

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



ART ADVISORY PANEL

MINUTES

MAYOR'S PARLOUR, COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
109 BROOME STREET, COTTESLOE
3.00PM, THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2019

MAT HUMFREY
Chief Executive Officer

8 August 2019

1. DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.05pm

Cr Tucak acknowledged the meeting was open to members of the press and public. Also that the meeting was being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People near Moodoorup Rocks, this area having great significance to the Traditional Owners.

2. ATTENDANCE**Committee Members Present**

Cr Michael Tucak	Chair, Elected Member
Cr Rob Thomas	Elected Member
Cr Sally Pyvis	Elected Member
Ms Rosalin Sadler	Community Member
Mr Stephen Mellor	Community Member
Mayor Philip Angers	Elected Member (Arrived at 3.25pm)

Officers Present

Liz Cartell	Administration Officer
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Apologies

Mr Mat Humfrey	Chief Executive Officer
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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Cr Tucak Seconded: Cr Thomas

The Minutes of the meeting of the Art Advisory Panel minutes held 18 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 3/1

For: Cr Tucak, Cr Thomas, Ros Sadler

Against: Cr Pyvis

Abstained: Stephen Mellor

The panel agreed to start the meeting with item 4.2 Foreshore Universal Access

4. DISCUSSION**4.1 Public Art Strategy Objectives****4.1.1 Review draft audit results**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred until the next meeting.

4.1.2 Discussion of new locations

Mr Mellor gave an overview of areas along the PSP considered to present opportunities for new locations. The document ‘**PSP Locations Notes – SM as at 1 August 2019**’ was referred to in conjunction with ‘**PSP Map SM Locations 01.08.19**’ & ‘**PSP Location Photos**’

The merits of the proposed locations were discussed and a number of works were highlighted in response, as potential future relocation considerations – however any actual relocation decisions were not being made at this stage.

The Panel requested that the Administration follow up status of the PTA land triangle, endorsed by council to be vegetated, along Curtin Ave north of Forrest Street (ref G & H on Mr Mellor’s PSP Map Locations).

Due to time constraints and the focus on the PSP opportunity, the Panel did not discuss the potential for siting a work in the proposed Vlamingh Nature Play area or the area near the Hawkstone Street and Hamersley Street bend.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Tucak Seconded: Ms Sadler

THAT the AAP:

- 1) Requests the Administration to provide an update and details of the PSP landscaping and planting process including any current plans;**
- 2) Recommends the potential PSP public art locations A-O on the map be considered as part of the landscaping and planting process, including assessment by the Town and PTA on their suitability, with feedback to be provided to the AAP by the next meeting; and**
- 3) Thanks Stephen Mellor for his hard work preparing the map.**

Carried 6/0

4.1.3 Discussion of public art relocations

a) The potential loan of ‘Threshold of a Dream’ to the Grove Library has been endorsed by Council. The next Library Management Committee meeting is to be held on 22 August 2019 at which this item will be presented.

b) The Panel discussed relocation of ‘Untitled’ by Jean Pierre Rives to the new PSP (as per Council’s February 2019 resolution) and were advised the CEO had met with Dr Ian Bernadt to discuss the relocation. In the CEO’s absence, details of this meeting are yet to be confirmed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr Mellor Seconded: Ms Sadler

THAT the AAP requests the administration to urgently, before the next AAP meeting:

- 1 Provide the donor agreement, conditions with Dr Bernadt
- 2 Report to the AAP re the practicalities of the expeditious relocation of 'Untitled' to location F on the PSP Public Art Locations map
- 3 Report to the AAP on the outcome of the consultation with the sculptor on moving the work to an optimal location on the PSP

Carried 6/0

c) The Panel briefly discussed the potential for relocation of 'Dark Night Shine' to the Civic Centre water feature and the feedback received from the Town i.e. the move is considered unviable due to the extent of foundation preparation that would be required.

4.2 Foreshore Universal Access Art Commission

Cr Tucak gave an update confirming he and Cr Thomas had met, as proposed at the last meeting, to draw up a draft brief that sets the parameters for an artist response from which to select and provided the Panel with an overview.

The Panel discussed the merits and opportunities of a commission. Also whether the art work would present a conflict of interest with Sculpture by the Sea. It was considered a surface applied artwork would be acceptable as long as the work was not sculptural, but overlap with Sculpture by the Sea should be avoided.

Cr Thomas left the meeting at 3.34pm and returned at 3.46pm.

Issues raised included:

- Embracing the 'spirit of children', allowing spontaneity and creativity, free expression and not to be too tightly curated including in an 'event' format
- Whether an art educator could be engaged to develop the concept
- Whether the concept might be more appropriate for the village, in a more urban environment with a festival approach
- The potential to start the project in line with the Nyoongar seasonal calendar eg Birak - December to January
- That the Panel should select materials to enable control of what is used in light of environmental concerns including plastics getting into the ocean.

