

Urban Planning Committee

Agenda: *Urban Planning Committee*

Date: *Monday 23 June 2014*

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:

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Broad strategic matters, such as:-
 - Town Planning Objectives; and
 - major planning initiatives.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee.
- Matters requiring supplementary votes to Budget.
- Urban Design Plans and Guidelines.
- Planning Proposals and Local Environment Plans.
- Residential and Commercial Development Control Plans.
- Rezoning applications.
- Heritage Conservation Controls.
- Commercial Centres Beautification Plans of Management.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.

Delegated Authority:

- 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 resolutions).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Urban Planning 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

18 June 2014

To: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer ex-officio
Councillors Katherine O'Regan (Chair)
Ted Bennett
Anthony Boskovitz
Luise Elsing (Deputy Chair)
James Keulemans
Greg Levenston
Matthew Robertson

Dear Councillors

Urban Planning Committee Meeting – 23 June 2014

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Urban Planning Committee** to be held in the **Thornton Room (Committee Room), 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 23 June 2014 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

Item	Subject	Pages
1	Leave of Absence and Apologies	
2	Late Correspondence Note Council resolution of 27 June 2011 to read late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda Item	
3	Declarations of Interest	

Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority

D1	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 June 2014	1
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Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee

R1	Woollahra Design Excellence Awards – 998.G	2
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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 June 2014**
Author: Les Windle, Manager – Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 June 2014 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 Urban Planning Committee Meeting of 10 June 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Woollahra Design Excellence Awards**
Author: Amelia Parkins, Strategic Heritage Officer
File No: 998.G
Reason for Report: Obtain approval to expand scope of Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards system.
Address notice of motion regarding the album of Woollahra Developments.

Recommendation:

That the scope of the Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards scheme is expanded to incorporate design and sustainability categories and that the name of the awards be updated to Woollahra Design Excellence Awards.

1. Introduction

The Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards were established in 1985 to inform the community about heritage-listed properties, dispelling the myth that a property must be maintained as a 'museum' without alteration or adaptation. The Awards have been held since 1985 with the most recent awards ceremony held in 2011.

The next awards will be held in November this year. The scope of the Awards has traditionally been limited to heritage and conservation. This year it is proposed to expand the award categories to celebrate all good design across the municipality in the categories of heritage, sustainability and contemporary design. The objectives of the awards are consistent with the intentions behind a decision of the Council to produce an album of exemplary developments.

2. Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards 2011

The 2011 Heritage Conservation Awards were a well-attended, successful evening that highlighted and rewarded projects that displayed heritage best practise for works to heritage items or within heritage conservation areas.

The success of the event indicates that the overarching framework for the awards is sound. A graphic designer was employed to develop branding and a brochure. A dedicated website was created as a resource for information and online nominations. Properties were nominated by architects and property owners through the website, email or filling in the information brochure.

The award categories in 2011 were:

Category A: Heritage items (4 nominations)

Conservation work or alterations and additions to heritage items. This can include preservation, restoration, reconstruction, maintenance and/or adaptation of a heritage item. The item can be a heritage listed building, tree, relic or place of heritage significance.

Category B: Conservation areas

B1 | Alterations and additions: (11 nominations)

Alterations and additions to a building in a conservation area.

B2 | New or infill development: (2 nominations)
New or infill development in a conservation area.

Category C: Contributory buildings (0 nominations)

Conservation work or sympathetic alterations and additions to a contributory building. A contributory building does not have to be a heritage item or in a conservation area, but is a building that makes a positive contribution to an historic streetscape.

People's Choice Award

Awarded to the property that receives the highest number of votes during the online voting period.

3. Album of Woollahra Developments

The following notice of motion was adopted on 5 December 2008:

That Council produce a report on the feasibility of producing an album of Woollahra developments which are exemplary examples of good planning, architecture, urban design and/or heritage conservation best practice.

Featured developments can relate to both new buildings as well as alterations and additions. The album is to be held at Council's Customer Service Centre and is to be accessible to local residents, landowners, architects and developers. The objective of the album is to inform and guide others wishing to develop their properties so that development is sympathetic to location, streetscape and respects precinct character and the heritage value of the individual building or precinct.

A number of development categories can be established, including:

- mixed residential and commercial development*
- new dwellings*
- development on zone boundaries*
- development of heritage items and within conservation areas*
- development on the harbour foreshore*

The album is to include before and after photographs, architectural details, plans and citations and could be produced in paper and/or electronic formats.

Following a report to the Urban Planning Committee and recommendation to Council, on 27 April 2009 it was resolved:

- A. That a further report be brought to the Urban Planning Committee on developing an album of Woollahra developments that responds to the Notice of Motion of 15 December 2008 but one more typical of good development in the Municipality.*
- B. That a Working Party be created with staff and Councillor membership to develop the album further.*
- C. That the further report also consider including an award for exemplary sustainable design, with the new award being held potentially in conjunction with the Woollahra Conservation Awards.*
- D. That the Chair of the Urban Planning Committee be authorised to appoint Councillors to the Working Party.*
- E. That Council write to the Presidents of both the Building Design Association and the Australian Institute of Architects advising them of the formation and maintenance of the Album and invite its members to submit to Council projects in our Municipality which genuinely meet the aims and objectives of Council's planning instruments and which display examples of good design principles sympathetic to both the built and natural environment.*

Progress on the project was deferred in order to direct resources to other actions in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. A further notice of motion was adopted on 15 December 2012:

1. That an album of Woollahra developments that contribute positively to the local built environment be placed on Council's website. The album would initially feature recipients of Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards.
2. That a working party be established to develop a set of criteria for the expansion of the album to include other items that contribute positively to the local built environment and to report back to the Urban Planning Committee in the first half of 2012.
3. That a further report be brought before the Urban Planning Committee regarding the potential to expand the present Woollahra Awards to include sustainability.

