

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



*City of
Joondalup*

MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP NORTH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2 (JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS) ON MONDAY 21 MAY, 2001.

ATTENDANCES

Tracy Lee McDonald Chairperson
Joshua King
Suzanne Akila
Viet Nguyen
Anna Kim
Tim Lee
John Saratsis

Jeremy Manning Youth Project Officer
Bob Tomlins Coordinator, Youth Services

APOLOGIES

Sara McMillan
Adam Wade

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5.10pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 17 April 2001 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Hodges Drive – Safety Concerns

At the previous meeting Sara McMillan had expressed concern for the safety of large numbers of young people who cross Hodges Drive in the afternoon. She felt that the road

features provided to ensure safe passage are inadequate. The problem is compounded by the fact that there are high schools (Ocean Reef SHS and Prindiville Catholic College) on both sides of the road. It was decided to invite the Traffic Project Engineer (Brad Lenton) to this meeting.

Although unable to attend, Brad Lenton provided advice to the meeting, via Jeremy Manning. The issue is currently being investigated through the Ocean Reef High School RoadWise Committee. The section of Hodges Drive adjacent to the schools will ultimately have a median. In the interim, installation of a midblock pedestrian island is being considered. Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hodges and Constellation is also being considered as part of the 2001/02 capital works program. This would regulate traffic flow and hopefully reduce overall vehicle speeds along Hodges Drive.

After considerable discussion the meeting agreed as follows:

ACTION

- a) The City of Joondalup be asked to pursue the possibility of a cross-walk attendant for the intersection of Constellation and Hodges Drive. The attendant to be an interim measure until the median is constructed.
- b) The City be asked to bring forward the construction of the median along Hodges Drive to the earliest possible date.

2. Sports Project

This program 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. Unfortunately he withdrew due to sickness.

Some funding will be required to implement the project.

ACTION

- a) Jeremy Manning will invite Craig Johnson, Recreation Officer to the next meeting.
- b) Jeremy Manning and Suzanne Akila will organise a letter to go to appropriate local businesses seeking financial support for the project. Suzanne will give a progress report to the next meeting.

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 Roadsafety and Youth Affairs. Support has also been received from local businesses.

John Saratsis gave members an up-date on the progress made towards the production of the video – with the completion of the rehearsal, filming will soon begin as per the schedule drafted. There are three ‘shoots’, the last one being on 4 June 2001.

ACTION

Project plan to continue to be implemented – the next stage being the filming and editing of the video footage. Members not already participating were urged to join the cast and organise appropriate costumes.

4. Carwash

Tim Lee reported on the carwash, which took place at the Lakeside Shopping Centre on 19 May 2001. Members were disappointed that bad weather on the day had deterred many members of the public from coming in and having their cars washed. However cars were washed and \$40 in donations to the ‘Make a Wish Foundation’ was collected. In addition many brochures and stickers promoting the YAC were distributed. Jeremy Manning congratulated Tim Lee on a very well organised event.

ACTION

- a) Jeremy Manning and Tim Lee to organise a media release covering the event.
- b) Conduct another carwash in better weather next summer – possibly prior to Christmas. Consider additional ‘value adding’ activities such as hosing down people as well as cars and asking the PMFM ‘Road Runners’ to attend.

5. 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. Unfortunately a meeting to identify issues for consideration during the Week was postponed as members had other important commitments, such as the Roadsafety project.

ACTION

- a) Members intending to participate in Youth Council Week and others interested in identifying the issues for debate will meet on Thursday, 7 June 2001. At this meeting members will go through surveys of local young people collected at a number of recent events, including the Joondalup Festival, to identify their issues of greatest concern.

6. Marketing Workshop

Members of the Promotions Committee attended this workshop on 26 April 2001. James Lawton, Marketing Manager for the City of Joondalup conducted the workshop. 'Promotion Plan 2001' was the outcome. The Plan, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, lists a number of strategies to promote the YAC over the next twelve months. The most significant strategy being implemented at the present time is the production of the first edition of a YAC newsletter. This will contain many features of interest to local young people. It will bring the YAC to their attention and enable the YAC to gain feedback on issues of concern to local young people.

ACTION

- a) Members to forward their contributions to the YAC newsletter to Viet Nguyen within the next couple of days. Viet Nguyen to compile the newsletter content before forwarding it to Jeremy Manning for production by the City's Marketing Section.
- b) Members to discuss at the next meeting how the newsletter may best be distributed.
- c) Viet Nguyen to discuss with Joshua King his contribution to the production of the newsletter.

7. Media Opportunities

At the Marketing Workshop the suggestion was made that this item should appear on the agenda for all future YAC meetings. This would ensure that opportunities were not overlooked. Members agreed to accept the suggestion.

ACTION

- a) 'Media Opportunities' to appear as a regular item on all future agendas.
- b) Jeremy Manning to liaise with the City's marketing staff to ensure that opportunities associated with the Roadsafety project are realised.

8. Youth Rally Team

Tracey Lee McDonald gave members an update on the project. The team, which meets every Wednesday evening at the City of Wanneroo Works Depot, will soon have new members recruited at a recent information night. At its most recent event, the team's fastest car was only seven seconds behind the leader. The next event in which the team will participate is the Safari Rally to be held in Boddington on 3 June 2001.

All team members learn how to drive, maintain the cars, navigate and how to deal with safety issues, such as putting out of a fire.

ACTION

No action required.

9. Extreme Youth Festival – Evaluation and Video

Members had previously received a copy of the Evaluation Report of the 2001 Extreme Youth Festival, held at Craigie Leisure Centre on 4 March 2001. The Festival was organised by a group of Youth Advisory Council members in conjunction with Youth and Leisure Services staff.

Members were asked to comment on the contents of the report. The following feedback was received:

- The overall layout of stands was too spread out – greater atmosphere would have been created had the layout been more compact.
- An art exhibition would be an added attraction to next year's Festival.
- Move the Festival to a date in December/January so that it is no longer close to the Joondalup Festival.
- Retain the same venue for next year – the pool is a drawcard. Mullaloo Beach and the area adjacent to the Joondalup train station are other possibilities.

ACTION

Feedback from members on the Evaluation Report of the 2001 Extreme Youth Festival be considered when planning for next year's event.

Members then viewed the video of footage filmed at the Festival. Members were impressed by the quality of the video and congratulated John Saratsis on the great interviews he conducted with some of the young people who attended.

10. Nominations for Youth Advisory Council

At the last meeting the YAC Coordinator confirmed that members who have been on the Council for two years would not be able to re-nominate for a further term. He promised that ways of using their experience and keeping them involved in the projects of the Youth Advisory Council would be explored.

Tracey Lee McDonald supported by other YAC members raised this issue again. Tracey Lee expressed her considerable disappointment at not being able to nominate for another term. Although she and other members understood the reasons given, they felt that their particular circumstances warranted special consideration – namely that little was achieved in their first year due to the YAC 'finding its feet' and it is only recently that the YAC has started to function really well. These members feel that they still have a lot to offer as full members of the YAC.

ACTION

- a) Bob Tomlins, Coordinator Youth Services agreed to raise these concerns with Council management. Bob, however, expressed the view that the policy was unlikely to be changed.
- b) Members asked that there be some recognition from the City for their commitment to the YAC over the last two years – certificates of appreciation and a farewell dinner were suggested.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, 18 June 2001
Time: 5 pm
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Council Chambers

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.00pm.