

Council Meeting

Monday 16 April 2007

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Items Determined Under Delegated Authority by Council Committees

The following Items were determined under Delegated Authority. To see the delegated decisions of Council please refer to the individual Committee Meeting Minutes.

Corporate & Works Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 April 2007

- D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2007
- D2 Options for the Upgrading of Stormwater Drainage in Bayview Hill Lane, Rose Bay
- D3 Communication of Capital Works Program
- D4 Internet Web cast of Council Meetings – **(See Item R1)**
- D5 Roads, Traffic and Transport Principal Activity - Draft 2007-10 Management Plan
- D6 Environmental Works and Infrastructure Program Principal Activity - Draft 2007-2010 Management Plan
- D7 Organisation Support Principal Activity - Draft 2007-2010 Management Plan

Development Control Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 April 2007

- D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2007
- D2 DA813/2005 – 22 Fairfax Road, Bellevue Hill – Demolition of existing building & construction of new three storey RFB – 23/12/2005
- D3 Development Assessment & Determinations 2000 to 2006 – 885.G Performance
- D4 Register of Current Land and Environment Court Appeals for Building and Development Applications

Urban Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 March 2007

- D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 12 March 2007

Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 March 2007

- D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 12 March 2007
- D2 Extraordinary meeting Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 14 March 2007
 - Y12 No. 24 New South Head Road, Vaucluse – Works Zone
 - Y13 No.76-82 Bellevue Road (Cooper Park Road), Bellevue Hill – Works Zone
- D3 Approval of Water Savings Action Plan



Council Meeting

**Minutes of the Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council
held at the Council Chambers, Double Bay, on
Monday 16 April 2007 at 8.30pm.**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Keri Huxley
Councillors Anthony Boskovitz
John Comino
Claudia Cullen
Christopher Dawson
Wilhelmina Gardner
Julian Martin
Andrew Petrie
Geoff Rundle
Isabelle Shapiro
David Shoebridge
John Walker

Staff: A Coker (Director – Planning & Development)
G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)
G James (General Manager)
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)
L Windle (Manager – Governance)

Also in Attendance: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

(Comino/Petrie)

- 1/6 THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 March 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Adopted

(Petrie/Shoebridge)

- 2/6 That the Minutes of the Strategic and Corporate Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Adopted

Leave of Absence

(Comino/Shoebridge)

Resolved:

- 3/6 That leave of absence for all meetings of the Council and its Committees be granted to Councillor Sinclair King for the period Monday 16 April 2007 to Friday 11 May 2007, inclusive.

Adopted

Note: Leave of absence has previously been granted to Councillors Ehrlich and Excell.

Apologies

Nil

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Comino declared a pecuniary interest in the Officer's Report (Draft White City DCP) as his business partner acted for the owner in the purchase of the White City site north of the viaduct. Councillor Comino left the Council Chamber for the item and was not present during the discussion or vote on the item.

Councillor Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Officer's Report (Draft White City DCP) as he lives at 1 Lawson Street, Paddington and is also a member of the White City Tennis Club. Councillor Martin advised that given he wishes to represent the community's views on this issue, but as there may be a perception of conflict given he lives nearby, and after discussion with the

General Manager as to his options, he will participate in the discussion and debate, if there is one, but will excuse himself from any vote.

Councillor Martin also declared a non-pecuniary interest in Urban Planning Committee item R2 (Sydney Grammar School Tennis Court Site Rezoning) as his son attends Sydney Grammar School.

Councillor Walker declared a pecuniary interest in Urban Planning Committee item R1 (Rose Bay & Point Piper Marinas Redevelopment – Assessment and Resourcing) as he has a boat moored at the marina. Councillor Walker left the Council Chamber for the item and was not present during the discussion or vote on the item.

Councillor Gardner declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Officer's Report (Draft White City DCP) as she is a member of the White City Tennis Club.

