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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 56
Tuesday 6 June 2023
5.30pm**

Town Hall Commons

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

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On Tuesday 13 June 2023

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 7 June 2023.

Condolence Statement – Father Bob Maguire AM RFD

Cr Doidge read the following statement:

On behalf of Council, I'd like to formally acknowledge the passing of Father Bob Maguire on 19 April.

Father Bob was a beloved Melburnian who fought tirelessly for some of our community's most vulnerable.

For the ones experiencing homelessness, the hungry ones and the ones silenced through systematic structures that he worked to tear down.

To some, he was the people's priest.

For me, he was a member of a home that I lived in for much of my 20s, where Sunday Night Safran was a share house ritual.

And our city is a kinder, fairer and better place because of him.

Vale, Father Bob.

Condolence Statement – Barry Humphries AO CBE

Cr Dr Ball read the following statement:

We'd like to acknowledge the passing of Melbourne icon and his incomparable legacy. Barry Humphries passed away on 22 April.

Barry put Melbourne on the world stage as the hometown of not only the ever-fabulous, gladdie-wielding Dame Edna Everage, but also Sandy Stone. (Sir Les Patterson was from Sydney.)

For more than seven decades, Barry spread joy and poked fun as a legend of the entertainment industry, inspiring many writers and performers who follow in his wake. His risqué genius made him internationally renowned as a comedian, actor, author and satirist.

Melbourne was his home for many years and we, at the City of Melbourne, gave one of our most famous expatriate sons the Keys to the City in 2006. After the ceremony, Dame Edna went up to the balcony of Melbourne Town Hall and threw gladioli to a crowd of her adoring possums.

His 'spooky' memory lives on here at Melbourne Town Hall with a glamorous portrait in our Heritage Collection of the day in 1983 when Dame Edna was crowned as our one and only Moomba Queen Mother.

May he rest in peace.

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Condolence Statement – Tina McDougall

The Deputy Lord Mayor read the following statement:

It was with deep sadness that we learned last week of the sudden passing of Tina McDougall, principal of Carlton Gardens Primary School.

Tina was completely dedicated to her students and passionate about providing a high-quality education throughout her long career. She was also a much-loved and respected leader of the school community, the Carlton community, and an everyday hero of Melbourne.

A great teacher helps create the best version of a person. When that teacher is also a brilliant school principal they help create the best version of a community. This is what Tina accomplished in the City of Melbourne.

When Tina started as principal in 2010, Carlton Gardens Primary School had around 100 students enrolled, today it has close to 500. Not only has the school grown, it has flourished. Tina has created a lovely school environment and fostered a supportive, diverse, multicultural inner-city school community. She loved the teachers and staff, she truly cared for the kids, and she understood deeply the power of education.

At the City of Melbourne, we regularly interacted with Tina on the many projects she was advancing for the school. We were always so impressed by her energy, her tenacity, and her passion for the school, the students and the local community.

Schools play such an important role in making a suburb a home for families. At the City of Melbourne we will always be grateful for Tina's incredible contribution. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends and school community at this difficult time.

Vale Tina McDougall.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Hakim

That the minutes of meeting No 55 held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full version can be heard in the recording of the meeting located on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-6-June-2023.aspx>

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Condolence Statement – Lynne Lumsden

Tony Penna, President of Southbank Residents Association (SRA), read a condolence statement for Lynne Lumsden who was a dedicated committee member of the SRA and paid respects to Lynne for her contribution to the SRA and Southbank community.

United Nations Climate Change Conference

Chris Thrum asked if Council is intending to send Councillors to the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference that will be happening from 30 November to 12 December 2023 at the Expo City in Dubai. Chris also asked if City of Melbourne will be advocating to host the Conference in 2024, if Australia secures the hosting rights.

The Lord Mayor thanked Chris for the question and advised that Council will consider the possibility of having representation at the Conference. The Lord Mayor further advised that Council has been in touch with the relevant Minister about its credentials as the best city to host the Conference, and will notify Chris of the outcomes on both matters.

Docklands Infrastructure

Di Wood suggested that Council should extend Newquay Promenade to Ron Barassi Snr Park, noting that locals and visitors should have access to a decent walkway and not be held back because of proposed private development. Di also asked about the timelines for demolition of Central Pier.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead thanked Di for the question and advised that the land between Ron Barassi Snr Park and Newquay Promenade is owned by Development Victoria (DV), who are responsible for managing the redevelopment of this land through an agreement with the adjacent land owner.

The Deputy Lord Mayor also advised that the redevelopment of Central Pier, which is a state-owned asset, is also being led by DV on behalf of the state government. DV held a community engagement process in December 2022 on the future vision for Central Pier, with a report on the outcomes of this engagement to be released in the coming months.

The Deputy Lord Mayor stated that Council will continue to be proactive in its engagement with DV, and noted that Council has delivered on immediate beautification on Newquay Promenade with the installation of 10 planter boxes, with 10 more to come before the end of the year. A pocket park for Yanonung Quay is also due to be delivered by the end of June.

Common Seal

Marion Attwater asked if Council has considered a report published in January 2023 by the Local Government Inspectorate regarding Compliance of Council Policies. Marion's question highlighted the recommendations of the report and asked if Council has any intention to amend the Governance Rules and to create a separate Governance Local Law to cover the use of the Common Seal.

