



Future Melbourne Committee

MINUTES

**Meeting Number 61
Tuesday 4 September 2012
5pm**

**Council Meeting Room
Level 2
Melbourne Town Hall**

PRESENT

Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley
Councillor Carl Jetter
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Cathy Oke
Councillor Ken Ong
Councillor Brian Shanahan (left at 7.20pm)
Councillor Jackie Watts

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne
Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 October 2012.

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES

The meeting commenced at 5.15pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that:

- the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting;
- the agenda comprised ten Reports from Management, one of which was confidential;
- there was one item of General Business; and
- no apologies had been received.

2. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that conflicts of interest would be disclosed as they arose.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Oke

That the minutes of meeting No 59, held on Tuesday 7 August 2012, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Shanahan

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Ong, Shanahan and Watts.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

5. REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT

SUBMISSIONS/ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, advised that as at 3pm, the following submissions had been received in accordance with the *Council's Conduct of Meetings Local Law 2010*.

In relation to **Agenda Item 5.3, 'Proposed Change of Road Name of 'Government House Drive' to 'Diamond Jubilee Drive', Melbourne'**:

Request to Speak:

- Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

Items of Correspondence:

- Dale Wise; and
- Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

In relation to **Agenda Item 5.5, 'Application for Planning Permit: TP-2011-1009, 132 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne'**:

Requests to Speak:

- Michael Tortoni, Proprietor, Bennetts Lane Jazz Club;
- Robert Cripps, Redleg Museum Services Pty Ltd;
- Con Angelatos, resident; and
- Meg Evans, resident (request received at the meeting).

Items of Correspondence:

- Michael Tortoni, Proprietor, Bennetts Lane Jazz Club; and
- Tao Jiang Lawyers, on behalf of Redleg Museum Services Pty Ltd.

In relation to **Agenda Item 5.6, 'City of Melbourne Bicycle Plan 2012-16'**:

Request to Speak:

- Railii Simojoki, Melbourne Bicycle User Group.

PLANNING PORTFOLIO

Cr Ong assumed the role of Chair to present the five items for consideration in relation to the Planning Portfolio.

5.1 City of Melbourne Heritage Strategy and a History of the City of Melbourne's Urban Environment

The purpose of this report was to seek the Committee's endorsement of the draft City of Melbourne Heritage Strategy 2012 for public consultation, and for the Committee to note the Thematic History - A History of the City of Melbourne's Urban Environment 2012.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *notes the document entitled 'Thematic History - A History of the City of Melbourne's Urban Environment 2012' and thanks the external reference group for their contribution; and*
 - 1.2. *approves release of the draft 'City of Melbourne Heritage Strategy 2012' for public consultation in November 2012.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, commented that this is a remarkable document which is ready to go out for public consultation.

Cr Ong made the following key comments:

- concurred with the comments made by the Lord Mayor;
- commended officers for their work on this matter; and
- the document will be finalised following the public consultation period.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Shanahan and Watts.

5.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C186: Central City (Hoddle Grid) Heritage Review

The purpose of this report was to advise Committee on the recommendations in the report of the independent panel for Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C186 - Central City (Hoddle Grid) Heritage Review - and to present the final draft of Amendment C186, which was revised in response to the Panel's recommendations.

Moved: Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee recommend Council:*
 - 1.1. *adopt Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C186 Central City (Hoddle Grid) Heritage Review at Attachment 2 of the report from management, pursuant to section 29 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and*
 - 1.2. *submit Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C186 to the Minister for Planning for approval.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, made the following key comments:

- this is a further step forward in protecting buildings;
- need to ensure the character of the city remains; and
- the panel's recommendations are sensible.

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- has often spoke of concern of the limited protection in the planning scheme for heritage listed buildings; and
- this review increases protection of heritage buildings in the central city.

Cr Watts commented that she looks forward to a day when Council can extend the protection over the entire municipality.

Cr Ong made the following key comments:

- agrees with comments made by Cr Watts;
- congratulated the Manager Strategic Planning, David Mayes, and team for their work on this matter;
- this review provides more certainty and clarity to property owners; and
- it is difficult for Council to review heritage protection endlessly, however the public can submit requests for heritage protection to Council for consideration.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Shanahan and Watts.