Officer's Report

Subject: DRAFT WHITE CITY DCP
Author: Chris Bluett – Manager Strategic Planning
File No: 1064.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a decision of the Council made on 26 March 2007 regarding the Draft White City DCP.

Note: Councillor Comino declared a pecuniary interest in this item as his business partner acted for the owner in the purchase of the White City site north of the viaduct. Councillor Comino left the Council Chamber for the item and was not present during the discussion or vote on the item.

Note: Councillor Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as he lives at 1 Lawson Street, Paddington and is also a member of the White City Tennis Club. Councillor Martin advised that given he wishes to represent the community's views on this issue, but as there may be a perception of conflict given he lives nearby, and after discussion with the General Manager as to his options, he will participate in the discussion and debate, if there is one, but will excuse himself from any vote. Councillor Martin left the Council Chamber during the vote on the item.

Note: Councillor Gardner declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Officer's Report (Draft White City DCP) as she is a member of the White City Tennis Club.

Note: Late correspondence was tabled at the meeting from Councillor Gardner.

Motion moved by Councillor Rundle Seconded by Councillor Petrie

That Draft White City Development Control Plan as contained in **Annexure 7** of the officer's report to the Council meeting on 16 April 2007 be publicly exhibited as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and that a colour aerial photograph of the site be attached to the Draft DCP.

Amendment moved by Councillor Gardner

That the Draft White City Development Control Plan be amended in the following way prior to it being publicly exhibited:

- The plans on pages 10, 11 and 17 be amended to reflect correctly what is presently on the site,
- Control C1 on page 15 to read "Development is to be a maximum of two storeys (RL 10.5m),
- The public access way on Figure 3 (page 11) to be redrawn on the north side of the channel and not as shown on the south side of the channel.
- An accurate colour aerial photograph to accompany the Draft DCP.

The Amendment lapsed for the want of a seconder.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Shoebridge
Seconded by Councillor Gardner**

That the Draft White City Development Control Plan be amended in the following way prior to it being publicly exhibited:

- Building A being reduced in height to RL 16.7m,
- The Heritage Conservation Controls being made more prescriptive in relation to the historic centre courts.

**The Amendment was put and lost.
The Motion was adopted.**

Resolved:

- 4/6 That Draft White City Development Control Plan as contained in **Annexure 7** of the officer's report to the Council meeting on 16 April 2007 be publicly exhibited as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and that a colour aerial photograph of the site be attached to the draft DCP.
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1. Background

The Urban Planning Committee considered a report on the Draft White City DCP at its meeting on 12 March 2007. That report included a range of changes to the Draft DCP which had been recommended by the Strategic Planning Working Party as part of its meeting on 1 March 2007. The Council considered the Committee's recommendation at its meeting on 26 March 2007 and resolved:

That the matter be deferred to the next Council Meeting with a certification from the Director Planning and Development, with the document circulated to Councillors, that the Draft White City Development Control Plan that Council proposes to put out on public exhibition complies with the recommendations put by the Urban Planning Committee in its totality.

This report has been prepared in the absence of the Director Planning and Development who is on annual leave.

In responding to the Council decision it will be helpful to briefly outline the status of the Draft DCP and the manner in which alterations have arisen since April 2006.

The Draft DCP was exhibited in January and February 2006. A report on the submissions arising from the exhibition was considered by the Urban Planning Committee on 10 April 2006. At an extra-ordinary meeting on 18 April 2006 the Council resolved:

- A. *THAT Council, in noting the undertaking of John Alexander's Clubs Pty Ltd and Markham Corporation Pty Limited not to lodge a development application for the lands known as the White City lands during the continuing consultation and public exhibition, defer the DCP to reconsider the possible reconfiguration of building envelopes which are presently B1, B2 and B3 without adding extra floor space and examine further their controls as they relate to the centre courts and car parking on the site.*