Cr Le Liu, Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead thanked Marion for the question and advised that whilst Council officers and the Audit and Risk Committee have noted the Inspectorate's report, there is no requirement in the *Local Government Act 2020* to have a local law relating to the use of the Common Seal, only that if there is a local law, then the Common Seal must be used in accordance with that local law. Cr Le Liu further advised that there are no plans to make a local law specifically for the Common Seal.

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Queen Victoria Market

The Lord Mayor advised that a number of written questions had been received from Bob Evans as follows:

The City of Melbourne has applied to Heritage Victoria to extend the trial period of installing shipping containers in the QVM as alternatives to the traditional stall infrastructure that has operated within the market since the 1870s. The trial period has been extended from two years to seven years and the number of containers proposed with Sheds A to E being 21 of 10 ft containers and 14 of 20 ft containers plus a row of 9 fast food trucks servicing tables in E Shed.

The Lord Mayor further advised that due to the number and detail of the questions, they would be taken on notice and the response made available with the minutes of the meeting.

Question 1

What is the rationale for extending the trial period from two years to seven years, which makes the trial look more permanent than temporary?

Answer 1

A two-year trial was not considered financially viable based on the initial costs to acquire, install and fit out the lockable trading infrastructure.

Question 2

Is there an estimate of the revenue likely to be generated by this change of market operations?

Answer 2

The Heritage Impact Statement, which was made publicly available by Heritage Victoria during the permit application advertising period, contained details relating to estimated revenue.

Question 3

How does the cost/benefit of the shipping container trial affect the original business case for the QVM?

Answer 3

The Heritage Impact Statement, which was made publicly available by Heritage Victoria during the permit application advertising period, included details relating to the business case associated with this project.

Question 4

Is it envisaged that any of the trial shipping containers will be used by traders selling fresh produce?

Answer 4

It is planned to use these for specialty general merchandise and hospitality traders.

Question 5

Will there be differential rental rates for traders using the containers compared to traders operating on traditional open-air stalls?

Answer 5

Exact rates are yet to be determined, although they are likely to differ to those for traders in other parts of the market.

Question 6

How does the introduction of shipping containers standing at 2.6 metres tall align with the important heritage value of the QVM as an open-air, visually transparent market place as it is now?

Answer 6

This proposal respects the heritage and character of the market, while also making improvements to: support the viability of market traders, stay relevant to customers, and improve safety and operations. Under this proposal the vast majority of the market's open-air sheds will be retained for traditional stall-based trade.

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6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-18 28-38 Pearl River Road, Docklands:**

Request to speak and item of correspondence:

- Kel Twite, UPco.

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Draft Future Streets Framework:**

Request to speak:

- Julian O'Shea.

Items of correspondence:

- Julian O'Shea
- Joe Doak
- Oscar Hayes on behalf of Dr Megan Sharkey, Board of Directors, BetterStreets
- Denis Lucey
- Duncan Johnston, Hill of Content
- Tim Warner.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Dogs in Open Space: proposed timed dog off-leash area in Carlton:**

Requests to speak:

- Clara Tuite on behalf of Joanna Buckingham
- Clara Tuite
- Jennifer Roberts.

Items of correspondence:

- Joanna Buckingham
- Susan Conley, Elizabeth Carew-Reid, Wendy Lea, Max Robinson and Clara Tuite
- Max Robinson
- Jennifer Roberts.

Planning Section

The Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-18 28-38 Pearl River Road, Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Ministerial Planning Referral (PA2201816) for land located at 28-38 Pearl River Road, Docklands.

Kel Twite, UPco addressed the Committee.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the application, subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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6.2 Draft Future Streets Framework

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the draft Future Streets Framework for public consultation.

Julian O'Shea addressed the Committee.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the public release of and community consultation on the draft Future Streets Framework (Attachment 3 of the report from management) to commence following a Councillor Forum on the subject.*
 - 1.2. *Following the conclusion of consultation on the Future Streets Framework, requests management present a further report detailing the outcomes of the engagement and a final Framework for consideration by the Future Melbourne Committee.*
 - 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor editorial changes to the draft Framework prior to its release for public consultation.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Campbell, Chang and Le Liu.

6.3 Dogs in Open Space: proposed timed dog off-leash area in Carlton

The purpose of this report was to respond to a resolution of Council on 28 June 2022 regarding Murchison Square, Carlton and seek Future Melbourne Committee approval for a new timed off-leash area and to recommend that Council makes a new Municipal Order under section 26(2) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, to implement the proposal.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Clara Tuite
- Jennifer Roberts.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:*
 - 1.1. *Creates a timed off-leash area at Canning and Neill Street Reserve, Carlton as shown on the map in Attachment 2 of the report from management and that the off-leash times be set at:*
 - 1.1.1. *6pm to 8am 1 November to 31 March*
 - 1.1.2. *5pm to 9am 1 April to 31 October.*
 - 1.2. *Approves a drinking fountain with dog bowl being installed in Canning and Neill Street Reserve (Reserve) and new fencing being installed on the western end of the Reserve, adjacent to Canning Street.*
 - 1.3. *Makes a new municipal order (Order) under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 as shown at Attachment 4 in the report from management, to supersede the municipal order made on 18 August 2022.*
 - 1.4. *Notes the Order includes the new area within the reserves listed as well as retaining other existing areas the subject of the earlier municipal order for dog off-leash and dog prohibited areas.*
 - 1.5. *Notes management will arrange for the publication of the Order in The Age and the Victorian Government Gazette.*

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- 1.6. *Requests management implement effective communication and enforcement of the Order.*
- 1.7. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the Order prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no items of general business.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

