

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Version No.

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Meeting Name.	Heritage Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	No 2 Of 2012
Meeting Date	Monday 20 February 2012		
Meeting Time	10am		
Meeting Location	Council Chambers, Edward Road		
Attendees	Mayor, Ian Carpenter	By Invitation	
	Mrs. Jo Logue	Apologies	Cr Neil Bennett
	John Sewell		Catherine Belcher
Serena Schewtschenko		Sanna Nalder	
Tanya Henkel		Alex McKinnon	
Susan Smith		Patricia Powell	
Marilyn McLeod		Graham Alexander	
Rita Stinson		Jamie Strickland	
Barbara Thomas		Andrea Selvey	
Ric McCracken		Chris Budhan	
		Distribution	All

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd January 2012

The Minutes were accepted on the motion moved by Barbara Thomas, seconded by Marilyn McLeod and carried.

2. Business Arising:

- 1 Cleaning up in front of St James Church, Kojarina: Ric to talk to Peter Faroni.
- 2 Possible Lookout at Minninooka: John Sewell advised that he was aware that there is to be some road re-alignment in the area. Ric to talk to Peter Faraoni.

3. Heritage Awards:

Minutes of the Meeting discussing Heritage Awards will go to the next Council Meeting in March. Committee needs to start thinking about membership of an adjudicating panel.

4. Heritage Strategy:

The Heritage Strategy Sub-committee has had one meeting. Chris Budhan has provided notes from the meeting in the form of an email circulated previously.

Please report on my behalf the outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Sub-Committee's first meeting, which are as follows:

- The Sub-Committee believes that the City requires a heritage strategy, and that a contractor should be engaged to write it. I am currently developing a scoping brief for the project, which will be presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review. Once the brief is complete, I will seek quotes from three contractors. Depending on cost, the project may proceed this fiscal year or next.

- The Sub-Committee has reviewed Heritage Victoria's information guide entitled "Developing a Local Government Heritage Strategy". According to the guide, a Heritage Strategy will normally include actions under four key themes:
 - 1. Knowing (i.e. identifying, assessing and documenting heritage places).
 - 2. Protecting (i.e. securing statutory protection for significant places, developing policy/guidelines to assist decision making appropriate management).
 - 3. Supporting (i.e. incentives, advisory services, financial assistance).
 - 4. Communicating and promoting (i.e. measures to raise awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the area).
- In addressing those four key themes, the contractor should review all existing heritage-related strategic documents, as well as consult City staff, key stakeholders (including all members of the Heritage Advisory Committee) and the community.
- The Sub-Committee would be grateful for the Committee's input into this process.

The Committee received the report and looks forward to further discussions

5. Recycling of Heritage Materials:

Tanya Henkel had previously provided a written document which had been circulated to Committee members.

Tanya and Serena spoke to the paper. Discussion points included:

- Known sites where demolition will occur including the Gatekeepers' Cottage in Short Road Walkaway.
- The preparation of deconstruction plans where heritage buildings are to be demolished and procedures for identifying recyclable materials. This is seen as achievable but needs to be detailed enough to resist challenges.
- The possible co-operation of local demolition contractors. Tanya will follow up with local contacts.
- The immediate action required is the safe storage of the timbers from Maley's Bridge. Plaques to be put on the wooden benches at Central Greenough signifying that the timber came from Maley's Bridge.

6. Dr Foley's Olive Tree:

Marilyn McLeod, and Ric meet Phil Frazee, Arboriculturalist, at Dr Foley's Tree. Phil will provide a report regarding handling the tree for future reference. Phil pointed out that the suckers around the base of the tree could be propagated and suggested that community group could be encouraged to do so. The propagated trees could be sold as the progeny of the Mid West's Oldest European Tree.

It is believed that the tree was planted in 1853, so 2013 is its 150th year.

7. Old Signs:

Old signs at Walkaway [outside Primary School] and at Pioneer Museum are in a poor state and will be removed.

8. Heritage Week, 14th April:

A calendar of events is being produced. Ric to contact ABC Radio and Sue Chiera regarding publicity to encourage other groups to participate.

9. General Business:

A John Sewell raised the issue of signage on Brand Highway indicating the location of Bootenal Springs. Ric to liaise with Main Roads.

B Rita Stinson raised the idea, put forward by an Historical Society member that all buildings on the Municipal Inventory be provided with a signifying plaque. The majority of buildings on the Inventory are privately owned and owners are welcome to add plaques to their building if they wish.

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be at 10.00am, Thursday, 29th March in Council Chambers, Edward Road.

11. Close of Meeting: There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 11.05am.