

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



**MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP NORTH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1 (JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS) ON  
MONDAY 18 JUNE 2001.**

*City of  
Joondalup*

## **ATTENDANCES**

Tim Lee	Chairperson	Jeremy Manning	Youth Project Officer
Tracy Lee McDonald		Bob Tomlins	Coordinator – Children and Family Services
Sara McMillan			Recreation Officer
Viet Nguyen		Craig Johnson	
Adam Wade			
Joshua King			
John Saratsis			

## **APOLOGIES**

Suzanne Akila  
Anna Kim

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5.03pm.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 21 May 2001 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

## **MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **1) Hodges Drive – Safety Concerns**

At a previous meeting Sara McMillan had expressed concern for the safety of large numbers of young people who cross Hodges Drive in the afternoon. It was decided in the last meeting that

the City of Joondalup should look into the possibility of a crosswalk attendant for the intersection of Constellation and Hodges Drive, as well as asking the City to bring forward the construction of the median strip along Hodges Drive to the earliest possible date.

Jeremy Manning reported that he had received information from Brad Lenton (Traffic Project Engineer) regarding the requests. It was reported that the request for a school cross walk attendant was required to be dealt with in conjunction with the school principal and the Parents and Citizens Association. Members expressed their interest in pursuing this issue with Ocean Reef Senior High School and Prindiville Catholic College.

Jeremy Manning reported regarding the request to the City, to bring forward the construction of the median strip along Hodges Drive. He reported that the commencement of construction was included in the City's Capital Works Program and due to begin in 2003 - 2004. Members expressed concern at the time to the beginning of construction. Bob Tomlins suggested that this issue needed to be dealt with at the highest possible level. He offered to write a memorandum regarding the recommendations to the Director of Community Development asking him to act on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council.

#### **ACTION**

- a) *Bob Tomlins to write an internal memo to the Director of Community Development regarding the recommendations in order that the Director may pursue this issue on the member's behalf.*
- b) *Sara McMillan and Viet Nguyen to organise a meeting with the Principal of Ocean Reef SHS discussing the concerns of student safety and the possibility of a cross walk attendant.*
- c) *Sara McMillan and Viet Nguyen to write a letter of support addressed to the P&C and the Roadwise Committee of Ocean Reef SHS regarding the possibility of a school cross walk attendant for the intersection of Constellation and Hodges Drive.*

#### **2) Sports Project**

Suzanne Akila submitted the concept for this project at a previous meeting. At that meeting, members agreed to incorporate the project into the yearly action plan for the Youth Advisory Council. The project is designed to promote sporting facilities within the City to young adults aged between 15 and 21 years. It will seek to address the fact that many young people, although interested, do not make an on-going commitment to organised sport. Craig Johnson, Recreation Officer, had agreed to attend this meeting to help develop the project.

After some discussion regarding the length of the program, it was decided to keep the original proposal of a 6-week program, having only one event per day.

Craig Johnson suggested that there should be a social component to each event as an incentive for people to attend for the duration of the program. It was also agreed that the program should consist of:

- activities that young people have limited access to or little experience of;
- The opportunity for weekly enrolments but flexibility to allow participants to enrol on the day of the event;
- Non-competitive activities that provide healthy and social competition; and
- The appearance of famous sports players.

A number of ideas for activities were suggested. Members suggested that the following events should be investigated for inclusion in the program.

Fishing	Water Polo
Golf	Mountain Bikes
Beach Volley Ball	Squash
Indoors Sports (Tabloid)	

It was also decided that the age bracket for the program should be from 16 - 22 years.

### **ACTION**

- a) *Members to find information on possible local venues that the above activities can be undertaken.*
- b) *A committee be formed to help manage the progress of the program. The members who volunteered for this committee are Suzanne Akila, Viet Nguyen, Adam Wade, John Saratsis and Craig Johnson (Recreation Officer).*

### **3) Reunion 2011 – Roadsafety Project**

The purpose of this video advertisement is to address the issue of teenage road trauma by encouraging safer driving practices amongst young drivers in the City of Joondalup. The project has been funded by a grant of \$10,000 to the City's Youth Advisory Councils from the Offices of Road Safety and Youth Affairs. Support has also been received from local businesses.

John Saratsis reported to the members on the progress towards the completion of the video. The filming stage of the video is complete and went really well. The camera work was excellent and a great team effort so far was acknowledged.

Jeremy Manning announced the next step of the project was logging the video. This involves members going through the video frame by frame and making suggestions for music, editing and other effects. Once this has been completed, the video will be sent back for final editing.

The second stage of the project is distribution within the youth community. Ideas for distribution of the Road Safety video included:

- Video viewings through schools;
- Launch through cinema advertising;
- Promotion at sporting events;
- Real life examples eg. people, crashed cars;
- New members involved in promoting project;
- Community Police Officers;
- Licensing Department.

