

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2001

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr S Magyar (Chairman)
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Mr D Hancock
Ms M Zakrevsky
Mr D Pike
Mr J Wood
Mr M Brundrett
Mr M Norman
Ms R McElroy

Apologies: Cr J Hollywood
Ms K Clarke
Ms R Henderson

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5.40pm and welcomed Mr David Hancock to the Committee. He added that David was an active member of the Friends of Shepherds Bush and the Friends of Yellagonga.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting held on 23 November 2000 were accepted as a true and correct record, subject to the following change being made to Clause 4.1, second paragraph:-

Wording to read "*K Armstrong tabled photographs that were taken during the project. M Norman stated the employment of a team of enthusiastic people (trained in bushland regeneration) for a specific area and task had proved successful and he believes the City should have a budget to engage trained contractors on a regular basis to help deal with weed invasion in other areas.*"

Moved: M Zakrevsky Seconded: D Pike

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 K Armstrong advised the committee of discussions he has held with the APACE organisation about a bush regeneration course for friends group members and City of Joondalup Operations staff. He said that APACE suggested a course should be held in July/August.

D Cluning suggested a one-day introduction course should be held. S Magyar stated that such a course should be held in April and requested K Armstrong to arrange this.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Periwinkle Park

S Magyar advised that Periwinkle Park is becoming degraded and that one of the reasons for this was the lack of fencing. M Zakrevsky stated there had been a recent fire in the park.

D Cluning provided some background on the park's history, including its use as a basin to receive surface water from adjoining roads. He added that gelding fence construction on the perimeter of Periwinkle Park has been listed in the Five Year Forward Plan.

J Wood asked whether Periwinkle Park was a Bush Forever site. K Armstrong stated it was not.

S Magyar asked whether the draft management plan for Periwinkle Park could be forwarded to committee members who wished to have a copy.

4.2 Weeds Workshop for the Public

Discussion on weeds took place. S Magyar congratulated staff on their weed eradication efforts, especially in relation to Calthrop. M Brundrett advised the Friends of Warwick Open Space are compiling a weed identification kit.

The following motion was put and carried:-

MOTION: That the City of Joondalup produces a brochure of common weeds to encourage ratepayers to identify weeds and eradicate them. The brochure to be distributed to all households in the City.

Moved: M Norman Seconded: R McElroy

CARRIED

4.3 Craigie Bushland Update

K Armstrong informed the meeting of the progress being made by the Work for the Dole project at Craigie Public Open Space. He advised that fencing and brushing had been undertaken to discourage pedestrians from walking down the escarpment.

J Wood provided a summary of the last meeting of the Friends of Craigie Bushland.

The following motions were put and carried:-

MOTION: That the Conservation Advisory Committee requests the City of Joondalup to provide a copy of The Study of Craigie Public Open Space, recently completed by Ecoscape Consultants, to members of the Conservation Advisory Committee, on a confidential basis as per the provisions of the Local Government Act.

Moved: J Wood Seconded: S Magyar

CARRIED

D Hancock asked whether Yellagonga Regional Park could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He then left the meeting at 6.50pm.

MOTION: That the Conservation Advisory Committee requests Karen Clarke to address the next meeting on the Bush Forever processes and the implications for the bushland in the City of Joondalup.

Moved: J Wood Seconded: D Pike

CARRIED

MOTION: That the Conservation Advisory Committee requests the City of Joondalup to expedite the Craigie Open Space Management Plan (prepared by City of Joondalup staff and the Friends of Craigie Bushland), to minimise the rapid deterioration of the escarpment.

Moved: J Wood Seconded: D Pike

CARRIED

5 OTHER MATTERS

5.1 M Zakrevsky proposed that this Conservation Advisory Committee requests that the outstanding petition dated 14 November 2000, presented to Council and referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee on 6 December 2000 and noted as outstanding on 6 February 2001 in the Briefing Session Agenda page 125:-

- a) be listed on the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting agenda for 21 February 2001;
- b) be given urgent consideration by this committee;
- c) assess the resources needed for management of the “natural environs” areas within the City of Joondalup, ie. the coastal dunes, bushland areas and wetlands;
- d) be included in this year’s Budget.

Moved: M Zakrevsky Seconded: M Norman

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 15 March 2001

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm