

Minutes

Sustainability Advisory Committee

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2008

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2008.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	South-East Ward	<i>Presiding Person</i>	
Mr Steve Magyar	Community Representative		<i>from 1820 hrs</i>
Mr Rainer Repke	Community Representative		
Mr Alan Green	Community Representative		
Mr Brett Dorney	Community Representative		
Mr John Chester	Community Representative		
Mr Peter Jacoby	Community Representative		

Officers:

Mr Ian Cowie	Director, Governance & Strategy		
Ms Rhonda Hardy	Manager, Strategic Development		<i>to 1912 hrs</i>
Mr Mark Tucek	Environmental Development Coordinator		<i>to 1912 hrs</i>
Mrs Lesley Taylor	Administrative Secretary, Governance & Marketing		<i>to 1912 hrs</i>

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1815 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology

Dr Ute Goeft	Community Representative
Cr Albert Jacob, JP	North-Central Ward
Cr Mike Norman	South-West Ward
Cr Russ Fishwick	South Ward

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2008

MOVED Mr Green, SECONDED Mr Repke that the minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 21 August 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (6/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby and Mr Repke

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Person explained the process of Requests for Reports by members of the Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

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

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS**ITEM 1 RESIGNATION FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE - [00906]**

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
 Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To advise of a resignation of a member of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC).

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting on 20 November 2007 established the SAC with the following Terms of Reference.

1. To recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on policy, advice and appropriate courses of action which promote sustainability, which is (1) environmentally responsible, (2) socially sound and (3) economically viable.
2. To provide advice to Council on items referred to the committee.

Membership:

The Committee will consist of the following members, to be determined by the Council:

- Four (4) Elected Members
- Eight (8) Community Representatives

Quorum: 6

DETAILS

A resignation from the Committee has been received from Mrs Janina Pezzarini.

With the resignation of Mrs Pezzarini, the Committee membership will now contain one vacant position as follows:

1. Cr Brian Corr, Presiding Person
2. Cr Mike Norman, Deputy Presiding Person
3. Cr Russ Fishwick
4. Cr Albert Jacob, JP
5. Mr Steve Magyar
6. Mr Brett Dorney, Community Representative
7. Mr Rainer Repke, Community Representative
8. Mr John Chester, Community Representative
9. Dr Ute Goeft, Community Representative
10. Mr Peter Jacoby, Community Representative
11. Mr Alan Green, Community Representative
12. Vacant

Issues and options considered:

The SAC has the following options for addressing the resignation and the vacant position. These are:

1. Recommend that Council advertise the vacancy to the broad community for 30 days.
2. Recommend to Council individuals who can be approached to become members.
3. Request Council to reduce the number of representatives on the SAC from 12 to 11.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The Local Government Act 1995 includes provisions in relation to the membership of committees and quorums.

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

It is recommended that the resignation be accepted and that the membership be reduced from 12 to 11.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Mr Magyar entered the Room at 1820 hrs.

MOVED Mr Dorney, SECONDED Mr Green that the Sustainability Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 1 ACCEPTS the resignation of Ms Janina Pezzarini;**
- 2 REDUCES the membership of the Committee from 12 to 11 members.**

Discussion ensued.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Chester, SECONDED Mr Jacoby that:

- 1 Point 2 be deleted;
- 2 a new Point 2 be added to read:

“NOMINATES Mr John Rule as the replacement member on the Sustainability Advisory Committee.”

Discussion ensued.

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

The Original Motion as amended, being:

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 1 **ACCEPTS the resignation of Ms Janina Pezzarini;**
- 2 **NOMINATES Mr John Rule as the replacement member on the Sustainability Advisory Committee.**

was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

ITEM 2 FLOODLIGHTING AT SPORTS VENUES – [61618]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview in relation to the management of floodlighting in City of Joondalup parks and sporting facilities.

BACKGROUND

At the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting on 19 June 2008, a request was made for a report on how the City's floodlighting on its parks and sporting facilities is currently managed.

Council at its meeting held on 5 August 2008 (CJ149-08/08 refers) resolved inter alia to:

“REQUEST a report be presented to Council on how floodlighting is managed at the City's parks and sporting facilities”

DETAILS

At its meeting held on 2 September 2008, Council was presented with the report CJ175-09/08 Floodlighting at Sports Venues and resolved to:

- 1 *NOTE the information on floodlighting contained in Report CJ175-09/08 and in particular, that:*
 - *floodlights are switched on in response to booking requests;*
 - *floodlights are switched off 30 minutes after training times conclude;*
 - *clubs contribute to the cost of floodlighting through their hire fees;*
- 2 *NOTE that the Clubs in Focus program will continue to educate club officials about the need for, and benefit of, reducing floodlighting times and energy consumption at sporting facilities;*
- 3 *REFER Report CJ175-09/08 to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for its information and advice.*

This report relates specifically to part 3 of Council's resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 CJ175-09/08 Floodlighting at Sports Venues

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Magyar, SECONDED Mr Green that the Sustainability Advisory Committee SUPPORTS the decisions made by Council namely:

- 1 **NOTES the information on floodlighting contained in Report CJ175-09/08 forming Attachment 1 to this Report and in particular, that:**
 - **floodlights are switched on in response to booking requests;**
 - **floodlights are switched off 30 minutes after training times conclude;**
 - **clubs contribute to the cost of floodlighting through their hire fees;**
- 2 **NOTES that the Clubs in Focus program will continue to educate club officials about the need for, and benefit of, reducing floodlighting times and energy consumption at sporting facilities.**

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

Appendix 1 refers

ITEM 3 TIMING OF STREETLIGHTING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF JOONDALUP – [59091]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Ian Cowie
DIRECTOR: Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview in relation to the feasibility of turning street lighting off during the night to decrease the amount of energy used and greenhouse gas emitted.

BACKGROUND

At the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008 a report was presented on Energy Efficient Street Lighting. As a result a motion was passed requesting Council to:

- (1) *Work through the West Australian Local Government Association to improve Western Power's level of service for street lighting provided to local governments;*
- (2) *Seek the support of local State Parliamentarians to assist local governments to reduce the burden on ratepayers and avoidable greenhouse gas emissions caused by Western Power's use of outdated street lighting technology;*
- (3) *In light of the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consider the length of time that street lighting is used within the City.*

Council at its meeting held on 5 August 2008 considered the report "*Energy Efficient Street Lighting Recommendations from the Sustainability Advisory Committee (CJ152-08/08 refers)*" and resolved to:

- 1 *NOTE that the current type of street lighting provided by Western Power to the City of Joondalup is outdated which burdens ratepayers with extra operating costs and avoidable greenhouse gas emissions;*
- 2 *WRITE to the Western Australian Local Government Association in support of energy efficient street lighting again;*
- 3 *WRITE to local State Parliamentarians in relation to Western Power's use of outdated street lighting technology and seeking their support for newer energy efficient technologies;*
- 4 *SEEK a report on the advantages and disadvantages of reducing the time for which street lighting operates within the City.*

DETAILS

At its meeting held on 30 September 2008 Council was presented with the report CJ197-09/08 Timing of Street Lighting Operations within the City of Joondalup and resolved to:

“REFER this report to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for its information and advice”.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 CJ197-09/08 - Timing of Street Lighting Operations within the City of Joondalup

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee RECEIVES Report CJ197-09/08 -Timing of Street Lighting Operations within the City of Joondalup forming Attachment 1 to this Report and provides advice to Council on its subject matter.

MOVED Mr Magyar, SECONDED Mr Green that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 RECEIVES Report CJ197-09/08 - Timing of Street Lighting Operations within the City of Joondalup forming Attachment 1 to this Report;**
- 2 ADVISES the Council that LED lighting technology is advancing rapidly and REQUESTS Council to liaise with the Western Australian Local Government Association and Western Power to trial LED street lighting within the City of Joondalup when suitable technology is available.**

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

Appendix 2 refers

ITEM 4 STORMWATER OUTFALLS AND SEPTIC TANKS WITHIN THE CITY OF JOONDALUP – [34958]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
 Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview in relation to storm water outfalls and septic tank outputs along the coastal strip of the City and adjacent to Yellagonga Regional Park.

BACKGROUND

At the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting held on 17 April 2008 it was requested that a report be provided on “*the City’s current initiatives and progress in relation to stormwater quality and storm water outfalls along the City of Joondalup coastline*”.

A report on this matter was presented to the SAC at its meeting held on 19 June 2008 and the Committee resolved as follows:

“REFER the item back to its next meeting subject to the provision of further information concerning the Sorrento Beach project.”

Council at its meeting held on 5 August 2008 (*CJ149-08/08 refers*) resolved inter alia to:

“REQUEST a report be presented to Council in relation to storm water outfalls and septic tank outputs along the coastal strip of the City and adjacent to Yellagonga Regional Park”

DETAILS

At its meeting held on 2 September 2008 Council was presented with the Report CJ177-09/08 Storm water Outfalls and Septic Tanks and resolved to:

1 **NOTE:**

- (a) *the progress that has occurred with addressing storm water outfalls in the Yellagonga Regional Park;*
- (b) *the progress that has occurred with addressing storm water outfalls along the coast;*
- (c) *the significant costs associated with upgrading storm water outfalls and converting septic tanks to deep sewage;*
- (d) *that the quality of water in the City’s coastal areas according to Health Department testing is not being adversely affected by Septic Tanks;*
- (e) *that the Water Corporation has completed its sewage infill program in the coastal areas of Joondalup;*

- 2 *REQUEST that the City again write to the Water Corporation to encourage them to progress the Infill Sewage Program in Kingsley;*
- 3 *REQUEST that the City examines the cost of connecting the septic tanks at the surf life saving clubs and other smaller installations along the coast, and determine if there are potentially any grants available that could largely cover the associated costs;*
- 4 *SEEK external funding opportunities to address all storm water outfalls and septic tanks identified within the City's plans;*
- 5 *REFER Report CJ177-09/08 to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for its information and advice;*
- 6 *SEEK advice from the Swan Catchment Council on its future plans in relation to storm water outfalls and septic tanks.*

This report specifically addresses part 5 of the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 CJ177-09/08 - Storm water Outfalls and Septic Tanks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Chester, SECONDED Mr Jacoby that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 **NOTES Report CJ177-09/08 Storm water Outfalls and Septic Tanks forming Attachment 1 to this Report;**
- 2 **NOTES the decisions made by Council namely;**
 - (a) **NOTES:**
 - (i) **the progress that has occurred with addressing storm water outfalls in the Yellagonga Regional Park;**
 - (ii) **the progress that has occurred with addressing storm water outfalls along the coast;**
 - (iii) **the significant costs associated with upgrading storm water outfalls and converting septic tanks to deep sewage;**
 - (iv) **the quality of water in the City's coastal areas according to the Department of Health's testing is not being adversely affected by septic tanks;**
 - (v) **the Water Corporation has completed its sewage infill program in the coastal areas of Joondalup;**

- (b) **NOTES that the City is writing again to the Water Corporation to encourage it to progress the Infill Sewage Program in Kingsley;**
- (c) **NOTES that the City is examining the cost of connecting the septic tanks at the surf life saving clubs and other smaller installations along the coast, and determining if there are potentially any grants available that could largely cover the associated costs;**
- (d) **NOTES that the City is seeking external funding opportunities to address all storm water outfalls and septic tanks identified within the City's plans;**
- (e) **NOTES that the City is seeking advice from the Swan Catchment Council on its future plans in relation to storm water outfalls and septic tanks.**

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

Appendix 3 refers

The Late Report in relation to proposed meeting for dates for 2009 was considered at this point.

ITEM 6 SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2009 - [00906]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) to set meeting dates for 2009.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 20 November Council 2007 Council agreed to:

“ESTABLISH the Sustainability Advisory Committee to:

- recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on policy, advice and appropriate courses of action which promote sustainability, which is (1) environmentally responsible, (2) socially sound and (3) economically viable.*
- provide advice to Council on items referred to the committee”.*

“AMEND the Terms of Reference for the Conservation Advisory Committee, Seniors Interests Advisory Committee and Sustainability Advisory Committee to include that ordinary meetings shall generally be held on a bimonthly basis, however special meetings may be convened in accordance with the City’s Standing Orders Local Law”.

DETAILS

SAC Meetings are generally proposed to be held every two months in accordance with Council’s decision on a Thursday evening commencing 6pm. Meetings will be held in the City of Joondalup Civic Centre Conference Rooms.

The proposed meeting schedule is until the 2009 Election. The Local Government Act specifies that all Committees of the Council are disbanded on the Ordinary Election Date.

Proposed dates are as follows:

- Thursday, 19 February 2009
- Thursday, 16 April 2009
- Thursday, 18 June 2009
- Thursday, 20 August 2009

Link to Strategic Plan:

Objective:

- 2.2 To engage proactively with the community and other relevant organisations in the preservation of the City’s natural environmental assets.

Strategies:

- 2.2.3 The City undertakes actions to protect and rehabilitate its natural bushland coastal environment and works closely with Friends and local environmental groups to achieve these outcomes.

Outcome:

The City establishes new, or maintains existing networks and partnerships in relation to the preservation of its natural environmental assets.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not Applicable.

Risk Management considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability implications:

The SAC will address and discuss sustainability issues at their bi-monthly meetings.

Consultation:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Dorney, SECONDED Mr Green that the Sustainability Advisory Committee SETS the following 2009 meeting dates to be held at 6.00 pm in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:

Thursday, 19 February 2009
Thursday, 16 April 2009
Thursday, 18 June 2009
Thursday, 20 August 2009

Discussion ensued.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Magyar, SECONDED Mr Chester that the Sustainability Advisory Committee HOLDS workshops as required to deal with the complexities of sustainability.

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (6 /1)

In favour of the Amendment: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke
Against the Amendment: Mr Green

The Original Motion as amended, being:

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 SETS the following 2009 meeting dates to be held at 6.00 pm in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:**

Thursday, 19 February 2009

Thursday, 16 April 2009

Thursday, 18 June 2009

Thursday, 20 August 2009

- 2 HOLDS workshops as required to deal with the complexities of sustainability.**

was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOTICE OF MOTION – MR STEVE MAGYAR – HOLDING OF SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS - [00906]

In accordance with Clause 26 of Standing Orders Local Law 2005, Mr Steve Magyar has given notice of his intention to move the following motion at the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19 February 2009:

“That the Sustainability Advisory Committee, in accordance with Council’s resolution of 30 September 2008, Item CJ198-09/08, that “Council requests that proposals for workshops be presented to Council in the first instance to determine whether a workshop should be held”, hereby submitted the following reports and references and documents for Council’s determination of the suitability of the documents for a Sustainability Advisory Committee workshop:

- 1 “Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, Version 3.0” – Global Reporting Initiative;***
- 2 “Standards and Practices for Forecasting”, J. Scott Armstrong, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania;***
- 3 Weathercocks and Signposts, The Environment Movement at a Crossroads, April 2008, WWF;***
- 4 “Five Axioms of Sustainability”, Richard Heinberg’s MuseLetter #178 – February 2007.***

The Presiding Person requested Mr Magyar to advise Committee members prior to the February 2009 meeting what his expectations are arising from such a workshop.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Nil.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED

MOVED Mr Green, SECONDED Mr Magyar that the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn, for the purpose of holding a workshop, the time being 1912 hrs.

The Procedural Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Procedural Motion: Cr Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

ITEM 5 SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WORKSHOP – 23 OCTOBER 2008 – [00906]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE

To advise the Sustainability Advisory Committee on the appropriate process for holding a workshop.

BACKGROUND

It was resolved at a meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) held on 21 August 2008 that the SAC hold a Workshop at its next meeting on 23 October 2008 to consider a number of key sustainability related documents for the purpose of examining relevance of those reports to the City of Joondalup.

Documents requested for the workshop include:

- 1 the Sustainable Cities August 2005 Report and the Sustainability Charter from the Commonwealth of Australia's House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage;
- 2 the Endangered State of Australian Cities: Climate Threat and Urban Response Report (Source: Urban Research Program, Griffith University);
- 3 the Unsettling Suburbia: The New Landscape of Oil and Mortgage Vulnerability in Australian Cities Report (Source: Urban Research Program Research Paper No. 17 Griffith University);

- 4 the Peak Oil Action Plan and Peak Oil Policy – Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne Victoria

It should be noted that copies of Items 2 and 3 were provided to Committee members with the Minutes of the SAC meeting held on 21 August 2008. Items 1 and 4 can be viewed or downloaded via the following weblinks as provided previously:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/cities/report.htm>

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/charter/tor.htm>

http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=3395&h=1

Conducting of Workshop

The options available to the Committee are to either close the meeting and conduct the workshop or adjourn the meeting. Should the Committee wish to adjourn the meeting the following information is provided.

Clause 63 of the Standing Orders Local Law 2005 states:

“63. The meeting do now adjourn – effect of motion

- (1) *If a motion “that the meeting do now adjourn”, is carried then the meeting is to stand adjourned to a time and date specified in the motion, or where no time and date is specified, to such time and date as the presiding person shall declare.”*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOVED Mr Dorney, SECONDED Mr Green that the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting be RESUMED.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs Corr, Mr Chester, Mr Dorney, Mr Green, Mr Jacoby, Mr Magyar and Mr Repke

ITEM 6 SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2009 - [00906]

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting following Item 4 – Storm water Outfalls and Septic Tanks within the City of Joondalup.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 2109 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Mr Steve Magyar
Mr Rainer Repke
Mr Alan Green
Mr Brett Dorney
Mr John Chester
Mr Peter Jacoby