- B. *THAT a meeting be called within the next two weeks with senior staff, land owners and Councillors.*
- C. *THAT all Councillors are to be consulted prior to the scheduling of the meeting and invited to attend the meeting.*
- D. *THAT Council acknowledge that Annexure 2 of the Officer's Report to the Extraordinary Council meeting on 18 April 2006 is the latest version of the Draft White City DCP.*
- E. *THAT a report on the establishment of a kerbside drop-off and pick-up zone for Sydney Grammar School in Neild Avenue be referred to Council's Traffic Committee.*

Following that decision, meetings of the Strategic Planning Working Party were held on 14 June 2006, 9 November 2006, 30 January 2007 and 1 March 2007. Changes to the Draft DCP were discussed at those meeting. Minutes of the meetings are attached as **annexures 1, 2, 3 and 4**.

The minutes indicate that, other than the meeting on 1 March 2007, no recommendations were made by the Strategic Planning Working Party to alter the Draft DCP. The Working Party made a specific recommendation to maintain the April 2006 version of the Draft DCP at its meeting on 14 June 2006:

- B. That the current Draft DCP remain the status quo until further determination by the Council.

That recommendation was included in the report to the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 26 June 2006 and adopted by the Council on 10 July 2006 (**annexure 5**). To date, no changes to the April 2006 version have been endorsed by the Council. However, on 12 February 2007 the Council resolved:

- A. *That a principles based draft DCP for White City be prepared for the consideration of a future meeting of the Urban Planning Committee.*
- B. *That the Strategic Planning Working Party meet as a matter of priority in the development of the principles.*

The Working Party met on 1 March 2007 and considered an amended version of the Draft DCP prepared in response to the Council's decision of 12 February 2007. The amended version (dated February 2007):

- deleted Figure 5 – *Buildings B1, B2 and B3: building envelopes* and renumbered remaining figures where required
- deleted provisions associated with building envelopes:
 - preamble to clause 4.2 – *Building envelope, design and uses*
 - objectives and controls for *Tennis/Recreation Club Building: Buildings B1, B2 and B3 control C1* in Overall site - clause 4.2
 - preamble to *New South Head Road – Service station and Building A* – clause 4.2
 - control C12 in *New South Head Road – Service station and Building A* – clause 4.2
 - control C15 in clause 4.7 – *Car parking and servicing*
- deleted references to Figure 5

- inserted new objectives and controls in clause 4.2 for *Tennis/Recreation Club Building – Buildings B1, B2 and B3*
- amended the diagrams to show footprints for the existing clubhouse and grandstands rather than building envelopes for B1, B2 and B3.

The Working Party recommended:

That the Draft White City DCP be amended as agreed by the Strategic Planning Working Party on 1 March 2007 and be presented to the Urban Planning Committee so that it may be placed on public exhibition.

The amendments agreed to by the Working Party are primarily set out in the table provided in the minutes for the meeting held on 1 March 2007 (**annexure 4**). The Working Party also supported the use of a design review panel. This amendment is not listed in the table, but is included in the minutes (see bottom page 2).

The minutes of the Strategic Planning Working Party have been included in reports to the Urban Planning Committee meeting in the following manner:

- UPC 26 June 2006 – minutes of Working Party 14 June 2006
- UPC 12 February – minutes of Working Party 9 November 2006 (as amended by SPWP on 30 January 2007)
- UPC 12 March 2007 – minutes of Working Party 1 March 2007.

2. Amendments to Draft DCP

The recommended amendments to the April 2006 version of the Draft DCP are drawn from two sources:

- Minutes of the Strategic Planning Working Party meeting of 1 March 2007 (**annexure 4**)
- Recommendation of the Urban Planning Committee meeting 12 March 2007 (**annexure 6**)

The **April 2007** version, which was attached to the Urban Planning Committee report on 12 March 2007, and which is attached to this report to Council as **annexure 7**, contains the amendments submitted to the Working Party meeting on 1 March 2007, the subsequent changes made by the Working Party (**annexure 4**) and the changes contained in the recommendation of the Urban Planning Committee meeting of 12 March 2007 (**annexure 6**).

In addition from the above changes, one further amendment is now recommended. In clause 3.1 – Planning principles, the following principle should be deleted:

- the club building provides for a wide range of physical, cultural and social activities, such as, but not limited to:
 - tennis
 - squash
 - swimming/sauna/spa/hydrotherapy
 - gym/aerobics/exercise programs
 - lifestyle and health programs
 - childcare
 - medical support facilities
 - lounge/meeting rooms

This principle is similar to an objective in clause 1.5 that was deleted by the Strategic Planning Working Party on 1 March 2007. The planning principle has been removed from clause 3.1 in the version attached to this report.

Chris Bluett

Manager Strategic Planning

Annexure

1. Strategic Planning Working Party minutes 14 June 2006
 2. Strategic Planning Working Party minutes 9 November 2006
 3. Strategic Planning Working Party minutes 30 January 2007
 4. Strategic Planning Working Party minutes 1 March 2007
 5. Council minutes 10 July 2006 – Draft White City DCP
 6. Recommendation of Urban Planning Committee meeting 12 March 2007
 7. Draft White City DCP (version April 2007)
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Corporate & Works Committee

**Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 2 April 2007
Submitted to the Council for Determination**

Item No: R1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Internet Web Cast of Council Meetings**
Author: Geoff Clarke
Director Corporate Services
File No: 900.G
Reason for Report: To determine if the Council wishes to proceed with the internet web casting of full council meetings.
In accordance with Council's meeting procedures this matter has been called to full Council by Councillor Petrie for the reason that it is an important matter affecting all Councillors, staff and the public.

**Motion moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Petrie**

That no further action be taken on the web casting of Council Meetings at this time.

Amendment moved by Councillor Shoebridge

That the matter be referred back to the Corporate and Works Committee for consideration in the budget cycle.

**The Amendment lapsed for the want of a seconder.
The Motion was adopted.**

Resolved:

5/6 That no further action be taken on the web casting of Council Meetings at this time.

Development Control Committee

**Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 2 April 2007
Submitted to the Council for Determination**

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: 331 Old South Head Road, Watsons Bay – Alterations & additions to St Peters Anglican Church Hall – 5/12/2005
Author: David Booth – Senior Assessment Officer
File No: DA755/2005
Reason for Report: In accordance with Council’s meeting procedures this matter has been called to full Council by Councillor Shoebridge for the reason that it proposes very significant amendments to a key historic landmark in Woollahra and has large potential impacts on the surrounding environment.

(Comino/Cullen)

Resolved without debate:

- 6/6** That consideration of Development Application No. 755/2005 for alterations and additions to St Peters Church Hall on land at 331 Old South head Road, Watsons Bay be deferred and considered at the Development Control Committee meeting to be held on Monday 23 April 2007.
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Urban Planning Committee

Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 26 March 2007 Submitted to the Council for Determination

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Rose Bay & Point Piper Marinas Redevelopment – Assessment and Resourcing**
Author: Peter Kauter, Executive Planner
File No: 900.G
Reason for Report: Response to Notice of Motion

Note: Councillor Walker declared a pecuniary interest in this item as he has a boat moored at the marina. Councillor Walker left the Council Chamber for the item and was not present during the discussion or vote on the item.

(Rundle/Petrie)

7/6 Resolved without debate:

1. That, in relation to the assessment of the development application for the redevelopment of the Rose Bay & Point Piper marinas:
 - A. the Council commission a report on the traffic and parking impacts of the proposed development from an independent traffic consultant,
 - B. if it is considered necessary, based on the response from the applicant for additional information on marine biological impacts and proposed environmental management provisions, the Council commission reports from a marine ecological expert and a contamination expert,
 - C. the Council note the request for the NSW Maritime Authority to provide a copy of the relevant documents relating to the application, assessment and determination of the land owner's consent application,
 - D. that in the event that staff form an opinion that further reports are required to be obtained by Council, including light pollution, that need be reported immediately to the Urban Planning Committee, whether such need arises from the NSW Maritime Authority, from the applicant or from any other source,
 - E. that Council's web site be updated to include an indicative time line of the progress of the development application and links to expert reports.
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Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Sydney Grammar School Tennis Court Site Rezoning**
Author: Katina Marchbank – Senior Strategic Planner
File No: 324.
Reason for Report: To respond to a Council notice of motion (19 December 2005) regarding whether or not the land owned by Sydney Grammar School containing tennis courts should be rezoned to Zone No. 6 (Open Space Zone).

Note: Councillor Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as his son attends Sydney Grammar School.

**Motion moved by Councillor Rundle
Seconded by Councillor Gardner**

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Urban Planning Committee where there be consideration in relation to the immediate rezoning of Lot 1 DP633259, Nield Avenue, Paddington (owned by Sydney Grammar School) to Zone 6 (Open Space).

**Amendment moved by Councillor Walker
Seconded by Councillor Petrie**

That consideration of the rezoning of Lot 1 DP633259, Nield Avenue, Paddington (owned by Sydney Grammar School), be included as part of the preparation of the Woollahra Consolidated LEP.

**The Amendment was put and lost.
The Motion as adopted.**

Resolved:

8/6 That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Urban Planning Committee where there be consideration in relation to the immediate rezoning of Lot 1 DP633259, Nield Avenue, Paddington (owned by Sydney Grammar School) to Zone 6 (Open Space).

Item No: R3 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Unauthorised & Illegal Works & Uses – Draft Enforcement Policy**
Author: Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance
File No: 885.G ENF
Reason for Report: To respond to the Notice of Motion adopted at the Council meeting of 1 May 2006 with regard to "Unauthorised and illegal works and uses".
To present a revised Enforcement Policy for Council's approval.

(Rundle/Petrie)

9/6 Resolved without debate:

1. That the Council adopt the revised 'Enforcement Policy' attached to the report of the Manager – Compliance as **annexure 3** to the Urban Planning Committee on 26 March 2007, to replace Council's current 'Policy on Unauthorised Uses, Buildings & Works' adopted on 12 July 1999, subject to the following amendments:
 - a. section 1.4 (Policy Statement) to read:
 - "Council is strongly opposed to unlawful activity at any time or under any circumstances.
 - Council will initiate enforcement action in accordance with this policy document."
 - b. section 1.5 (Policy Objective) to read:

"The aim of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the exercise of the discretion the Council must use in dealing with unlawful activity, taking into account all relevant information including the available evidence, cost to the community, the circumstances of the individual case and public policy and precedent considerations."
 - c. the definition of "unlawful activity" in section 1.7 (Definitions) to read:

"means any activity or work that has been or is being carried out:

 - contrary to a legislative provision regulating a particular activity or work,
 - contrary to an environmental planning instrument that regulates the activities or work that can be carried out on particular land,
 - without a required development consent, approval, permit or licence, and/or
 - contrary to the terms or conditions of a development consent, approval, permit or licence.
 - d. the first paragraph of section 2 (Background) to read:

"Council becomes aware of unlawful activities in a variety of ways, from the proactive actions of Council staff to the receipt of complaints or requests from members of the public."
 - e. the second paragraph under section 2.1 (Submitting complaints or requests) to include the following additional sentence:

"Council will advise any complainants of the action, if any, taken or the reasons why no action was taken in the circumstances.

