

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2006

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee Members:

CR S (Steve) MAGYAR	Presiding Person
CR J (John) PARK	
CR S (Sue) HART	<i>to 1845 hrs</i>
CR G (Geoff) AMPHLETT	
CR M (Michele) JOHN	
MRS M (Marilyn) ZAKREVSKY	Deputy Presiding Person
MS P (Phyllis) ROBERTSON	Community Representative
DR M (Marjorie) APTHORPE	Community Representative
MR R (Ralph) HENDERSON	Community Representative
MRS W (Wendy) HERBERT	Community Representative
MS S (Sue) BAILEY	Community Representative
MR B (Barry) FITZSIMMONS	Community Representative
MR J (John) CHESTER	Community Representative
Ms A (Alice) STUBBER	Community Representative

Officers:

MR G (Graeme) CATCHPOLE	A/Manager Approvals Planning Environmental Services
MR M (Murray) RALPH	Manager Infrastructure Management Services
MR K (Keith) ARMSTRONG	Conservation Coordinator
MS J (Jerilee) HIGHFIELD	Administration Officer

Guests:

MS T (Tessa) DARCEY

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1800 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MRS C WOOD Community Representative

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 26 JULY 2006**

MOVED R Henderson SECONDED M Apthorpe that the Minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 26 July 2006 is CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

CARRIED (14/0)

In favour of the Motion Crs Magyar, John, Hart, Park, Amphlett, Mrs M Zakrevsky, Ms P Robertson, Mr B Fitzsimmons, Ms S Bailey, Mr R Henderson, Dr M Apthorpe, Mr J Chester, Mr W Herbert, Ms A Stubber

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Ms Alice Stubber has been endorsed by Council as a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Nil.

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

ITEM 1 APPROVED PLANT MATERIAL LIST

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr David Djulbic
DIRECTOR: Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE

To advise Council in relation to the list of Approved Plant Material for use on the City's verges.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Conservation Advisory Committee held on the 26 July 2006 the Committee requested staff to table a report detailing the plant species the City approves for use by the public for road verges adjacent to their homes. This list, titled Operation

Services, Information Sheet on Approved Plant Material is distributed to residents upon request. The list forms attachment 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

Since its formation the Conservation Advisory Committee has promoted the use of native plant material in landscapes within the City of Joondalup. The reason for this is twofold, firstly to enhance and produce habitat for local endemic fauna. Committee members have been aware that local endemic fauna, especially of the avian variety require local plant species to provide both nesting sites and as a food source.

The other reason for the Committees desire to have local plant species utilised in landscapes, is the fact that local plant species in general require less of the City's water resources to grow, this in turn has a positive effect on the environment, and reduces the cost of installing and maintaining irrigation systems for the City.

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DETAILS

The City has produced an information sheet that contains an extensive list of plant species that are suitable, and recommended for use on the verges adjacent to resident's homes.

The Information contains a diverse list of trees, shrubs and ground covers. It also contains advice on the eventual heights and widths of the said plants.

The plants in the list represent species from Perth, Western Australia, Eastern States and many locations throughout the world. The species have been selected because they perform well in Joondalup conditions

Issues and options considered:

Not Applicable.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Strategy 2.1.1- Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Not Applicable.

Consultation:

Nil.

COMMENT

That this report and the associated plant list be tabled at the 30 August Meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Approved Plant Material Species List

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

Item to be deferred to the September 2006 meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee, which will take form of a workshop

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 1 – CR J PARK**

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders 2005, Cr John Park gave notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting to be held on 30 August 2006:

“That the Conservation Advisory Committee BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY:

- 1 Create an ongoing native flora and fauna subcommittee with the responsibility of creating and managing a Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry consisting of a list of all plants and animals native to the Joondalup area;*
- 2 Recommends to the Joondalup City Council that wherever possible only plants on the Joondalup Native origin Flora and Fauna Registry be planted by the Joondalup Parks or Infrastructure Departments and;*
- 3 That the planting of flora that is not on the Joondalup Native origin Flora and Fauna Registry by the Joondalup parks or Infrastructure Departments be reviewed by the City Council via the Conservation Advisory Committee before the commencement of said planting;*

- 4 *That flora that is not native to Joondalup be discouraged and/ or removed from City maintained property where reasonable and where it is deemed a hazard to the biodiversity of natural flora and fauna in Joondalup as recommended by the Conservation Advisory Committee;*
- 5 *That copies of the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be available on printed format and cd to the public through the public library system and on the Joondalup website for public education purposes."*

Reason for Motion

Cr Park has provided the following comment in support of his notice of motion:

"It is the responsibility of the City to ensure that the natural flora and fauna in the City of Joondalup be preserved and encouraged for the benefit of the stakeholders of the City of Joondalup. It is past time that a registry of native plants and animals is established and the preservation of natural flora and fauna be implemented. This motion will setup a standing sub-committee within the Conservation Advisory Committee that will formulate and maintain a registry of native plants and animals in Joondalup. This registry will then be used by the parks and Infrastructure Departments as a guide for plant selection when purchasing for new and/or replacement plantings. An added benefit to the community will be the availability of this information as a guide for personal property plantings and educational purposes."

Officer's Comment:

Comments in response to Items listed:

- 1 **Create an ongoing native flora and fauna sub-committee with the responsibility of creating and managing a Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry consisting of a list of all plants and animals native to the Joondalup area;**

Extensive information on this subject is available to City Staff and the general public, an example being CALMs extensive database named Florabase. This contains photographs and detailed information on most of the vascular plants found in Western Australia. A link could be put in place from the City's Website to the CALM Website. The City also has copies of the many bushland management plans that have been produced for many of the bushland reserves the City manages.

The management of all native wildlife is the responsibility of CALM (Wildlife Conservation Act 1950) and local authority input is usually restricted to managing fauna habitat.

The Conservation Advisory Committee is a committee established by the Council to make recommendations to the Council on matters within the agreed Terms of Reference. The committee has no delegated authority to make decisions.

The Terms of Reference allow the Conservation Advisory Committee to appoint a number of its members to work together as part of a working group on specified issues as identified by the committee. No absolute majority decision is required. In establishing such a working group, there would be no ability for it to make decisions or direct resources in any direction. The need to service the working party may impact on existing service delivery.

2 Recommends to the Joondalup City Council that wherever possible only plants on the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be planted by the Joondalup Parks or Infrastructure Departments;

City of Joondalup plants predominantly Australian native plants. Planting of purely endemic species is not supported due to:

- Survival rate is low due to modified planting conditions.
- Lack of suitable local species for all landscape situations. eg street trees.
- Landscapes would all look very similar because the range of plants would be very limited.
- The public may not respond positively to a restricted list of landscape species.

There are situations e.g. road medians on dual carriageways where endemic plant species should be utilised. The use of endemic plants in these situations would produce green corridors or linkages between natural bushland.

3 That the planting of flora that is not on the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry by the Joondalup Parks or Infrastructure Departments be reviewed by the City Council via the Conservation Advisory Committee before the commencement of said planting;

As highlighted in item two, the use of purely local species would not produce the landscape quality or diversity the public expect because of the limited plant range available for use in a large range of landscape situations. It is considered more appropriate that endemic [local] species be used in situations where they enhance local biodiversity, add to fauna linkages e.g. wide medians.

4 That flora that is not native to Joondalup be discouraged and/or removed from city maintained property where reasonable and where it is deemed a hazard to the biodiversity of natural flora and fauna in Joondalup as recommended by the Conservation Advisory Committee;

The removal of species that pose an environmental threat to bushland e.g. olives would be supported in situations where they grow in close proximity to bushland reserves.

A large percentage of amenity plantings in the City's parks are not endemic to Joondalup, but they also pose no risk to the biodiversity of the City, the removal of these trees would have a severe adverse effect on the amenity of these parks and the landscape of City.

