

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2002

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Cr J Hollywood
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Ms R McElroy
Mr M Norman
Ms M Zakrevsky
Mr R Henderson
Mr D Milan

Apologies:

Ms K Clarke
Mr J Wood
Cr A Nixon

Cr Hollywood declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 22 May 2002 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: M. Zakrevsky Seconded: R McElroy Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22 MAY 2002.

3.1 Cities Envirocare Brochures

Item deferred from the May meeting – R. Henderson.
R. Henderson said he was very impressed by the Councils recently launched series of Envirocare brochures and asked if Council could produce similar brochures for the large bushland reserves within the City of Joondalup. K. Armstrong spoke about a brochure being produced by Mission Australia in collaboration with City of Joondalup that highlights the natural and man made features along the cities coastal dual use pathway. At completion of the joint Mission Australia and City of Joondalup current brochure consideration will be given to developing a bushland brochure listing all areas.

3.2 Draft Policy – Preservation of Public Reserves – M. Zakrevsky

M. Zakrevsky outlined to the committee the contents of the Cities Draft Policy Preservation of Public Reserves. She then spoke about the reserves, which are currently listed, for protection under Schedule 5 of the Cities town Planning Scheme 2. She said many other parks within the city should be added to this listing because of their environment or landscape values. D. Cluning agreed and said that a list of potential parks that should be listed will be compiled.

M. Norman said that every suburb within Joondalup should have a bushland reserve that is given long-term protection and management to retain its bio-diversity values.

Cr Hollywood said that a Friend's of Burns Beach Bushland Group had recently been formed, and was looking at ways of protecting the bush North of Burns Beach Road.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Analysis of Draft Parks Maintenance Budget 2002/2003 – M Norman.

M. Norman tabled a document that examined natural area maintenance expenditure as a comparison with reticulated parks. D. Cluning said that extra funding had been placed in this Years budget for coastal dunal management. M. Norman said that reticulated park and median strip cost \$10,187 per Ha per annum to manage in comparison with \$434 per Ha for natural bush areas. These costs are based on the budget estimates.

4.2 Medium Strip Development Moratorium – M. Norman

M. Norman said he appreciated that Council is under some pressure to reticulate dry parks, but he questioned the use of fast diminishing ground water to reticulate road verges which gave little return, the committee then went onto discuss groundwater issues in the wider context.

4.3 Exotic Grass Herbicide Application

Keith Armstrong said that the application of fusilide to exotic grasses in the Cities bushland reserves had been postponed for 3 weeks because weed development was not at a stage where herbicide application would be very effective.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Software Package

R. McElroy said that a very good software package on weed issues had been developed on the web address, which is www.weedmanager.net/index.htm

5.2 Tree Policy

R. McElroy asked if the city had developed a tree policy. D. Cluning said a draft policy had been developed a number of years ago but had not been adopted.

5.3 Proposed Fire Station

D. Milan gave background on the recent community consultation workshop he had attended to look at the issue of the proposed fire station in Hepburn Heights. He said the consensus of the workshop was that the fire station should be built in Lilburne Park Duncraig. R. Henderson also commented on the workshop. R. Henderson also said he would like to thank the City for the recent bushland regeneration work undertaken in Hepburn Heights Bushland.

Cr Hollywood closed the meeting at 7.35 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 28 August 2002.