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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 64
Tuesday 3 October 2023
5.30pm**

Town Hall Commons

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell (via Zoom)
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert

Apologies

Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Kevin Louey

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On Tuesday 24 October 2023

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, and advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 4 October 2023.
- apologies were received from Councillors Chang and Louey.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the minutes of meeting No 63 held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Public questions

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full version can be heard in the recording of the meeting located on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-3-October-2023.aspx>

Public Housing Renewal Program

Chris Thrum referred to the proposed demolition of 44 public housing towers and stated that many people believe this is the wrong move. Chris requested Council to ask the State government to undertake feasibility studies for the refurbishment and renewal of public housing estates.

The Lord Mayor thanked Chris for the question and advised that management is considering the implications of the recently released Victorian Housing Statement, and the item will come to the Future Melbourne Committee for deliberation and decision later in October. The Lord Mayor further advised that Council is in contact with local residents regarding the matter.

LGBTIQA+ safety at Midsumma

Bianca Gibson and Daisy Brenecki submitted written questions asking what action Council will take to ensure that the St Kilda Road entrance to Alexandra Gardens is safe for the Midsumma Carnival on 21 January 2024, especially if anti-LGBTIQA+ protestors target this entrance and carnival-goers?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Bianca and Daisy for the questions and advised that this is matter for Victoria Police who will be present at the event, and will conduct proactive patrols to monitor anti-social behaviour. Cr Dr Ball further advised that Bianca's and Daisy's concerns have been shared with Victoria Police.

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6. Reports from management

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

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Greening Roden Street**:

Items of correspondence:

- Geoff Graham
- Niall Maguire.

6.1 Greening Roden Street

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of the Greening Roden Street Final Concept Plan.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Approves the Greening Roden Street Final Concept Plan (Attachment 2 of the report from management) to enable management to finalise the detailed design and tender for works.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that a formal statutory road discontinuance process for the partial discontinuance of Roden Street will be undertaken and referred to Council at a future date.*
 - 1.3. *Notes the proposed commencement of construction in mid-2024 subject to the road discontinuance process.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

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

6.2 Design Excellence Program – Design Competition Guidelines

The purpose of this report was to request that the Committee approves the Community Engagement Summary and revised Design Competition Guidelines to proceed to publication and implementation.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee defers the Design Competition Guidelines (Attachment 3 of the report from management) to a December 2023 Committee meeting and requests management to prepare an updated report that:*
 - 1.1. *Considers the impact of the Victorian Government Housing Statement and related planning reforms on sites to which the Guidelines can apply.*
 - 1.2. *Adopts further refinements and copywriting – including concise provisions for masterplans, competition briefs, selection criteria and templates – to reflect the role of the document as a policy instrument.*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

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

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6.3 University Square Stage 2 Redevelopment

The purpose of this report was to request the Committee approves the University Square Master Plan Refresh and endorse the University Square Stage 2 Draft Concept Design proceeding to community consultation.

The Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128(3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 2020* due to his employment by University of Melbourne, who is affected by the proposal, and left the meeting at 5.51pm prior to discussion taking place.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves the University Square Master Plan Refresh (Attachment 2 of the report from management).*
- 1.2. *Approves the University Square Stage 2 Draft Concept Design (Attachment 3 of the report from management) proceeding to community consultation.*
- 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the University Square Master Plan Refresh prior to publication.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

The Deputy Lord Mayor returned to the meeting at 6.08pm.

6.4 Proposed expansion of Safe City Cameras into Lygon Street, Carlton

The purpose of this report was to seek approval to proceed with the expansion of the Safe City Camera Program into Lygon Street (Victoria Street to Elgin Street) and Argyle Square (Lygon Street, Carlton), following approval of 50 per cent of the cost (\$260,000.00) from the state government.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Approves the expansion of the Safe City Camera Program into Lygon Street, Carlton at a cost of \$520,000.*
- 1.2. *Acknowledges that 50 per cent of the cost will be funded by the Victorian Government, and agrees for the remaining funds to be committed by City of Melbourne.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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

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7. General business

There was one item of general business.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Dr Olivia Ball: Cat containment

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests a report from management by March 2024 setting out:*
 - 1.1. *Advice on the merits and means of pursuing the following from the commencement of Council's next Domestic Animal Management Plan, due 4 December 2025:*
 - 1.1.1. *requiring all domestic cats to be confined to the property of their owner at all times, with reasonable exceptions, under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act);*
 - 1.1.2. *otherwise prohibiting domestic cats from environmentally sensitive areas, under the Act;*
 - 1.1.3. *a method for evaluating the effectiveness of the above, with outcomes-based objectives such as the positive response of wildlife populations, reduced incidence of zoonotic disease, cat nuisance complaints and cat injury and death in road accidents; and*
 - 1.1.4. *a program of education and evidence-based behaviour change initiatives.*
 - 1.2. *Advice on the extent of such orders in the metropolitan area and opportunities to maximise the benefits of cat containment initiatives and orders through a co-ordinated multi-Council approach.*
 - 1.3. *Options for conducting public engagement in FY 24–25 on cat containment generally and potential orders and initiatives specifically, for consideration as part of the Annual Plan and Budget 2024–25.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

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

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting to the public

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the items under the following categories:*
 - 1.1 *Agenda item 14.1 as it contains personal information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.*

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- 1.2 *Agenda item 14.2 as it contains Council business and private commercial information which if released would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations and unreasonably expose Council to disadvantage.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

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

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.31pm.

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Chair
Future Melbourne Committee