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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 61
Tuesday 15 August 2023
6.00pm**

Freemasons Victoria, East Melbourne

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Jamal Hakim

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 5 September 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 6.00pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, and 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 16 August 2023.
- apologies were received from Councillors Campbell, Chang, Doidge and Hakim.

Condolence Statement – David Bardas

The Lord Mayor read the following:

David Lawrence Bardas AO passed away on 2 August.

David served as a District Councillor on the Melbourne City Council between 1996 and 1997 under Ivan Deveson, the Lord Mayor at the time. Although on Council for a short period only, David's legacy can be seen around the city. He had a big vision for everything that he did and worked hard for a vibrant and prosperous Melbourne.

David was involved in a number of initiatives and strategies aimed at better marketing the city and, as a local businessman, for supporting other local business owners. This was matched by his desire to see those in our community receive the support and services they need, as well as his renowned passion for the arts in Melbourne.

After taking on the family business in his early 20s, he built a retail empire which produced iconic Australian fashion brands like Sportsgirl, Sportscraft and David Lawrence. This included a substantial presence in Melbourne's CBD which featured the Sportsgirl Centre in Collins Street in the 1990s.

David was a business and community leader, an entrepreneur and philanthropist and was recognised for this by being awarded an Order of Australia in 2018. His can-do attitude, steely determination and sense of humour made him an admired and respected Melburnian.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, we recognise David's contribution to Melbourne and its community and extend our condolences to his six children and their families.

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 Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 60 held on Tuesday 1 August 2023 be confirmed.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Griffiths, 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.

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

Presentation for East Melbourne community

The Lord Mayor asked the Committee to temporarily suspend the Governance Rules to allow for a presentation from officers.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Governance Rules be suspended to enable presentations from officers on the East Melbourne neighbourhood priorities.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Governance Rules were suspended at 6.11pm.

The Committee received a presentation from Kimberley Pierzchalski, East Melbourne Neighbourhood Partner and David Callow, Director Parks and City Greening.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Governance Rules be resumed.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

The Governance Rules were resumed at 6.18pm.

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-15-August-2023.aspx>

Future community support

Gregory Bisinella, President, East Melbourne Group (EMG) thanked Council for its continued service to support the East Melbourne community, referring to the installation of exercise equipment in Powlett Reserve, positive interactions with various branches at Council, and the collaboration between EMG and Council's East Melbourne Neighbourhood Partner. Gregory noted some concerns of the East Melbourne community, namely the Fly Neighbourly Agreement, and asked what the community can expect in relation to Council support in the coming 12 months.

The Lord Mayor thanked Gregory for the question and his leadership in the East Melbourne community, and advised that the community will see increased engagement, via various forums including the East Melbourne Neighbourhood Portal, which aims to improve interaction in a way that is relevant and makes a positive difference. The Lord Mayor outlined a number of initiatives and issues pertinent to East Melbourne that Council is investigating and undertaking, including lighting, bikes and traffic congestion near Yarra Park, and graffiti removal, as well as larger city-shaping capital works projects such as Greenline and the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal.

Cr Leppert, Heritage Portfolio Lead further advised that the East Melbourne and Jolimont Heritage Review will be commissioned towards the end of the 2023–24 financial year, and encouraged the community to engage in this process.

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Burial of nuclear waste

Chris Thrum requested Council to engage with the Wurundjeri Tribe regarding the proposal from the federal government to bury nuclear reactors from submarines underground.

The Lord Mayor, Aboriginal Melbourne Portfolio Lead thanked Chris for the question and advised that Council will raise the issue at an upcoming meeting.

Cycling link between North Melbourne Station and Docklands

Ryan Angus submitted a written question asking for an update on the potential pedestrian and cycling link between North Melbourne Station and Docklands (action 18 of the Access Docklands Strategy), and requested the release of the "Connecting Docklands to North Melbourne Feasibility Study" which was completed in early 2022.

Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Ryan for the question and advised that a connection from West Melbourne to Docklands via E-Gate is supported by the West Melbourne Structure Plan and the Transport Strategy 2030, both of which are available on Council's website. Cr Griffiths further advised that the connection will be a complex project as it includes level changes and significant railway infrastructure, and that E-Gate land is owned by the Victorian Government.