- f. the following sentence to be deleted from section 2.3.3 (Criminal or Civil?):
“~~Council generally favours the commencement of civil proceedings.~~”
 - g. inclusion of the following additional dot point in section 3.2 (Balancing of public interest and cost to Council) under the statement “In considering the ‘public interest’ Council will have regard to whether the unlawful activity:”
 - flouts Council’s authority.
 - h. inclusion of the following additional dot points in section 4.3 (Land and Environment Court Proceedings) under the statement “The following matters will be considered in determining whether to commence civil or criminal proceedings in the Land and Environment Court:”
 - Does the development breach height limits.
 - Does the development breach non-standard conditions of consent.
2. That any comments Council staff may have on the proposed amendments be circulated to Councillors prior to the matter being considered by the Council.
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Community & Environment Committee

Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 26 March 2007 Submitted to the Council for Determination

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Darling Point Traffic Study and Action Plan**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 255.G Darling Point Traffic Study
Reason for Report: Consideration of the Darling Point Traffic Study and Action Plan and the submission from the Darling Point Society.

(Boskovitz/Petrie)

10/6 Resolved without debate:

- A. That the findings of the Darling Point Precinct Traffic Study dated July, 2005 be noted.
- B. That the Action Plan (revised 26 March 2007) as detailed in Annexure 1 of this report be adopted.
- C. That the Darling Point Society be consulted from time to time as investigations are being carried out on specific actions.

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Lyne Park Change Rooms**
Author: David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
File No: 195.G
Reason for Report: To report to Council results of the winter season change room survey and recommend works be undertaken to make available the change rooms for the 2007 winter sports season.

(Boskovitz/Petrie)

11/6 Resolved without debate:

- A. That the change rooms at Lyne Park be refurbished and made available for use by sportsground users and the works to be funded from park revenue.
- B. That the modifications to the Budget to fund these works be addressed in the March Budget Review.
- C. That it be noted that a report will be presented to the Committee in June on the upgrade of toilets and the provision of a kiosk.

Strategic & Corporate Committee

Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 4 April 2007 Submitted to the Council for Determination

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: Expressions of Interest for Kiaora Lane Carpark
Author: Margaret Zulaikha - Team Leader Urban Design
 Allan Coker – Director Planning and Development
File No: 1133.G WP
Reason for Report: To respond to the Council resolution of 26 February 2007 regarding expressions of interest for the Kiaora Lands site.

Note: Late correspondence was tabled at the meeting from Solotel Pty Limited.

**Motion moved by Councillor Petrie
 Seconded by Councillor Rundle**

That the recommendation be adopted.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Shoebridge
 Seconded by Councillor Gardner**

That Council proceed forthwith with Expressions of Interest for the Kiaora Lands and that the matter be submitted to the Kiaora Lands Working Party to determine the terms for the expression of interest.

**The Amendment was put and lost.
 The Motion was adopted.**

Resolved:

12/6 THAT Council proceed with discussions with Woolworths in relation to the development of the Kiaora Lands subject to compliance with the Guidelines and Principles of ICAC on direct negotiations.

Note: A Division was called by Councillors Shoebridge and Petrie

For the Motion

Councillor Comino
 Councillor Petrie
 Councillor Martin
 Councillor Dawson
 Councillor Walker

Against the Motion

Councillor Gardner
 Councillor Shoebridge

Councillor Rundle
Councillor Shapiro
Councillor Boskovitz
Councillor Cullen
Councillor Huxley

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Questions Without Notice Tabled Answers

Item No: 11
Subject: Questions Without Notice
Author: Gary James, General Manager
File No: 467.G/Q01
Reason for Report: To provide a response to Questions without Notice from Council Meeting of 26 March 2007 and for Councillors to ask Questions without Notice in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Motion moved by Councillor Comino
Seconded by Councillor Martin

13/6 That the responses to previous Questions without Notice be noted.

Adopted

The following questions were asked:-

Councillor Gardner asking:

On 12 February 2007, I asked Council to please tidy up a strip of Council's land, which runs from Glenmore Road to the White City Tennis Club. Nothing has been done so far. It is used as an access way and is 4.5m wide. It has many dangerous obstacles on it, heavy vegetation, brick edges of uneven height that cross the area, steel lights poles, about 60cm high with or without fittings, placed at irregular intervals, etc. Could Council please make this a pedestrian save and secure pathway?