Some supportive media accessories for the project were also discussed. These included;

- Sunshades;
- Rubbish bags;
- Car deodorisers;
- Show bags;
- Key rings;
- Bumper stickers;
- Information packs.

#### **ACTION**

- a) *The Road Safety Committee to continue to progress the project plan taking the above information into account.*
- b) *Members to meet in order to log the video in preparation for final editing stage.*

#### **4) Youth Council Week**

Youth Council Week will be conducted between 16 and 20 July 2001. A total of 12-16 young people will have the opportunity to participate. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss difficult issues in greater detail. Jeremy Manning reported that a decision had been made to allow leaving members the opportunity to take part in the program. Interested members were invited to attend the camp.

Those members who showed interest were Viet Nguyen, Adam Wade and John Saratsis.

#### **ACTION**

- a) *YAC members who are interested in attending the Youth Council Week are invited to attend the week-long camp.*

#### **5) Newsletter Distribution**

The most significant outcome of the Marketing Workshop held on 26th April, is the production of the first edition of a Youth Advisory Council newsletter. This will contain many features of interest to local young people. It will bring the purpose of the Youth Advisory Council to their

attention and enable the Youth Advisory Council to improve its profile and its representation of local young people.

Since the previous meeting, contributions to the newsletter have been forwarded to Viet Nguyen. These were compiled and Graphics staff designed a layout. Viet Nguyen presented a draft copy of the newsletter to members. Members were congratulated on an excellent production.

A number of ideas were suggested for the distribution of the newsletter. A priority was to distribute to as many people as possible as it was the first edition of the publication.

Suggestions included:

Recreation Centres;	Shopping Centres;
Libraries;	Suitable retail shops eg. surf & CD shops;
City of Joondalup staff members;	Universities and TAFEs;
Other Youth Advisory Councils;	School Counsellors / Year Co-ordinator.

### **ACTION**

a) *Members to distribute newsletter once printed as per the discussed list.*

### **6) Re-nominations for Youth Advisory Council**

At the previous meeting members expressed their disappointment at not being able to re-nominate for a further term on the Youth Advisory Council. Bob Tomlins reported that he had brought this issue to the attention of management. He reported that no change had been made to the decision.

Jeremy Manning reported that the City of Joondalup does appreciate the time and efforts of members of the Youth Advisory Council. A way of expressing this appreciation will be discussed later in the agenda.

### **ACTION**

*No action required*

## **STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **7. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from the Office of Youth Affairs. This included questionnaires to be filled in by members. These were made available to interested members.

### **8. Media Opportunities:**

Members identified the orientation weekend as a possible media opportunity. Suggestions included a media release with details of the hand over from the old to the new members of the Youth Advisory Council.

### ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to produce a media release regarding the selection and orientation of the new members of the Youth Advisory Council.*

### **9. Action Plan**

Joshua King reported that the only outstanding item according to the Action Plan was the quarterly youth event. Every other item was reported as running to schedule.

### ACTION

*No action required.*

### **10. Youth Rally Report**

Tracy Lee McDonald reported on the success of the Youth Rally Team during Sunday's event at Bengier. Team members won two trophies. Jeremy Manning attended this event and congratulated the team on an excellent performance.

### ACTION

*No action required.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **11. Focus Groups - Drug Summit**

Jeremy Manning reported that a group of 8 to 12 young people were invited to take part in a focus group for the upcoming Drug Summit organised by the Office of Youth Affairs. It was suggested that this was a good opportunity to have input into future drug policy. Food and free movie tickets are provided for those who participate.

Members who volunteered to attend were Tracy Lee McDonald, Viet Nguyen and Adam Wade.

### ACTION

- a) *Three members as listed above to attend focus group on Wednesday 4 July at 4.30pm.*

### **12. Social Event for Leaving Members**

Suggestions were made regarding an appreciation dinner for members who are leaving the Youth Advisory Council. After considerable discussions, it was decided that a dinner and movie would be suitable.

### ACTION

- a) *Members to be invited to attend an appreciation dinner at a local restaurant followed by a movie in Joondalup. The event will be held in early July.*
- b) *Jeremy Manning to make sure all members receive the invitation and work out the costs that the City will pay towards the event.*

### **13. Taskforce for Departing Members**

A number of members have expressed interest in staying involved in future activities and events.

A number of ideas were suggested as to how leaving members could remain involved: These included;

- Continued involvement in sub-committees;
- Continued involvement in special events;
- Inclusion on a mailing list;
- Receipt of minutes of meetings;
- An invitation to attend special meetings;
- Input to training of new members - Orientation Camp.

### **ACTION**

- a) *An invitation was extended to existing members to attend the orientation weekend. Those interested are Sara McMillan and Tracy Lee McDonald. Jeremy Manning to pass on camp information to Tracy Lee McDonald.*

### **NEXT MEETING**

Date: 16 July 2001  
Time: 5 pm  
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Council Chambers

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.42pm.