Cr Griffiths further noted that the Access Docklands Strategy has been retired and absorbed into the Transport Strategy 2030. Cr Griffiths added that the "Connecting Docklands to North Melbourne Feasibility Study" is a Victorian Government document and therefore not in Council's capacity to release.

6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Greenline Project Update - Master Plan:**

Requests to speak and items of correspondence:

- Clem Newton-Brown, CEO, Skyportz Pty Ltd (via Zoom)
- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association.

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Application to Amend a Planning Permit: TP-2019-80/B 19-21 and 23-29 Bourke Street, Melbourne:**

Item of correspondence:

- Peter Jewell.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-644 Shop 10-11, 129 Canning Street, North Melbourne:**

Request to speak:

- Alvar Leung, Charman Cellar.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **The future of commercial e-scooter operations:**

Requests to speak:

- Hugo Burt-Morris, Lime and Richard Hannah, Neuron
- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association.

Items of correspondence:

- Ishwin Singh and Aymen Altayib, Spark Mobility
- Hugo Burt-Morris, Lime and Richard Hannah, Neuron.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Attendance at Retrofit and Repurpose Summit 2023, Sydney, September 2023:**

Request to speak and item of correspondence:

- Chris Thrum.

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6.1 Catering in the Pavilion – Fitzroy Gardens

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the lease of the Pavilion at the Fitzroy Gardens.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Pursuant to section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 17C of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978, authorises management to lease the Pavilion at Fitzroy Gardens to Fitzroy Pavilion Pty Ltd on the following terms:*

1.1.1. *an initial term of 15 years, with an option to renew for a further term of five (5) years;*

1.1.2. *a commencing rental of \$157,050 per annum (ex. GST);*

1.1.3. *with the first 12 months of the lease rent-free to allow for refurbishment and fit-out of the premises by the tenant;*

1.1.4. *annual rent increases of 3.5 per cent, with rent and annual increases to be reviewed at the commencement of the further term; and*

1.1.5. *such other terms and conditions as may be required by Heritage Victoria, by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (the Minister being both joint Trustee with the City of Melbourne of Fitzroy Gardens, and responsible for the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978) and by Council's Chief Legal Counsel.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.2 Greenline Project Update - Master Plan

The purpose of this report was to present the Committee with the outcomes of community consultation and stakeholder/authority engagement on the Greenline Project Draft Master Plan, and present management's recommendation for the endorsement and exhibition of the Draft Master Plan through Council's Participate Melbourne platform.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Clem Newton-Brown, CEO, Skypartz Pty Ltd
- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Notes the feedback received throughout the six week consultation and engagement period contained in the Greenline Project Master Plan Engagement Summary Report (Attachment 3 of the report from management).*

1.2. *Approves the Greenline Project Draft Master Plan (Master Plan) (Attachment 2 of the report from management) for exhibition on Participate Melbourne for four weeks.*

1.3. *Notes that stakeholders and the community will be invited to provide input on the draft Master Plan during the four week exhibition period.*

1.4. *Notes that the final Greenline Project Master Plan will be presented at an upcoming Future Melbourne Committee meeting for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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Planning Section

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair to consider two reports from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.19pm, and returned at 7.22pm.

6.3 Application to Amend a Planning Permit: TP-2019-80/B 19-21 and 23-29 Bourke Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application to amend Planning Permit TP-2019-80/A under section 72 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for 19-21 and 23-29 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that a Notice of Decision to Grant an Amended Permit be issued subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to 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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-644 Shop 10-11, 129 Canning Street, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a planning permit application seeking approval for the use of the land to sell and consume liquor associated with a general liquor licence within an existing retail tenancy at Shop 10-11, 129 Canning Street, North Melbourne.