Director – Technical Services in response:

On notice.

Councillor Comino asking:

Are you aware that the Regulatory Officers conducted a widespread parking infringement blitz on the evening of Good Friday, particularly targeting churches in the Municipality?

Does Council have any policy of exercising leniency or discretion on special occasions such as major religious days?

Director – Planning & Development in response:

I will take the first part of that question On notice.

The second part of that question, we do not have any policy relating to discretion relating to religious events.

Councillor Comino asking:

Are you aware of a letter of Mr Norman Longworth dated 8 April 2007, complaining of no action/response to his fax of 12 February 2007 and reminder two weeks later, dealing with longstanding issues of drainage, stormwater and trees?

What action has been or will be taken to deal with Mr Longworth's request?

Director – Technical Services in response:

On notice.

Councillor Comino asking:

I understand the lease submitted pursuant to the tender process conducted for the Cooper Park Tennis Courts still contains a condition requiring the surrender of 2 of the 8 courts if so required by Council for community purposes. Having regard to aesthetic and economic considerations, is Council intending to pursue any surrender of 2 courts?

Director – Technical Services in response:

On notice.

Councillor Dawson asking:

Can assurances be given that residents in Annandale Road, Darling Point whose garages will be blocked by pavement and guttering works will not be penalised when parking their cars?

Director – Technical Services in response:

No, I can give no such assurances.

Councillor Dawson asking:

Can the Council beseech the owners of the bus shelter outside Cranbrook School to carry out repairs and painting?

Director – Technical Services in response:

The bus shelter outside Cranbrook School has been transferred to the responsibility of the Council. The money that is necessary to carry out the repairs has, I think, now been received from Sydney Buses and the works will be carried out shortly.

Councillor Rundle asking:

Will a report come to Council reporting on the failure of the “ecological” building on the corner of New South Head Road and Knox Street resulting, as I understand, from the failure of the private certification?

Director – Planning & Development in response:

I will take that On notice but I can advise that the necessary approvals that are required under the Local Government Act for the establishment of a waste water facility have not yet been granted and I am aware that there have been some technical difficulties in achieving the Department of Health standards required for grey water recycling.

Councillor Rundle asking:

Re the Floating Restaurant – could you please again write to Waterways requiring the removal of the barge?

The Mayor in response:

Yes.

Councillor Rundle asking:

Whilst on Saturday the Mayor was attempting to emulate her son’s kicking prowess many spectators commented on the standard of Woollahra Oval No 1. I attended Woollahra No 2 and 3 during the afternoon. Again, the grounds appeared in excellent condition. Could you pass on to the ground staff of those grounds congratulations on a job well done and ask them to keep up the good work for the coming season.

Director – Technical Services in response:

Yes I will.

Councillor Boskovitz asking:

To the Director Technical Services.

Can one of your staff please investigate the bat problem that is infesting Cecil Street, Paddington. The overgrown trees above the street are providing a home for the bats which make a tremendous racket.

Mr Director, would the trimming of the canopy of trees reduce this very noisy nuisance.

Director – Technical Services in response:

It is not Council Policy to prune trees for such a purpose.

Councillor Boskovitz asking:

I understand that new talks have been undertaken with the owner of 38 Fitzwilliam Road. Can you please update Council on what has been going on in this matter?

Director – Planning & Development in response:

I am happy to do that, but I take that On notice. But it does relate to alleged unauthorised works in relation to 38 Fitzwilliam Road. There have been lengthy discussions with the owner of that property with a view to those works being rectified.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 671 to 693 inclusive are the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 16 April 2007 and confirmed by Council at the ordinary Meeting of Council on 30 April 2007 as correct.

General Manager

Mayor