Use of indigenous plants is restricted in subdivisions due to:

- Availability
- Suitability
- Growth Form

5 That copies of the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be available on printed format and CD to the public library system and on the Joondalup website for public education purposes;

City staff are in the process of compiling a photographic herbarium of both endemic plant species and exotic weed species, it is proposed that this herbarium is placed on the City's web site for reference by the public.

A plant species list is available for the community that identifies native plant suitable for residential area planting. It is suggested that this list may be updated to include more endemic species and have a number of potential weed species removed from the list. This list is provided to the public upon request.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Cr J Park SECONDED Cr S Hart that:

- 1 the Conservation Advisory Committee CREATES an on-going native flora and fauna subcommittee with the responsibility of creating and managing a Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry consisting of a list of all plants and animals native to the Joondalup area;**
- 2 the Conservation Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS to the Joondalup City Council that wherever possible only plants on the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be planted by the City of Joondalup;**
- 3 planting of flora that is not on the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry by the City be reviewed by the Council via the Conservation Advisory Committee before the commencement of said planting;**
- 4 flora that is not native to Joondalup be discouraged and/ or removed from City maintained property where reasonable and where it is deemed a hazard to the biodiversity of natural flora and fauna in the City of Joondalup as recommended by the Conservation Advisory Committee;**
- 5 copies of the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be available on printed format and cd to the public through the public library system and on the City of Joondalup website for public education purposes.**

Cr S Hart left the Room at 1845 hrs.

AMENDMENT MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED B Fitzsimmons that Point 1 of the Motion be amended to read as follows:

- “1 the Conservation Advisory Committee CREATES an ongoing native flora and fauna subcommittee with the responsibility of creating and assisting in managing a Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry consisting of a list of all plants and animals native to the Joondalup area.”**

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (13/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Crs Magyar, John, Park, Amphlett, Mrs M Zakrevsky, Ms P Robertson, Mr B Fitzsimmons, Ms S Bailey, Mr R Henderson, Dr M Apthorpe, Mr J Chester, Mr W Herbert and Ms A Stubber

The Original Motion as amended, being:

- 1 the Conservation Advisory Committee CREATES an on-going native flora and fauna subcommittee with the responsibility of creating and managing a Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry consisting of a list of all plants and animals native to the Joondalup area;**
- 2 the Conservation Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS to the Joondalup City Council that wherever possible only plants on the Joondalup Native Origin Flora and Fauna Registry be planted by the City of Joondalup;**
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MOVED Cr Amphlett SECONDED Ms A Stubber that the Items 1-5 relating to Cr J Park's Notice of Motion be DEFERRED until after the proposed CAC Strategic Planning Workshop.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/6)

In Favour of the Motion: Cr Amphlett, Mr W Herbert, Ms S Bailey, Mr J Chester, Mr R Henderson, Ms A Stubber and Mrs M Zakrevsky **Against the Motion:** Crs John, Park, Magyar, Ms P Robertson, Mr B Fitzsimmons and Dr M Apthorpe

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 2 – MRS M ZAKREVSKY

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Mrs Zakrevsky gave notice of her intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting to be held on 30 August 2006:

“That the Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the City of Joondalup commissions a full botanical survey of the bushland adjoining the City of Joondalup Administration Centre known as “Central park” to assess the lands potential for inclusion in Schedule 5 [Places and objects having significance for the purpose of protection of the landscape or environment] of District Planning Scheme No 2.”

Reason For Motion

Mrs Zakrevsky has provided the following comment in support of her notice of motion:

“The Bushland adjoining the Administration Centre provides the City with an opportunity to create a unique city urban bushland setting unmatched in any other Australian city demonstrating a city in harmony with its environment.”

Officers Comment

The notice of motion requests a full botanical survey to be undertaken of the bushland that forms the eastern part of Central Park Joondalup with the intent that Central Park could be included for future protection under Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme No 2. Schedule 5 contains details of those places and objects within the City, which Council has classified as having significance for the purpose of protection of the landscape or environment.