The Panel agreed Cr Tucak will adjust and refine the brief based on Panel discussions and concerns to include:

- Emphasis on the ephemeral nature of the work
- That the work is designed to expire by February 2020 to avoid SxS overlap
- That environmental concerns re micro plastics in paint et al are addressed
- Potential scope for an indigenous artist, disabled artist &/or involvement of children and the scope for an "event" approach to the application of the work

Given the Town's limited in-house resources, the panel discussed the merits of engaging an art consultant or other third party to manage the process.

Cr Pyvis requested that an attachment be appended to the minutes outlining Council's approval, including the endorsement by the Foreshore Precinct Implementation Committee, at the OCM in February 2019. **Appendix 1**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Tucak Seconded: Cr Thomas

THAT the AAP requests the administration to obtain quotes or proposals from local school art coordinators, arts consultants or organisations eg DADAA, on the coordination and delivery of the commission, with an updated draft brief to be circulated to the panel prior to next meeting.

Carried 5/1

For: Mayor Angers, Cr Tucak, Cr Thomas, Ms Sadler, Mr Mellor,

Against: Cr Pyvis

4.3 Sculpture by the Sea 2019

4.3.1 Location of acquired work '*She Sells Sea Shells*'

The Panel discussed the possibility of this work being located along the PSP potential sites but otherwise agreed to defer the item given time constraints.

4.3.2 Sculpture by the Sea funding update

Cr Tucak gave an update to the Panel advising this item was not presented to Council as originally planned, due to a sponsor having been found and the 2020 event having been confirmed by Sculpture by the Sea as now going ahead.

4.4 Annual Sculpture Event Proposal 'Plinth 6011'

4.4.1 Potential locations

Mr Mellor gave a presentation on potential locations for 'Plinth 6011'.

It was considered the library corner (on Stirling Highway and Leake Street) presents the best location for the proposal.

Cr Tucak updated the Panel on the Town's current direction in relation to the Local Area Plan. The Coordinator of Strategic Planning has advised the Town is working with the Shire of Peppermint Grove to co-ordinate planning control in the area around the Grove Library and Cottesloe Central.

The Mayor commented this was harmonious with Pro-Cott ideas.

The area is considered to have great potential in terms of public art enhancement and the Panel agreed it would be beneficial for Mr Mellor to present the proposal at the next Briefing Forum for further discussion.

ACTION ITEM:

Moved: Cr Tucak Seconded: Cr Thomas

That the AAP requests the ‘Plinth 6011’ proposal prepared by Mr Mellor be presented to the next council Briefing Forum, and if possible Mr Mellor be invited to speak to that briefing forum.

Carried 6/0

4.4.2 Brief

Subject to feedback received from Council, the Panel will further define the brief, budget parameters, extent of work and timeframe with view to approaching a consultant to project manage.

5. OTHER BUSINESS**5.1 AAP – Committee Terms of Reference**

Due to time constraints, a review of the AAP’s scope has been deferred.

Cr Pyvis commented during the course of meeting that she felt the Panel should stick to core business.

Cr Tucak left the meeting at 4.48pm and returned at 4.48pm.

5.2 Chamber of Arts & Culture (WA) Membership

Cr Tucak confirmed the Panel’s recommendation to join CACWA has been approved by council.

5.3 Percent for Art

The Town’s Coordinator of Strategic Planning has proposed the possibility of including public art incentives either mandated through the scheme or implemented through a local planning policy.

Cr Tucak advised this item is currently being looked at by the Town’s Planning Team.

5.4 Artwork signage (Item requested by Mr Mellor)

Due to time constraints this item was briefly discussed in conjunction with Item 5.5. – Vlamingh Memorial, and the requirement for consistent signage content and format.

Cr Pyvis left the meeting at 5.05pm and Mayor Angers at 5.10pm.

5.5 Vlamingh Memorial – Replacements for Brass Plaques

Cr Tucak gave an overview of alternative materials considered for a replacement Vlamingh memorial plaque. The Panel reviewed and discussed cost implications and whether this offered further artistic/aesthetic scope.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Tucak Seconded: Cr Thomas

That the AAP recommends that there does not appear to be scope for artistic or aesthetic changes from using alternate materials without additional redesign cost, but that the aluminium options may reduce the chance of future theft.

Carried 4/0

5.6 Proposed AAP 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Panel discussed the draft meeting schedule dates and, given the number of initiatives currently under consideration, proposed to schedule an additional meeting date before 5 September.

5.7 Action list update

Refer to action list. **Appendix 2**

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th August 2019 at 3pm.

7. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.16pm.