

Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 12 November 2012*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items)

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

Delegated Authority (“D” Items)

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

8 November 2012

To: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Deborah Thomas (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Peter Cavanagh
Anthony Marano
Elena Wise
Susan Wynne
Jeff Zulman

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 12 November 2012

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 12 November 2012 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 October 2012**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 22 October 2012 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 22 October 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 6 November 2012**
Author: Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2012
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

- A. That the Recommendations Y1-Y4 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 6 November 2012 be adopted.
- B. That the Recommendation Z1 contained as an informal item in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 6 November 2012 be adopted.
- C. That Council adopt the following Council officer recommendations:
 - i. That should the development application for the off-street carspace off Morrell Street for No.49 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra be approved, and the on-site works be completed as per the approved plans, the 10m of statutory ‘No Stopping’ restrictions on the northern side of Morrell Street, Woollahra east of the eastern kerblines of Holdsworth Street be reduced by 1.3 metres.
 - ii. That ‘No Stopping’ restrictions be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from the eastern kerblines of Heeley Street for a distance of 5.6m in an easterly direction.
 - iii. That a ‘P Motor Bikes Only’ zone be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from 5.6 metres east of the eastern kerblines of Heeley Street for a distance of 2.4 metres (2 motor bike spaces) in an easterly direction.
 - iv. That ‘No Stopping’ restrictions be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from the western kerblines of Union Street for a distance of 9m in a westerly direction.
 - v. That a ‘P Motor Bikes Only’ zone be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from 9 m west of the western kerblines of Union Street for a distance of 2.4 metres (2 motor bike spaces) in a westerly direction.

With regards to items Y1-1 and Y1-6 on the agenda, the Traffic Committee resolved not to support the officer recommendation. For these items, Council officers are recommending that the No Stopping restrictions at the intersection be less than 10 metres. This complies with the relevant legislation, the Australian Road Rules. However, it does not comply with the more stringent internal RMS policies.

Council staff are recommending that Council not adopt the recommendation of the Traffic Committee and instead adopt the original Council officer recommendations (as reflected in recommendation C above).

Should Council resolve to proceed with the original Council officer recommendation, RMS and the Police may refer this matter to the Regional Traffic Committee for review and determination. Should the Regional Traffic Committee uphold an appeal by RMS or the Police, then Council has no further recourse.

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 6 November 2012 at 10.00am.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Snr Const Brent Bell	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
Staff:	Cr Elena Kirillova	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Tom O'Hanlon	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Carla Hetherington	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
Apologies:	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Residents Group)
Also in Attendance:	Mr Hamish Fraser	(Resident – Item Z1)
	Mr Rod Flynn	(U.S. Consulate – Item Y1-2)
	Mr Mark Edwards	(Resident – Item Z1)
	Mr Peter McMahon	(Resident – Item Y1-2)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.09/12 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 2 October 2012 were confirmed by Frank Rotta.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

4. Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

7. Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Item No: Y1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Parking Restrictions Changes**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer,
File No: (Refer to Table 1)

Reason for Report: Various parking restriction changes throughout the Woollahra Council area.

Committee Vote: Majority Support

Recommendation:

That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-6 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

Item Y1-1: Morrell Street, Woollahra –No Stopping restrictions.

Committee Vote: Majority Decline - RMS and Police Representatives did not support this recommendation.

Officer Recommendation:

That should the development application for the off-street carspace off Morrell Street for No.49 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra be approved, and the on-site works be completed as per the approved plans, the 10m of statutory ‘No Stopping’ restrictions on the northern side of Morrell Street, Woollahra east of the eastern kerbline of Holdsworth Street be reduced by 1.3 metres.

Resolved to Recommend:

That no further action be taken.

Item Y1-2: Wallaroy Road, Woollahra – Parking Restrictions for security purposes outside residence of US Consulate

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

That 54 metres of ‘6P, Everyday Including Public Holidays’ parking restrictions be installed across the frontage of the US consulate at No.20 Wallaroy Road, Woollahra.

Item Y1-3: Edgecliff Road, Woollahra in front of No. 297 Edgecliff Road – Proposed Car Share Location

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That one 4.5 metre Carshare parking space be installed on the eastern side of Edgecliff Road, Woollahra immediately north of the No Stopping (Arrow Right) sign in front of No. 297 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra.

2. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS-Wool 2'.
3. That the applicant advise residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes.
4. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

Item Y1-4: Fullerton Street, Woollahra in front of No. 8-14 Fullerton Street – Proposed Car Share Location

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That one 4.5 metre Carshare parking space be installed on the western side of Fullerton Street, Woollahra immediately north of the northernmost driveway serving No. 8-14 Fullerton Street, Woollahra.
2. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS-Edgecliff 2'.
3. That the applicant advise residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes.
4. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

Item Y1-5: Liverpool Street, Paddington, between Glenmore Road and Spring Street – Proposed Car Share Location

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That one 2.5 metre Carshare angle parking space be installed on the eastern side of Liverpool Street, Paddington in the last angle parking space at this location outside No.29 Liverpool Street, Paddington.
2. That an additional 5.5 metres of '2P, 8am-11pm PHE Area Pgtn 1' be installed in the unrestricted parking outside No. 15 Liverpool Street.
3. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS-Pgtn 1'.
4. That the applicant advise residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes.
5. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

Item Y1-6: Stafford Street, Paddington – Request for Motor Bike Parking

Committee Vote: Majority Decline - RMS and Police Representatives did not support this recommendation.

Officer Recommendation:

1. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from the eastern kerblines of Heeley Street for a distance of 5.6m in an easterly direction.

2. That a 'P Motor Bikes Only' zone be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from 5.6 metres east of the eastern kerblines of Heeley Street for a distance of 2.4 metres (2 motor bike spaces) in an easterly direction.
3. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from the western kerblines of Union Street for a distance of 9m in a westerly direction.
4. That a 'P Motor Bikes Only' zone be installed on the northern side of Stafford Street, Paddington from 9 m west of the western kerblines of Union Street for a distance of 2.4 metres (2 motor bike spaces) in a westerly direction.

Resolved to Recommend:

That no further action be taken.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: No. 13 New South Head Road, Vaucluse – Works Zone
Author: Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt19
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 13 New South Head Road, Vaucluse. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the eastern side of New South Head Road, from the northern side of the garages at No.13 New South Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction and is subject to RMS approving in writing and the following conditions:
 - i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The applicant shall apply for and receive a Road Occupancy Licence from the Transport Management Centre (Transport for NSW).
 - iii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 6 weeks from November, 2012 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iv. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RMS's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - v. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - vi. Unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vii. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - viii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.

- ix. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - x. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - xi. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - xii. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: **Traffic Management Around Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill**

Author: Shirlene Yee Yet – Team Leader Traffic and Transport

File No: T470 & T389

Reason for Report: To respond to resident and Councillor requests.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That No Stopping signs be installed at the statutory 10 metres at the intersection of Victoria Road and Rose Bay Avenue.
- B. That a pedestrian refuge on Rose Bay Avenue, at Victoria Road to improve pedestrian access and safety and likely decrease the number of vehicles performing u-turns at the intersection, be included in the Traffic Capital Works program for consideration for future funding.

Item No: Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: **Glenmore Road/Cascade Street/Hampden Avenue Roundabout – Proposal to Reinstate**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T191/T87/216

Reason for Report: Report on Final Design Layout and Signposting.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

That the final design layout and signposting in Plan No. 15161-TC Rev B attached as Annexure 1 be approved and issued for construction.

8. Informal Matters – For discussion by committee members and recommended to Community and Environment Committee by Council Officers

Item No: Z1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: **Cascade Street, Paddington – Review of Residents Permit Parking Scheme**

Author: Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

File No: T87

Reason for Report: To respond to resident and Councillor requests.

Recommendation:

- A. That the residents of the following streets be surveyed to determine their preferred parking option:
 - i. Cascade Street between Paddington Street Gurner Street/ HargraveStreet.
 - ii. Windsor Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street.
 - iii. Hargrave Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street.
- B. That the survey include a request to all residents with driveways and a parking permit to show proof that they have more than 1 vehicle registered at their address.
- C. That the results of the community survey be reported to the Woollahra Traffic Committee
- D. That Council officers amend the application form for Resident Parking Permits to include Section 9.3 of the RMS Permit Parking Manual relating to the eligibility criteria and that Section 9.3 be used to help ensure that permits are only issued to residents who comply with these criteria.

9. Late Items

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.12am.

