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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 63
Tuesday 19 September 2023
6.00pm**

North Melbourne Community Centre

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell (via Zoom)
Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Jamal Hakim

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee
On Tuesday 3 October 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 6.06pm.

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 20 September 2023.
- apologies were received from the Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor Hakim.

Condolence Statement – Ron Barassi AM

The Lord Mayor read the following:

Ron Barassi AM passed away on 16 September 2023. Ron Barassi was a sporting legend for many reasons. He was an incredible and revered player; a respected and successful coach; and a well-known media personality. Ron put his efforts into many worthwhile causes to raise both awareness and funds for different charities in the community.

He participated in 17 grand final appearances for a total of 10 premierships, six of which as a member of the Melbourne Football Club.

Across Ron's career he played 254 games, kicked 330 goals, and coached over 500 games. He was involved with three Melbourne teams – Melbourne, Carlton and North Melbourne. We acknowledge that in later years he also coached the Sydney Swans, but we don't hold that against him.

He will be remembered for his extensive legacy. We note that the state government has offered a state funeral to honour Ron. Within the City of Melbourne, we have the Ron Barassi Snr Park in Docklands, named in recognition of Ron's father.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, we recognise Ron's significant contribution to Melbourne and beyond as one of the all-time greats. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

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 Chang

That the minutes of meeting No 62 held on Tuesday 5 September 2023 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, 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.

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Presentation for North Melbourne community

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

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

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

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

The Governance Rules were suspended at 6.17pm.

The Committee received a presentation from Tallia Gilarry, North Melbourne Neighbourhood Partner and D'Arcy Butler, Project Lead North Melbourne Community Centre Development.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Governance Rules be resumed.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

The Governance Rules were resumed at 6.25pm.

5. Public questions

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Greenline Project

Chris Thrum asked for an update on the implementation of the Greenline Project.

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Chris for the question and advised that community consultation on the draft Greenline Master Plan has recently concluded and the response to date demonstrates strong support for the project, in particular the theme of recognition and celebration of Wurundjeri culture and heritage alongside the ecological and economic benefits. The Lord Mayor further advised that community feedback is now being considered by the consultants, who will prepare a final Master Plan for review and adoption later in 2023. The Lord Mayor outlined that design on Stage 1 of the project has been prepared by Council officers and the contract has been awarded to Symal Infrastructure, who will commence early works before the end of 2023.

Open space planning in West Melbourne

Geoff Leach requested Council give consideration to extending the Wildlife Sanctuary on Dynon Road along the tidal canal through to Sims Street, and also requested Council create a new parklet at the location of the Charles Grimes Memorial and relocate that Memorial elsewhere.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead thanked Geoff for the questions and advised that Council recognises the ecological significance of the Dynon Road Wildlife Sanctuary, and has put work into restoring the land, including removing tonnes of rubbish and noxious weeds from the Dynon Road Canal, and planting thousands of plants to improve the habitat value of the area. Cr Leppert further advised that a meaningful connection would require land use changes to the local area, as the area is subject to future strategic planning.

In relation to the Charles Grimes Memorial, Cr Leppert advised that the area south of Shepherd Bridge where the monument stands (named the Port Philip Monument) will be a reserve following the completion of the West Gate Tunnel Project. It will include a shared user path and landscaping and the monument is not proposed to be relocated. Cr Leppert further advised that whilst the unnamed reserve is not proposed to undergo a naming process at this stage, he extended an invitation to Geoff to discuss the matter further.

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Metro Tunnel Project Western Portal Development Plan Amendment

Sheila Byard submitted a written question regarding the Amendment to the Rail Infrastructure Alliance Western Portal Development Plan, in particular asking if Council has been briefed on the Amendment with proposals pertaining to 1-39 Hobsons Road, Kensington which is currently used to support Metro Tunnel Project construction activities. Sheila also asked if Council intends to comment on the proposal and its likely impact on future flood events that may affect nearby properties on Hobsons Road.

Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Sheila for the question and advised that the land within the Development Plan is subject to flooding and Melbourne Water (MW) is the flood management referral authority for the Amendment. MW will review the application and provide advice in relation to the impact on flood management as a consequence of the Amendment. Cr Griffiths further advised that Council will be making a submission on the amended Development Plan, and following the public display period, the applicant will submit the plan to the Minister for Planning who is the authority for all planning approvals for the Metro Tunnel Project.

Extension of Public Question Time

A procedural motion was considered to extend Public Question Time to hear the remainder of public questions received prior to the meeting.

Moved: Cr Leppert

That public question time be extended to hear the remainder of the pre-submitted questions.

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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

Town Hall lighting for Trans Day of Remembrance

Apsara Sabaratnam submitted a written question asking if Council will light up the Town Hall to mark Trans Day of Remembrance on 20 November 2023.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Apsara for the question and advised that Council will light up the Town Hall in trans colours on 20 November 2023.

Eritrean Elderly Association

Ismail Ahmed submitted a written question asking why the Eritrean Elderly Association was not given the chance to use the premises of the Jean McKendry Neighbourhood Centre in North Melbourne.

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Ismail for the question and advised that Council would like to discuss the Association's needs for bookable space and officers will make contact with Ismail directly.

6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **North Melbourne Heritage Review - Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C403 (Panel Report and Final Adoption)**:

Request to speak:

- Geoff Leach.

Items of correspondence:

- Dylan Heywood
- Nicholas Dow, Bike Melbourne
- Sophia Knight, YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) Melbourne
- Geoff Leach
- Madeleine Moore, National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
- Katie Roberts
- Lorna Hannan and Mary Kehoe, Hotham History Project.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **South Yarra Heritage Review - Planning Scheme Amendment C426:**

Requests to speak:

- Sarah Creane
- Mark Sutcliffe.

Items of correspondence:

- Mark Sutcliffe
- Amanda Johns, Planning & Property Partners
- Malcolm Macnaught
- Jade Hall
- Nicole Hall
- Marg Hall
- Ivy Tulloch
- Tyler Lane.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Retrofit Melbourne Plan:**

Item of correspondence:

- Madeleine Moore, National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Planning Section

Cr Leppert assumed the role of Chair to consider three reports from management where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

6.1 North Melbourne Heritage Review - Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C403 (Panel Report and Final Adoption)

The purpose of this report was to present the North Melbourne Heritage Review, Amendment C403 Planning Panel Report for consideration, set out management's response to the Panel's recommendations and management's supplementary corrections to Amendment C403 and propose that the Committee recommends that Council adopts Amendment C403 with changes.

Geoff Leach addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommends Council:*

- 1.1. *Considers the independent Planning Panel's report for North Melbourne Heritage Review Amendment C403 (Attachment 2 of the report from management).*
- 1.2. *Adopts the North Melbourne Heritage Review Amendment C403 in accordance with section 29(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the changes in the amendment documentation as shown in Attachment 4 of the report from management, subject to the removal of Flemington Bridge Station from the amendment.*
- 1.3. *Requests management submit the adopted amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with section 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
- 1.4. *Requests management submit the information referred to as prescribed information under section 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the adopted amendment.*
- 1.5. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any administrative changes required to correct any typographic, grammar and referencing errors to the amendment documentation prior to lodging the amendment with the Minister for Planning for approval.*

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- 1.6. *Requests that the CEO write to her counterpart at the City of Moonee Valley setting out this resolution and suggesting that the City of Moonee Valley includes the City of Melbourne's side of the Flemington Bridge Railway Station in their proposed Moonee Valley Heritage Study planning scheme amendment under section 8B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, in order that a consistent approach can be taken to the Station as a whole, including reasonable permit exemptions (for example, any works required to bring the Station into compliance with Commonwealth Disability Discrimination provisions would not require a permit under the Heritage Overlay).*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

6.2 South Yarra Heritage Review - Planning Scheme Amendment C426

The purpose of this report was to consider the submissions received to the South Yarra Heritage Review Amendment C426 and to recommend that the Committee refers all submissions summarised at Attachment 2 of the report from management to an independent planning panel in accordance with section 23(1)(b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Sarah Creane addressed the Committee.