Again, priorities given to projects in the DPOP have delayed the project, in particular the preparation of the new Principal LEP and Comprehensive DCP.

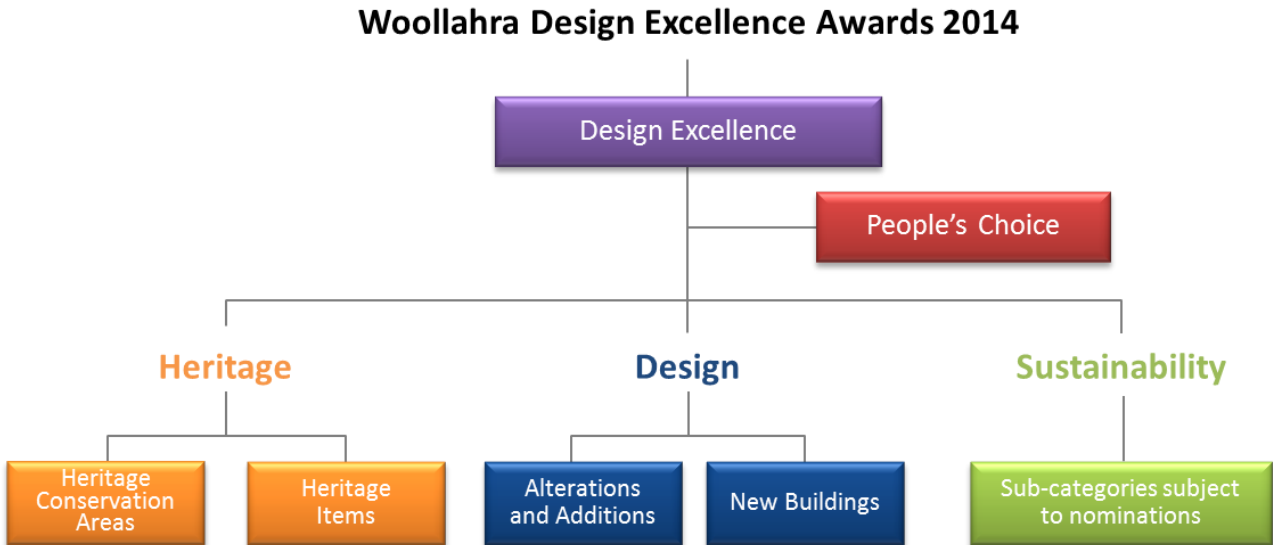
At the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 26 May 2014 further discussion on the project occurred as part of the DPOP third quarter report. It was considered that the album of exemplary development could be integrated with the current Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards to form a new award called the Woollahra Design Excellence Awards.

4. Woollahra Design Excellence Awards 2014

There are currently no programs in place that celebrate design excellence in the built environment of the Woollahra Municipality apart from the heritage conservation awards. This creates an opportunity to expand the scope of the existing awards to incorporate good urban design, sustainable solutions and sensitive heritage conservation works under the banner of design excellence awards.

This would result in a more diverse and relevant awards scheme that meets the objectives outlined in the notice of motion for the album of exemplary design in Woollahra. This would also ensure that the examples of design excellence are dynamic and regularly updated. The awards also allow regular opportunities to highlight good examples for others to follow.

4.1 Categories



The proposed categories are indicated above with the following notes:

- The Design Excellence Award will be awarded to a nomination considered outstanding across any or all of the categories. It will only be awarded if there is a worthy nomination.
- The People's Choice Award will be based on online voting, and open to all nominations.
- Nominations in the Heritage Conservation Areas category can be subdivided into alterations and additions and new buildings.
- Nominations in sustainability can cover diverse areas such as household projects, large commercial projects and non-building related projects.
- A detailed explanation of each category along with the judging criteria will be developed subject to Council's endorsement of the proposed awards system.

4.2 Judging

Judging would follow the current practice of inviting expert external judges specialising in heritage, design and sustainability.

4.3 Awards ceremony

We propose to use the same framework as the 2011 Heritage Conservation Awards. The only changes relate to the additional categories. It is proposed that the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at Council Chambers on Thursday 13 November 2014.

4.4 Expenditure

The cost for the next Woollahra Heritage Conservation Awards has been allocated within the 2014-2015 budget. If the new Woollahra Design Excellence Awards are endorsed by Council, minor additional expenditure will occur. We can report the costs through the quarterly budget review process.

5. Conclusion

An opportunity exists to refine and expand the existing awards system to celebrate good design across disciplines and reflect design excellence – new and old. The Woollahra Design Excellence Awards would showcase high quality developments across heritage, design and sustainability categories.

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Administration Officer

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Political Donations – matters to be considered by Councillors at Meetings