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Community Capacity Survey Report 2012**
Author: Jacky Hony
File No: 1059.G CCS 2012
Reason for Report: To present the Community Capacity Survey Report 2012.

Recommendation:

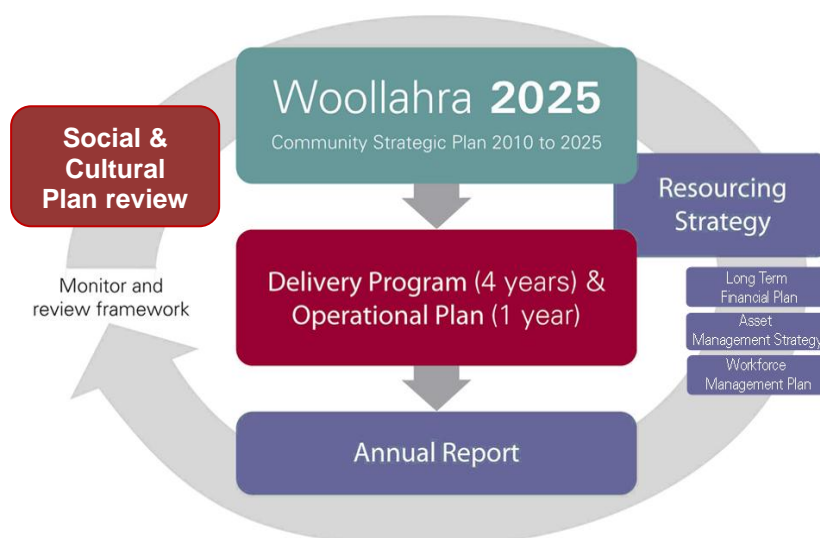
That Councillors note the Woollahra Community Capacity Survey Report 2012.

Background:

Council has been undertaking social and cultural planning for the Woollahra Municipality for many years. The purpose of this planning is to develop a strategic view of the social and cultural needs and aspirations of the people of Woollahra and developing strategies to meet set goals. The Social & Cultural Plan currently in force was adopted in 2008 and is valid until 2013.

With the implementation of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework in 2009, the legislative requirement to prepare and adopt social plans was abandoned, with the social issues to be integrated into councils ten year Community Strategic Plan and four year Delivery Program. A report was presented to the Corporate & Works Committee on 5 November 2012, outlining the requirements of the IP&R.

Although the adoption of a social and cultural plan is not a legislative requirement, staff are currently reviewing and updating the Social & Cultural Plan 2008, ready to inform the review of the Community Strategic Plan and the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, which is a requirement of the IP&R legislation. The reviewed Social & Cultural Plan will be presented to Council in March 2013, and used to inform the review of Councils' Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program and Operational Plan. See the IP&R Framework showing how the Social & Cultural Plan review informs the other strategic documents:



The first step in reviewing the Social & Cultural Plan 2008 was a Community Capacity Survey, measuring levels of community connection and capacity within the Woollahra Municipality. The other activities currently being undertaken are:

- Review of the 2011 ABS Census data for the Woollahra Municipality
- Literature review of key policy directions and key issues relevant to Woollahra
- Survey of key community organisations and groups

This report presents the findings of the Community Capacity survey for Councillors information.

Community Capacity Survey:

The first Community Capacity Survey was undertaken in 2007, consisting of a random survey of 600 residents, which was used as the basis for the Social & Cultural Plan 2008.

Council conducted the second Community Capacity Survey in July 2012, enabling the identification of any changes in the Woollahra community and any areas that may require additional support. The survey also enabled Council to compare benchmarks for social engagement.

Objectives of the 2012 survey included:

- Ascertaining how well Woollahra currently functions as a community
- Tracking current levels of engagement
- Tracking the variety of methods/activities people do and/or don't utilise in order to engage with each other

Micromex Research was contracted to complete the 2012 Community Capacity Survey.

Definitions:

Community capacity can be defined as 'networks of social relations which are characterised by norms of trust and reciprocity and which lead to outcomes of mutual benefit'.

Community capacity measures offer additional insight to conventional socio-economic indicators, thereby explaining why 'some areas with apparently similar populations and material resources may react differently in similar circumstances'. This social determinants analysis describes the contextual living circumstances that affect health, wellbeing and capacity.

Communities where residents feel safe, feel connected to their local community, that have strong community networks and high levels of social participation are more vibrant and enjoyable places to live, experience fewer social problems and are more resilient in times of difficulty.

Community capacity research is, therefore, indicative of measures of social outcomes, quality of life and community well-being.

The Study:

The sample consisted of a total of 600 residents aged 18 years and above. The selection of respondents was by means of a computer based random selection process using the electronic White Pages.

A sample size of 600 residents provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.0% at 95% confidence. This means that if 50% of respondents answered 'yes' to a particular question, were all residents to be asked that question, you could be 95% confident that the overall outcome would be between 46% and 54%.

The sample was weighted by age to reflect the 2011 ABS Census data.

Summary and Findings:

Overall, Woollahra Municipality is viewed as a good place to live, with a large percentage of residents feeling safe, participating in and contributing to community life.

The key outcome in 2012 is the identification of improvements across the board that include:

Social Participation

- Participation has increased with arts/music/drama groups
- There are higher rates of participation in sporting/recreation activities
- There is more regular participation in social activities
- Participation in cultural activities is less likely to be described as 'rarely'

Health

- Agreement with the statement 'In the last month I have been physically able to enjoy my usual activities' has increased

Reciprocity

- There are increases in volunteering within the environmental/recreation sector, business/professional/union sector, arts and culture, and health
- Disagreement with the statement 'I only help others who will repay the favour' has increased

Community Networks

- Utilisation of mobile phones, email, text message/SMS and chat/social networking sites has increased
- Residents are more likely to consider people in the same block as neighbours
- Residents are more likely to ask for help with borrowing household equipment, looking after their house while they were away and in an emergency
- Agreement with the statement 'I have a supportive network of family and friends' has increased

Trust and Safety

- Agreement has increased for the following statements; 'My area has a reputation for being a safe place', 'My area is a friendly place to live' and 'My local community feels like home'
- 25% of residents stated that there were places in the Woollahra area they would not go for safety reasons, which is lower than in 2007
- Residents feel safer walking in their area after dark
- Residents are more confident that a wallet would be returned with money in it

Pro-activity

- Residents are more likely to have assisted neighbours by lending household equipment or in an emergency

Acceptance of Diversity and Inclusiveness

- There were no significant differences from 2007

Optimism

- Residents were more likely to say the area has stayed about the same since they have been living there and less likely to say it has become worse
- Agreement with the statement; 'I have an optimistic view of the Woollahra area's future' has increased

(See Annexure 1 for the Executive Summary)

Proposal:

The findings from the Community Capacity Survey will guide and inform the development of the Social and Cultural Plan for 2013-2018 which will assist in the review of the Community Strategic Plan and subsequently inform the development of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2013-2017.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

There was provision for the study in the 2011-2012 Council budget.

Conclusion:

The report from Micromex Research has provided Council with a measure of community connection and capacity within the Woollahra municipality, as well as comparison with findings from the 2007 Survey report.

Jacky Hony
Team Leader - Community Development

Kylie Walshe
Community Services Director

Annexures:

1. Executive Summary, Community Capacity Survey 2012

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Lyne Park Basketball Court**
Author: Paul Fraser - Team Leader, Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 195.G
Reason for Report: To report on the recent consultation with the local community on the location and design of the facility.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council approve the location and design of the basketball facility in Lyne Park.
- B. That Council staff construct the basketball facility as per standard design specifications.

Background:

On 16 April 2012, Council staff presented a report to the Community & Environment Committee (Annexure 1) in response to a Notice of Motion to discuss what strategies can be taken to develop some specific youth-designated recreational spaces and possible locations. Following this Council adopted the following resolution on the 30 April 2012:

- A. *That Council approve Lyne Park as the location for a half-court basketball facility.*
- B. *That Council accept the funding offered by the Michael Wrublewski Foundation for the construction of a basketball facility and register the project through the Australian Sports Foundation.*
- C. *That Council staff consult with the local community on the location and the design of the facility.*
- D. *That the Mayor writes to the family of Michael Wrublewski thanking them for their generous offer and advising that their contribution to the project will be appropriately recognised as part of the construction.*
- E. *That the proposed siting of the facility and form of acknowledgement be the subject of a further report to the Community and Environment Committee.*

As per *Resolution C* the community was given the opportunity to provide feedback on the final location and design of the basketball court. Council staff consulted with the community via the following methods:

- Letters sent to neighbouring residents and stakeholders of Lyne Park.
- Letters sent to interested youth who had previously expressed interest in a youth facility in Woollahra.
- Letters sent to relevant recreational stakeholders.
- Signage within Lyne Park.
- Woollahra Council Website.
- Wentworth Courier.