A written submission from Mark Sutcliffe was read out by Cr Leppert.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Considers the submissions received following the exhibition of Amendment C426 - South Yarra Heritage Review (the Amendment).*
 - 1.2. *Notes management's responses to all submissions and supports the recommended changes to the Amendment to be presented to the Independent Panel generally in accordance with Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
 - 1.3. *Acknowledges receipt of the late submission regarding 55 and 57-59 Marne Street, South Yarra which has not been considered by Council's heritage expert or management within the report, and refers it with the other submissions to an independent planning panel.*
 - 1.4. *Requests the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider all submissions referred to it in relation to the Amendment in accordance with section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: TPM-2022-15 1-7 Elizabeth Street and 2-12 Barrett Street, Kensington (Youngusband Stage 3)

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of Ministerial Application PA2201839 for a planning permit seeking approval for the development of land located at 1-7 Elizabeth Street and 2-12 Barrett Street, Kensington.

Moved: Cr Leppert

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Transport and Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the application, subject to conditions outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

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

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

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.28pm, and returned at 7.30pm.

6.4 Retrofit Melbourne Plan

The purpose of this report was to seek approval from the Committee to adopt the Retrofit Melbourne Plan which aims to accelerate the retrofit of existing commercial buildings to reduce municipal emissions.

Moved: Cr Doidge

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *Adopts the Retrofit Melbourne Plan (Attachment 3 of the report from management).*

1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make editorial changes, corrections, formatting and design necessary to finalise the Plan prior to its publication.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

7. General business

There were no items of general business.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

A further opportunity to ask public questions was provided. 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-19-September-2023.aspx>

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Meeting space for community groups

Deepa Gupta asked about the availability of office and meeting spaces in North Melbourne for small community groups.

The Lord Mayor thanked Deepa for the question and advised that the question would be taken on notice and a response provided after the meeting.

Housing for migrant women

Deepa Gupta raised the issue of educated migrant women who are not able to access housing and requested Council's support to ensure such women are able to access housing and jobs whilst bridging their studies from their home country to Australia.

The Lord Mayor thanked Deepa for the question and advised that Council can connect Deepa's organisation and the women it represents to registered community housing providers and job networks.

Funding and recognition for grassroots community organisations

Deepa Gupta asked if Council can give small grassroots community organisations an equal standing and priority status as neighbourhood centres.

The Lord Mayor thanked Deepa for the question and advised that the question would be taken on notice and a response provided after the meeting.

Due to technical issues with the Zoom stream Cr Campbell left the meeting at 8.04pm.

New community centre in North Melbourne

Zakaria Farah raised concerns about the lack of recreation spaces in the proposed community centre and asked Council about any plans for a recreation space in the area, as well as its plans for the current North Melbourne Community Centre site.

The Lord Mayor thanked Zakaria for the question and advised that Council is dedicated to improving and increasing the amount of community facilities and assets available to use, and is currently in the process of hearing from the community about what facilities it would like to see at the new community centre and what its envisions for the site of the current North Melbourne Community Centre. The Lord Mayor invited Zakaria to participate in the community consultation.

Zakaria asked a follow up question in relation to how Council can ensure that the community desire to have a recreation space (as requested in previous consultation) is delivered on.

The Lord Mayor acknowledged previous consultations on projects that were not able to be delivered due to planned partnerships with state government not proceeding, and advised that Council is now considering what it can deliver on its own land, noting the limited space available and the competing interests for use of space.

Mohamed Nur reiterated the community sentiment on the importance of the recreation space and stated that the proposed facility on Melrose Street does not address the high usage of the recreation space at the current North Melbourne Community Centre. Mohamed stated that the youth and wider community would be at a loss should the recreation space not be duplicated at the new facility.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mohamed for his contribution and advised that Council will take the emphasis and importance of this issue back into conversations on the proposed community centre.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 3 October 2023.


Chair
Future Melbourne Committee