

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2002.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Cr. Hollywood (Chairman)
Mr. J Wood
Ms M Zakrevsky
Mr. D Pike
Mr. S Magyar
Mr. M Norman
Mr. D Cluning
Mr. K Armstrong
Ms R McElroy
Mr. R Henderson
Mr. B Fitzsimmons Guest - (Friends of Periwinkle Park)

Apologies:

Cr. A Nixon
Ms K Clarke
Mr. D Millan

Cr. Hollywood declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

Cr. Hollywood introduced Mr. Barry Fitzsimmons from the newly formed friends of Periwinkle Park Group. Barry spoke about the formation of the group and their vision for the future of the park.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on the 27 March 2002 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: M Norman
Seconded: J Wood carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27 MARCH 2002.

3.1 Rabbit Control

The March meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee Cr. Hollywood requested that K. Armstrong design a rabbit baiting station and table the design at the April meeting. A design was presented and the group discussed the design and its application. K Armstrong said he wished to trial the prototype within a few weeks.

3.2 Coastal Dual Pathways Usage Survey

K. Armstrong reported that during a weeding project being undertaken adjacent to the dual use pathway at Burns Beach, it was noted that on Monday 15 April between 8am and 11 am ninety-five people used the path, between 8 am and 11 am the next day 205 people used the path. Dennis Cluning said he will arrange a more extensive survey in the future, it will form part of a survey being undertaken in a number of parks.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Frequency.

Dennis Cluning asked the Committee if they were happy to meet on a monthly basis or would an alternative of BI-monthly be acceptable. The Committee vote 8 to 2 to retain the status quo.

5. Other Matters

5.1 M Norman said he would like to discuss the funding spent on natural areas Management at the City of Joondalup. Dennis Cluning said he would find time to meet with Mr. Norman to discuss this issue.

5.2 M. Norman spoke about the possibility of using a contractor other than the Contracted provided to spray weeds in Warwick Conservation Bushland Reserve and other natural areas. Dennis Cluning said the present contract expires in October 2002 so we have to use the current tenderer. He said he had met with the contractor and the contractor said his team will be undertaking a bush regeneration course to improve their skill base.

5.3 Mr. R McElroy raised concerns about the amount of water is used to reticulate parks and median strips. The Committee discussed issues related to water use and was particularly concerned with the proposed reticulation of a number of median in major roads in the City.

The following motion was proposed:

That Council in the interest of providing good local government the City of Joondalup places a moratorium on any new reticulation of median strip to provide financial responsible government and re allocate a percentage of the

saving from the monitorium be re diverted to restore the bio diversity of the median strips or other areas.

Moved: S Magyar

Seconded: R McElroy carried

5.4 Craigie Bushland

J. Wood said he was disappointed that the Craigie Public Open Space study and the Craigie Bushland Management Plan had not yet been adopted by Council.

5.5 Fire Station - Padbury

R. Henderson updated events surrounding the proposed fire station in Hepburn Heights Bushland. He also asked that the Council's new envirocare brochures be discussed at the next Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting.

Cr. Hollywood thanked the Committee and declare the meeting closed.

Next meeting 22 May 2002