5.3 Proposed Change of Road Name of 'Government House Drive' to 'Diamond Jubilee Drive', Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of a proposal to change the road name of Government House Drive to Diamond Jubilee Drive marking 60 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, declared an indirect conflict of interest in this matter due to a conflicting duty under Section 78B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Lord Mayor is a Trustee of the Shrine of Remembrance who is an objector to the proposal. The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, left the meeting at 5.25pm.

The Manager Planning and Buildings, Angela Meinke, made a presentation to the Committee and made the following key comments:

- an application was received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to rename Government House Drive; and
- public consultation resulted in 12 submissions against the proposal and six submissions in favour.

Julianne Bell, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc., who requested the opportunity to address the Committee on this matter, was not present at the meeting.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to refuse the change of name from Government House Drive to Diamond Jubilee Drive based on the following reasons:*
 - 1.1. *there is no support for the change; and*
 - 1.2. *Government House Drive is a well known public road name.*

Seconded: Cr Jetter

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, made the following key comments:

- Government House Drive is a well recognised name; and
- there are other places in the municipality that could be named in recognition of the Diamond Jubilee.

Cr Jetter made the following key comments:

- supports the opportunity to find a suitable place to recognise the Diamond Jubilee; and
- the current name of the road should be kept.

Cr Shanahan commented that Council should follow the majority of submitters who do not support the name change.

Cr Oke commented that if the name was changed another sign would be needed to point to Government House.

Cr Ong commented that there was no compelling argument for the name change.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Shanahan and Watts.

5.4 Application for Planning Permit: TPM-2012-9, 148-156 Queen Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for a planning permit lodged with the Minister for Planning for the demolition of an existing building and construction of a 67 storey tower comprising residential apartments, car and bicycle parking and commercial uses.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *resolve that a letter be sent to the Department of Planning and Community Development expressing concern about the proposed development on the grounds set out in the recommendation of the Delegate Report; and*
- 1.2. *request that should the Minister determine to grant a permit for the development, the conditions listed in the Delegate Report be included on any planning permit issued (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management – Delegate Report).*

Seconded: Cr Oke

Cr Ong made the following key comments:

- this item has been brought to the Committee following extensive discussion by management with the developer and the Department of Planning and Community Development;
- the application causes concern so it is appropriate to consider it at Committee;
- proposals for developments 25,000 square metres and over are determined by the Minister for Planning and the Department of Planning and Community Development, and Council's input is sought;
- it is not always the case where Council's concerns are taken on board, however in the past months, Council has been able to get its permit conditions on some of the larger developments; and
- this application is for a very tall building, with minimal set backs and a plot ratio of around 60:1, which causes concern.

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- supports the comments made by Cr Ong;
- believes developments of this size should be brought to Council as the delegated authority rather than the Minister for Planning, with the amount of work that goes into the reports from management being an example why this should be the case; and
- Council is applying the planning scheme on this application and not rejecting for the sake of rejecting.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Ong, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Shanahan and Watts.

5.5 Application for Planning Permit: TP-2011-1009, 132 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Committee of an application for change of use to a night club (live music venue), display of business identification signage, external modifications and a partial waiver of the bicycle requirements at 132 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management – Locality Plan).

The Executive Officer Planning, Martin Williams, made a presentation to the Committee on the details of the proposal.

Cr Shanahan left the meeting at 5.41pm and returned at 5.45pm.

The Executive Officer Planning, Martin Williams, made the following key comments in response to questions raised by Councillors:

- the smokers area is proposed to be located outside on a raised level;
- it would be possible to have access to the venue from the back entry at all times instead of the side entry until 6pm;
- the location of the building is on the corner of Little Lonsdale Street and Bennetts Lane, though the address is 132 Little Lonsdale Street;
- there are arguments both ways for the use of the front entry or the back entry to the premises;
- if the hours were later than 11pm then there would be concern about noise;
- Bennetts Lane is a two way street with no footpath, however it is a low speed traffic area; and
- the building has to have acoustic treatment to make sure it is compliant.