Alvar Leung addressed the Committee.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to 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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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

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6.5 The future of commercial e-scooter operations

The purpose of this report was to respond to a resolution of the Committee on 13 June 2023 which requested that management present a report which considers and assesses a number of issues in relation to e-scooters.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Hugo Burt-Morris, Lime and Richard Hannah, Neuron
- Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Welcomes the proposals and initiatives led by shared e-scooter operators to improve safety and amenity of the e-scooter system during the Victorian Government's ongoing shared e-scooter trial, under the current agreement, as detailed in Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.2. *Requests management work with Lime and Neuron to expedite the rollout of designated parking zones for e-scooters in the City of Melbourne, based on the current designated parking trial arrangements for the City of Melbourne (utilising in-app communications with no visible line markings), in the remaining months of the shared e-scooter trial;*
 - 1.3. *Resolves that Council support for the ongoing operation of commercial e-scooters in the City of Melbourne, should the Victorian Government legalise the use of shared e-scooters beyond the trial, is subject to:*
 - 1.3.1. *local governments being provided with the power to manage shared e-scooter schemes in their local government area by contractual agreements with shared e-scooter operators;*
 - 1.3.2. *the issues raised in Attachment 2 of the report from management being addressed to the satisfaction of Council in any future procurement agreement/s between the City of Melbourne and e-scooter operators;*
 - 1.3.3. *clarity from Victoria Police in writing that, beyond every effort being made by Councils to require operators through contractual agreements to take responsibility to prevent riding e-scooters on a footpath, Victoria Police is committed to providing adequate enforcement activity to uphold the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 in relation to e-scooters; and*
 - 1.3.4. *clarity from the Minister for Roads and Road Safety in writing about the Government's intentions to construct safe infrastructure on State Government-managed roads in the State Government's Principal Bicycle Network (PBN), noting that any e-scooter network will rely on the staged rollout of the PBN to minimise the risk of injury and death to all road users.*
 - 1.4. *Approves the Procurement Framework to Deliver a Safe, Effective and Well-Integrated Shared E-Scooter Scheme for Inner Melbourne (Attachment 3 of the report from management);*
 - 1.5. *Resolves that any future contractual agreements between the City of Melbourne and shared e-scooter operators must ensure that:*
 - 1.5.1. *those e-scooter operators comply with the principles of the Procurement Framework outlined in Attachment 3 of the report from management, including requiring e-scooter companies to abide by clear and agreed performance standards, and requiring that their operations mandate proactive safety measures to prevent breaches of the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 wherever practical; and*
 - 1.5.2. *the City of Melbourne is able to levy penalties for non-compliance with those principles, and to withdraw from an agreement with a shared e-scooter provider, requiring that operator to cease activities in the City of Melbourne, at Council's discretion.*

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- 1.6. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer continue advocacy and negotiations with other councils, including M9 and the Municipal Association of Victoria, to plan for a wider shared e-scooter scheme that adheres to the principles of the Procurement Framework outlined Attachment 3 of the report from management.*
- 1.7. *Requests that a report be presented to the Future Melbourne Committee prior to the launch of any new e-scooter scheme for inner Melbourne, providing further detail on its operation and design, and advice from management on how it will meet the requirements of clause 1.3 and 1.5 of this resolution.*
- 1.8. *Requests that the Lord Mayor write to the Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety to advise of the City of Melbourne's position regarding e-scooters as outlined in this resolution.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.6 North Melbourne Community Centre Redevelopment Community Engagement

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to commence community engagement to inform planning and design for a new community centre in North Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the commencement of the first round of community engagement for the new community centre in North Melbourne.

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There was one item of general business.

7.1 Attendance at Retrofit and Repurpose Summit 2023, Sydney, September 2023

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval for Councillor Elizabeth Doidge to travel to Sydney to attend the Retrofit and Repurpose Summit 2023 on 6 September 2023.

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves participation by Councillor Elizabeth Doidge in the Retrofit and Repurpose Summit 2023 in Sydney on 6 September 2023 at a cost to Council of \$1,053.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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, Griffiths, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

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9. Public questions

Parking permit system


Tony Penna, President, Southbank Residents Association raised concerns with the requirement that to receive a street parking permit in Southbank, an apartment building needs to have been built prior to 2010. Tony outlined that the majority of pre-2010 buildings have car parking included, and those most in need of the permits do not have onsite car parking.

Cr Leppert thanked Tony for the question and advised that the requirement is long standing and Council has not applied any exceptions to rules such as this since 2010 so as not to set a precedent, citing the finite space available for street parking.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

 Chair
Future Melbourne Committee