

QUESTION TO: **BRIEFING SESSION – TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020**

QUESTION RECEIVED: **Monday 11 May 2020; 5.42am**

Ms M O’Byrne, Kinross:

Re: Item 13 - Park Amenity Improvement Program.

Q1 If elected members support the implementation of the Park Amenity Improvement Program with special focus on parks located close to HOA Areas – could they also move to have edible gardens added into the amenities to improve the health and well-being of the residents of HOA areas?

A1 Community gardens are most likely to be successful when they are community-led and managed. The City has guidelines available on its website for groups who are interested in establishing a garden. Finding a site can be challenging as there are several factors influencing suitability of locations, however, the guidelines apply equally across all areas in the City.

Re: Item 14 - Jinan Garden - Project Status.

Q2 Can the City please defer the total spend on the Jinan Garden for Joondalup project since there is no way of knowing the complete economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic until the Pandemic is over, whenever that might be?

A2 This will be a matter for Council to determine.

Q3 The Jinan Garden was not a stand-alone component, but part of whole JPACF Project when voted on by elected members in June 2017 – why then did the City subsequently treat the garden as if it was a Stand-Alone Project and allocate monies without proper public consultation on the matter?

A3 Council determined the Jinan Garden was a stand-alone project at its meeting held on 21 May 2019.

Re: Item 15 - Joondalup Performing Arts and Cultural Facility - Project Status.

Q4 Given that the original JPAC Facility was expected to cost ratepayers 5% pa on top of any other annual rate rise why is the city still proposing to go on and on examining this expensive facility, spending ratepayers monies as if it will ever be affordable by the Joondalup District acting alone in the post COVID-19 era?

A4 The substance and quantum stipulated in the question is inaccurate. Notwithstanding, the progress of the project is a matter for Council to determine.

Re: *Item 3 - National Redress Scheme.*

Q5 *I realise that the City will have a mechanism for dealing with applicants to the National Redress scheme / but since the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse did discover systematic failings in public as well as private institutions, wouldn't it be better for the City of Joondalup to join the National Redress Scheme immediately to be ready and responsive for the delivery of a Direct Personal Response to the abused person as required?*

A5 The action being suggested is as per the recommendations of the report.

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Ms J Quan, Edgewater:

Re: Item 14 - Jinan Garden - Project Status.

Q1 *When did City of Joondalup receive the reply from Jinan as quoted in the Council Meeting Agenda Item 14?*

A1 *Friday 13 March 2020.*

Q2 *May I have the full script/letter of the communication between City of Joondalup and Jinan? (Include Joondalup's inquiry to Jinan and Jinan's reply to Joondalup).*

A2 *The full response from the representative from the Jinan Foreign Affairs Office is as follows:*

"As for the condition of Joondalup Park in Jinan, after several days of checking with relevant departments, following is the reply:

Joondalup Park was built in 2009, as a part of the 7th China (Jinan) International Garden Flower Expo with the help and support of Joondalup. After the Expo, Joondalup Park became a part of Jinan Garden Flower Park to be visited by tourists as a scenic spot. Before, the care and operation of Jinan Garden Flower Park belonged to Jinan Municipal Garden Bureau, and about 3-4 years ago, this Park was transferred to Jinan Urban Construction Group, a state-owned company governed by Jinan Municipal Government for city construction. In 2019, owing to the new city planning, Jinan Garden Flower Park was reorganized and reopen to the public. Parts of Jinan Garden Flower Park was set as a public park open to the citizens for free, and other parts of Jinan Garden Flower Park, including Joondalup Park, was set for other use, including to be built as commercial buildings. Up to now, we can still see and visit Joondalup Park as the new plan for other use has not been operated, only in the process of planning. By now, person in responsible from Jinan Urban Construction Group for new project has not given us confirmed information when they will start the construction of buildings. You may have our words that Joondalup Park will always stay there unless they operate the new plan.

As for our new Vice Mayor, yes, we indeed have a new Vice Mayor governing Jinan's Foreign Affairs. He is Mr. Yin Qingzhong, born in February, 1964, and has a part-time Phd degree in literature. Before he was Secretary General of Jinan Municipal Government, Director of Jinan Municipal Bureau of Finance, Director of Jinan Municipal Bureau of Statistics, Deputy Director of Jinan Municipal Development and Reform Commission, etc. If you have an official letter to be sent to him, you may send the letter to us and we will translate the letter and submit the letter to him as it's our due job to work on foreign relations."

Q3 *By now, person in responsible from Jinan Urban Construction Group for new project has not given us confirmed information when they will start the construction of buildings. Is there any update from Jinan whether the construction of this area has been approved and when is it planned to be constructed?*

A3 No further update has been provided.