Michael Tortoni, Proprietor, Bennetts Lane Jazz Club, addressed the Committee speaking against the proposal and made the following key comments:

- Bennetts Lane Jazz Club has been operating for about 20 years and is an important venue for allowing jazz artists to perform and flourish;
- the proposed venue will take away patrons from Bennetts Lane Jazz Club and could cause it to stop operating in this area of the market;
- there may be a legal issue with the signage in regards to it passing off as Bennetts Lane Jazz Club; and
- patrons walking into a two way lane is dangerous.

Mr Tortoni made the following key comments in response to questions raised by Councillors:

- would prefer the entrance to the venue being on Little Lonsdale Street to prevent the venue passing off as Bennetts Lane Jazz Club and as it is dangerous for people to walk onto Bennetts Lane after a few drinks; and
- the Jazz market is small meaning Bennetts Lane Jazz Club has excess capacity most days of the week.

The applicant, Robert Cripps, Redleg Museum Services Pty Ltd, addressed the Committee making the following key comments:

- the revised acoustic report indicates that the venue will be compliant with the relevant policies;
- will serve light meals and cater for younger and upcoming musicians;
- the venue will cater for less patrons than Bennetts Lane Jazz Club;
- a post occupancy test is recommended to verify the noise impact on the surrounding level is acceptable; and
- potential issues have all been addressed in the management plan.

Mr Cripps made the following key comments in response to questions raised by Councillors:

- the name of the venue would be Ruby's Music Room so there will be a clear distinction between Bennetts Lane Jazz Club;
- the side door will need to be closed after 6pm to control noise;
- do not have an issue with entry being solely from the rear door; and
- when advertising the address of the venue it will clearly state that it is located on the corner of Bennetts Lane and Little Lonsdale Street.

Con Angelatos, resident, addressed the Committee speaking against the proposal and made the following key comments:

- there have been 17 objections to the proposal from body corporates and individuals;
- if a permit is granted, it should include certain amendments in relation to acoustics and any requests for later opening hours to be submitted as a new planning application; and
- the side door will be used as a loading zone for bands which will cause traffic issues.

Cr Ong commented that although it would be nice to include many conditions on the application some of them would not stand up from a planning and legal perspective.

In response to questions from Councillors, the Executive Officer Planning, Martin Williams, commented that there is no signage on the laneway pointing to Bennetts Lane Jazz Club.

Meg Evans, resident of Bennetts Lane, addressed the Committee making the following key comments:

- the question on whether this is appropriate for the city needs to be asked; and
- Bennetts Lane Jazz Club is the longest lasting jazz venue in Melbourne.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

1.1. *issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions included in the delegate's report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management - Delegate's Report) with the following variations to conditions:*

1.1.1. *the premises must only be open for the use hereby permitted between the following hours:*

1.1.1.1. *Monday to Sunday 7am to 11pm; and*

1.1.1.2. *Good Friday and Anzac Day 12pm to 11pm;*

1.1.2. *any proposed extension to the above hours must be applied for through a new application for planning permit;*

1.1.3. *the entry and exit from the premises at all time for patrons must be via the rear entry; and*

1.1.4. *the Bennetts Lane entrance must not be used by patrons except for emergency access.*

Seconded: Cr Shanahan

Cr Ong made the following key comments:

- the applicant will need to make sure all compliances are met;
- Bennetts Lane Jazz Club has developed an iconic name and is a tourist attraction, however the addition of a new venue may be a chance to grow the area; and
- hope that all parties can work together.

Cr Shanahan made the following key comments:

- concerned for the impact on residents, however has been persuaded that the recommendation goes some way to resolve this complex issue;
- there are good arguments on both sides, but cannot satisfy everyone; and
- thanked Cr Ong for the compromise put forward.

Amendment

Moved: Cr Oke

Request management include directional signage for Bennetts Lane Jazz Club.

Seconded: Cr Jetter

The Director City Planning and Infrastructure, Geoff Lawler, advised that the directional signage for Bennetts Lane Jazz Club would be a tourist sign.