The community was given until 2 November 2012 to provide their feedback on the proposal. Council received 37 submissions which have been summarised in a table as Annexure 2.

It should be noted that the previous report proposed a half-court basketball facility, however during the Community & Environment Committee meeting, Councillors discussed the notion of a full-sized basketball court or two half-court basketball courts. In reviewing basketball courts in Sydney and speaking to specialists in the basketball fraternity it was decided that the best option for recreational play, informal games and utilisation of space was to design a full court facility.

Proposal:

During the consultation process the Council received 28 submissions in support, eight in objection and one submission that was undecided on the location and design of the basketball court within Lyne Park. Below is a summary of the submissions and council staff comments relating to specific issues and suggestions.

Support

The location of the basketball court was supported in its proposed location (Annexure 3). People who submitted a positive response stated that the basketball court could be a great addition to the park, especially for young children and the local youth. Comments were also raised that children could ride their bikes or walk to the facility.

Some of the comments also included suggestions for the design of the court including:

- If lighting is considered it should be low impact.
- Extend the concrete at either ends of the court and fence the site.
- Ensure the correct height of the basketball hoops.
- Ensure enough space for water run-off and drainage.
- Install a fibre glass and spring loaded backboard.

Lighting and fencing of the court

Lighting and fencing of the basketball court is not included in this proposal.

Design elements of the basketball court

The design of the court will follow the relevant design specifications for basketball courts in Australia and take into account the suggestions that have been submitted.

Objection

Of the eight objections that were received six were from residents of 699 and 697 New South Head Road. The main objection to the basketball court was that Council was taking a large part of open space away from the general public which would be restricted to just basketball players.

Other comments included:

- Requires extensive earthworks and removal of trees.
- Suggestion that one of the tennis courts could be transformed into a basketball court.
- Will affect the overall amenity and views across the park to the harbour and from residential properties.
- Would prefer a netball court.
- Carparking will be greatly affected.

Extensive earthworks and removal of trees

There is to be no removal of trees to install the basketball court. Some minimal crown reduction of the trees may be required to minimise damage to branches and prevent slip hazards from fruit on the court surface. The earthworks will be minimal as the basketball court needs to be slightly above the current ground level to allow for proper drainage.

Transform a tennis court into a basketball court

The Lyne Park Tennis Centre is managed by a private operator on a long term lease with Council. It is Council's intention to have the basketball court un-fenced and open to the general public. A court

in the Lyne Park Tennis Court would be further formalised with the possibility of a fee for use and scheduled booking times.

Overall amenity and views

Lyne Park is valued for recreational opportunities including water and land based sports and opened grassed areas where the community can partake in active and passive recreation. A basketball court will complement the current sporting and recreational precinct. Views from the New South Head Road properties will not be affected due to the court being located below the levels of the road and the screening provided by the fig trees.

Carparking

The proposal of a basketball court will not have a significant effect of parking within Lyne Park. One of the main targeted audiences of a recreational facility like this is local children who are expected to catch public transport, ride their bikes or walk to the facility.

Concern

One submission was received which did not specifically object to the basketball court but was concerned about the possibility that it may turned into a skate park type facility, attracting undesirables and graffiti.

Budget:

As stated in the previous report to Council, the Michael Wrublewski Foundation gifted \$70,000 to fund the basketball court. Council has registered the project with the Australian Sports Foundation and are now eligible to receive a grant from the ASF towards the project. Council's contribution would be landscape works, park furniture and project management.

Conclusion:

In reviewing all submissions from the community, Council staff are recommending that the basketball facility is constructed in the proposed location of Lyne Park and all design specifications of a basketball court are followed. Should the Council adopt the stated recommendations, construction could start in December 2012. Approximately two weeks for completion is required for construction.

Council staff will monitor the facility and will continue to monitor carparking within Lyne Park.

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Annexures:

1. 16 April C&E Committee report – Specific Youth Designated Spaces
2. Table of summarised community submissions.
3. Map

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