shortlist of sites determined	23/11/2020

7 Close

Meeting close: 9am