Cr Oke's motion was put and carried with the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Oke and Watts voting in favour of the motion and the Chair, Cr Ong, Councillors Louey and Shanahan voting against the motion.

Cr Watts expressed concern for residential amenity.

The Executive Officer Planning, Martin Williams, advised that concerns in relation to residential amenity have been addressed.

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- the application meets the planning requirements within a capital city zone; and

- understands that crowding the market is an issue but supports the City of Melbourne Live Music Strategy to support live music venues.

The substantive motion was put and carried with the Chair, Cr Ong, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke and Shanahan voting in favour of the motion and Councillor Watts voting against the motion.

The motion in its entirety reads:

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 - 1.1.1. *the premises must only be open for the use hereby permitted between the following hours:*
 - 1.1.1.1. *Monday to Sunday 7am to 11pm; and*
 - 1.1.1.2. *Good Friday and Anzac Day 12pm to 11pm;*
 - 1.1.2. *any proposed extension to the above hours must be applied for through a new application for planning permit;*
 - 1.1.3. *the entry and exit from the premises at all time for patrons must be via the rear entry;*
 - 1.1.4. *the Bennetts Lane entrance must not be used by patrons except for emergency access; and*
 - 1.2. *request management include directional signage for Bennetts Lane Jazz Club.*

CONNECTED CITY PORTFOLIO

Cr Louey assumed the role of Chair to present the one item for consideration in relation to the Connected City Portfolio.

5.6 City of Melbourne Bicycle Plan 2012-16

The purpose of this report was to seek approval of Bicycle Plan 2012-2016 (the Plan) which Council endorsed for community consultation on 29 May 2012.

Cr Ong left the meeting at 6.30pm.

Raili Simojoki, representing Melbourne Bicycle User Group, addressed the Committee making following key comments:

- congratulated Council officers for coming up with a progressive bicycle plan and for their engagement with the community;
- pleased that the Yarra corridor study includes the lower East-West route as it is currently uncomfortable for both cyclists and pedestrians;
- believes that Flinders Street is the best option for a route from Spring Street to Swanston Street which is also supported by Bicycle Victoria;
- the need to remove the trees from Spring Street to Russell Street gives an opportunity for a two way bike lane;
- St Kilda Road south of Southbank Boulevard is a priority as bike infrastructure coming from the south is lacking;
- pleased that the Bicycle Plan includes an investigation into smaller streets; and
- there is a lot of illegal parking happening on Swanston Street which causes a danger for cyclists.

Cr Ong returned to the meeting at 6.35pm.

Ms Simojoki made the following key comments in response to questions raised by Councillors:

- it is the south end of Swanston Street that is experiencing issues with illegally parked vehicles; and
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- the Melbourne Bicycle User Group would not support reducing the speed limit for cyclists on Swanston Street as different principles should not be applied to different types of vehicles.

The Manager Engineering Services, Geoff Robinson, made the following key comments:

- will speak to the Acting Manager of Parking and Traffic, Jane Crawley, regarding increasing the parking enforcement on Swanston Street;
- the biggest issue currently on Swanston Street is the parking of horse-drawn vehicles; and
- once the Swanston Street redevelopment matures people will know where they can park.

Moved: Cr Oke

That the Future Melbourne Committee approves Bicycle Plan 2012-2016.

Seconded: Cr Shanahan

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- the Plan is a result of great work and consultation;
- commends officers for their responses to submissions and the additions to the Plan as a result of the consultation process; and
- congratulates all involved.

Cr Shanahan made the following key comments:

- concurs with comments made by Cr Oke; and
- Council is able to spend a considerable amount of money on bike paths due to its strong financial position.

Cr Ong made the following key comments:

- it is great that the Plan includes education for all road users;
- infrastructure in many areas is lacking so it is fortunate for Council's strong financial position;
- hopes that as more bicycle infrastructure is put in place it frees congestion on footpaths as some of the footpaths are narrow which causes problems for wheelchairs;
- the planning schemes for medium and high density encourages more bicycle parking and less car parking in new developments; and
- commends officers and submitters for their work on this matter.