As part of the WALGA hosted Perth Biodiversity Project (PBP) the bushland within Central Park was assessed against the templates designed by the PBP and now used by local authorities throughout the Perth metropolitan region. The bushland within Central Park was found to have high biodiversity value, and as such forms part of a list of 31 reserves that the Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to be listed by the City under Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme No 2. Staff are now in the process of researching information for a report that will go to Council containing recommendations in regard to bushland reserves being included under Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme No 2.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Cr S Magyar SECONDED Ms S Bailey that the Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the City of Joondalup seeks to protect the area known as Central Park– (adjacent to the administration building). The installation of fencing/gates/formal pathways to be listed for consideration in the 2006/07 half yearly budget review.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (13/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs Magyar, John, Park, Amphlett, Mrs M Zakrevsky, Ms P Robertson, Mr B Fitzsimmons, Ms S Bailey, Mr R Henderson, Dr M Aphorpe, Mr J Chester, Mr W Herbert and Ms A Stubber

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 3 – MRS M ZAKREVSKY

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Mrs Zakrevsky gave notice of her intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting to be held on 30 August 2006:

“The Conservation Advisory Committee recommends to the Council of the City of Joondalup that the draft agenda for briefing Sessions, ‘Business outstanding from previous meetings’, action numbers 100428 and 104027, ‘Proposal to protect natural areas of significance under schedule 5 of District Planning Scheme No 2 be amended to include resolution No 2 of CJ256-11/05:

‘NOTES the list of reserves, as shown on Attachment 2 to Report CJ256-11/05, as recommended by the Conservation Advisory Committee for inclusion in Schedule 5 of the City’s District Planning Scheme No 2’,

Reason For Motion

Mrs Zakrevsky has provided the following comment in support of her notice of motion:

“Business outstanding from previous meetings should more accurately reflect what is left to be done and what has already been achieved.”

Officers Comment.

“Business Outstanding From Previous Meetings” is designed to act as a prompt to elicit an action or a series of actions from Council. The City is currently in the process of preparing a report regarding the reserves the CAC wished to include under Schedule 5 of the City’s District Planning Scheme No 2. All previous resolutions including CJ256-11/05 will be considered in the preparation of this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

The Motion was

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO 4 – MRS M ZAKREVSKY

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Mrs Zakrevsky has given notice of her intention to move the following motion at the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting to be held on 30 August 2006:

“That the Conservation Advisory Committee recommends to the Council of the City of Joondalup that the Administration be instructed to inform the Conservation Advisory Committee of the reasons for the delay in implementing resolution CJ256-11/05 of the Council of the City of Joondalup.”

Reason For Motion

Mrs Zakrevsky has provided the following comment in support of her notice of motion:

"The City's Strategic Plan states under 'Values' that the City will create trust by having an environment of openness and transparency making information accessible. By the Executive Management Team sharing with the Conservation Advisory Committee the information as to why the implementation of resolution CJ256-11/05 has been delayed, the Council will be creating trust between itself and its local community."

Officers Comment.

A number of actions have been undertaken in order to progress the CAC/Council resolution, being:

- Assessment of reserve usage for active and passive purposes.
- Assessment of the extent of land reserve that is available for preservation.
- Examination of the various demands for community purpose usage for reserves, balanced with this particular request for vegetation preservation.
- Obtaining legal advice on the method for portions of reserves [i.e. the conservation areas] to be included in Schedule 5 of the District Planning Scheme No 2, which deal with reserves. It is noted that survey diagrams of the conservation areas of the reserves to be included in Schedule 5 will be required to be prepared.

A draft report, inclusive of the above matters, is currently being finalized.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

The Motion was

WITHDRAWN

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- 1 Mrs W Herbert to submit Coastal Development and Impact on Ocean Water Quality report.
- 2 Pest weed species within the City of Joondalup.
- 3 The Impact of Reticulation on Bushland in the City of Joondalup.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Wednesday 27 September 2006 at 6.00 pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 2000 hrs.