Cr Louey thanked officers for their work on this matter.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Louey, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Oke, Ong, Shanahan and Watts.

ECO-CITY PORTFOLIO

Cr Oke assumed the role of Chair to present the two items for consideration in relation to the Eco-City Portfolio.

5.7 Sustainable Melbourne Fund: Full Year Performance Results to 30 June 2012

The purpose of this report was to present the financial and operational performance results for the full year ended 30 June 2012 of the Sustainable Melbourne Fund (SMF).

The Chief Executive Officer of SMF, Scott Bocskay, made the following key comments in response to questions raised by Councillors:

- Council set a triennial rate return for SMF in May 2011 which allowed the fund to run into deficit with the anticipation of revenue picking up in subsequent years;
- SMF has been focused on establishing a new business unit, the Environmental Upgrade Finance, which is building momentum and is hoped will improved deficit in subsequent years; and
- the staffing levels have not changed since the previous financial year, the change in the numbers in the report is due to consultants moving to full time staff, which is a cost saving for the fund.

Moved: Cr Ong

That the Future Melbourne Committee accepts the performance report for 2011-12 of the Sustainable Melbourne Fund.

Seconded: Cr Louey

Cr Ong commented that the intention is that in three years the fund will have a positive return and Councillors hope to see a better performance next year.

Cr Oke thanked Mr Bocskay and SMF for their full year performance results and looks forward to the continued growth of the fund.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Oke, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Ong, Shanahan and Watts.

5.8 Urban Forest Strategy

The purpose of this report was to seek the Committee's endorsement of the draft Urban Forest Strategy (Strategy) and the draft Urban Forest Diversity Guidelines.

Moved: Cr Ong

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *note the additional submissions received;*
 - 1.2. *endorse the final draft of the Urban Forest Strategy and the draft Urban Forest Diversity Guidelines; and*
 - 1.3. *grant the Director City Design permission to make editorial amendments as required.*

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, commented that this was a fantastic Strategy and it was time to move forward and embark on it.

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- an incredible amount of work went into the Strategy;
- responses and submissions to the Strategy have all been positive;
- thanked the Manager Urban Landscapes, Ian Shears, and Acting Team Leader Tree Planning, Yvonne Lynch, for their work on this matter; and
- this is a key element of the Climate Adaptation Strategy.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Oke, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Ong, Shanahan and Watts.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE PORTFOLIO

Cr Shanahan assumed the role of Chair to present the one item for consideration in relation to the Finance and Governance Portfolio.

5.9 Proposed Travel by Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley: Sydney, September 2012

The purpose of this report was to seek Committee approval for Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley to travel to Sydney to attend the Australian Event Awards (the Awards) for the period Thursday 13 September to Friday 14 September 2012.

Moved: Cr Shanahan

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *nominate Deputy Lord Mayor Susan Riley to undertake travel to Sydney for the period Thursday 13 September to Friday 14 September 2012;*
 - 1.2. *approve an amount of \$930 to cover the travel costs of airfare (\$350), accommodation (\$265), meals and incidentals for two days (\$315); and*
 - 1.3. *note that the Deputy Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee within 14 days of the finalisation of travel.*

Seconded: Cr Ong

Cr Shanahan made the following key comments:

- it was good that yet again there is a chance of awards being given to the City of Melbourne; and
- thanked the Deputy Lord Mayor for travelling to Sydney for the Awards.

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Cr Shanahan, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Ong and Watts.

In the absence of the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, assumed the role of Chair of the meeting.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was one item of General Business for consideration in the open session.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, returned to the meeting at 6.50pm and resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the open meeting.

6.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Oke, 1-15 Queensbridge Street, Southbank

Moved: Cr Oke

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that management prepares a report for the October cycle of the Council, which provides the following:*
 - 1.1. *the timelines and process of Council's involvement by both officers and Councillors in the planning application for 1-15 Queensbridge Street, Southbank with specific reference to any correspondence between Council and the Department of Planning and Community Development on this application;*
 - 1.2. *recommendations on how to change or improve the process of Council and community consultation in applications where the Minister is the Responsible Authority; and*
 - 1.3. *that as an interim measure all applications in which the Minister for Planning is the Responsible Authority are to be brought to the Future Melbourne Committee for consideration before the City of Melbourne management recommendation is confirmed as a Council position and conveyed to the Department of Planning and Community Development.*

Seconded: Cr Watts

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- Councillors received correspondence from Southbank residents in relation to the process around the determination of the planning application for the property at 1-15 Queensbridge Street, Southbank;
- there is a need to clarify the process when the Minister for Planning is the planning authority; and
- the motion allows officers to recommend improvements to the process where the community do not currently have the ability to provide objections or responses.

Cr Watts made the following key comments:

- concur with comments by Cr Oke;
- large projects that are the authority of the Minister for Planning have the capacity to have adverse effects on residents; and
- under the current system residents would like more input and calling all applications before Committee is one way to allow that.

Cr Ong spoke against the motion and made the following key comments:

- the motion implies that there was a failure by Councillors and Council officers;
- Councillors have the opportunity to call a planning application before Committee at any time and this was not done in this case;
- the residents of Freshwater Place did not put in a submission when C171 was first out for public consultation and when they had the opportunity; and
- there was a Freedom of Information request by Southbank residents requesting documents in relation to this matter.

Cr Jetter concurred with the comments made by Cr Ong.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, spoke against the motion and made the following key comments:

- it is Councillors responsibility to do their homework and call in planning applications to Committee;
- documents are already available on this matter due to the Freedom of Information request;
- Council is a referral authority on developments over 25,000 square metres, so the Queensbridge Street application was not Council's decision; and
- it is not good public policy to say that all planning applications should be called in.

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- the intent of the motion was to put on record that Council did follow the correct process in relation to the Queensbridge Street application;
- there are concerns when residents do not have the opportunity to make submission on applications when the Minister for Planning is the responsible authority.

The motion was put and lost with Councillors Oke, Shanahan and Watts voting in favour of the motion and the Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey and Ong voting against the motion.

Moved: Cr Oke

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves that management prepare a report for the November cycle of Committee, which provides the following:*
 - 1.1. *the timeline and process of Council's involvement in the planning application for 1-15 Queensbridge Street, Southbank; and*
 - 1.2. *recommendations on how to change or improve the process of Council and community consultation in applications where the Minister is the Responsible Authority.*

Seconded: Cr Watts

Cr Oke made the following key comments:

- the intent of the motion is to put the process on record and for management to provide recommendations to improve the process; and
- it will be for the new Council to make a determination on the process moving forward when a report comes back to Committee in November.

Cr Watts made the following key comments:

- there is evidence that the current process is not working;
- it is better to give the Council responsibility; and
- the more consultation that Council can facilitate the better.

Cr Ong spoke against the motion and commented that if the report is to include all documents relating to the planning application at Queensbridge Street it should include the correspondence from the residents of Southbank that make implications about deals being done.

The Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, spoke in favour of the motion making the following key comments:

- this motion puts the responsibility to call in planning applications back on the Councillors; and
- this motion does not call into question the process.

Cr Jetter spoke against the motion and made the following key comments:

- there is merit in looking at improving the planning process in relation to larger projects that are the authority of the State Government; and
- Council will be more successful in improving the process if it does not link it to the development at Queensbridge Street, and will therefore vote against the motion.

Cr Oke commented that there is a process where Councillors need to read the documentation and this needs to be explained further in a report to residents, but there are also potential improvements that can be made to the process.

The motion was put and carried with the Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Louey, Oke, Shanahan and Watts voting in favour of the motion and Councillors Jetter and Ong voting against the motion.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Urgent Business for consideration in the open session.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

9. CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING

Moved: Cr Jetter

That pursuant to sections 89(2)(h) of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the reports under the following category:

- *5.10.1 as it contains information which if released would prejudice the Council or any person.*

Seconded: Cr Oke

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, Deputy Lord Mayor, Susan Riley, Councillors Jetter, Louey, Oke, Ong, Shanahan and Watts.

Cr Shanahan left the meeting at 7.20pm and did not return.

The Chair, Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, declared the open meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 2 October 2012



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee

