

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Name	Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting	Meeting No.	D-13-32592
Meeting Date	Wednesday 8 May 2013		
Meeting Time	1.00pm – 2.30pm		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Room 2, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendees	Cr Neil Bennett (Chair)	NB	By Invitation Howard Gray – Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association
	Cr Tarleah Thomas	TT	
	Chris Budhan	CB	Apologies
	James Davies	JD	
Graham Alexander	GA	Distribution as above	
Kimberley Clarke (Minute Taker)	KC		
Item	Resp.		
1. Welcome Meeting opened 1.06pm. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, no apologies were noted.			
2. Presentation by Howard Gray – Representing the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association Dr Gray, advised that the 4 June 2013 marks the 50 year anniversary of the discovery of the wreck of the Batavia A program of events had been released leading up to the weekend. The Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association (BCMHA) would like to leave a longer lasting commemoration of the event and revitalise the story of Batavia in the City of Greater Geraldton. Dr Gray proposed naming the park “Batavia Park”. Councillors’ opinion was that they were happy with that decision, however the decision had not been formalised through Council. Mr Gray suggested dedicating the park to the 200 people who lost their lives when the Batavia was wrecked. The Chair also informed the committee that AS had outlined the process to Dr Gray for going to Council and progressing the plaque and naming of the park. 2 Stage Proposal: The 1 June 2013 unveiling ceremony with the Mayor where a plaque would be positioned either on the Weibbe Hayes statue or mounted on a limestone column approximately 1 metre high and placing the plaque at a 45 degree angle on top, Mr Gray would prefer mounting it on a limestone column. The Chair advised that AS had concerns regarding the installation of the plaque being that because it involves construction, the BCMHA would have to go through more exhaustive processes including consulting with the City’s Community Infrastructure Department. Dr Gray responded that the Batavia Coast Heritage Committee were happy to do what is needed to progress the plaque and naming of the park. The Committee believed this was a Heritage matter, and was too much for a public art matter as it is a small park. The whole of the Batavia coast should be heritage recognised, not just the Batavia wreck site. The Committee recognised the heritage value and believed that endorsement through the Heritage Committee was needed. Howard Gray left meeting at 1.41pm.			

<p>3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes Minutes approved.</p>	
<p>4. Applicants for Vacant Committee Positions 5 Applications were received namely Rose Holdaway, Erika Monique, Rick Macracken, Theresa Travers and Susan Nichols. The Committee was to look at applications and advise CB by 11pm 8 May 2013 on what decision had been reached. If a decision could not be reached, the Committee was to meet with the applicants at a later date.</p>	
<p>5. Illgarijiri Sky Stories GA advised that the opening ceremony would be held on the 27 May 2013. It was noted that the physical aspect was essentially complete. There are 3 plaques still to be installed, 2 at the entrance facing each other and 1 at the back. The Committee would like to thank the City for installing the Emu Eggs on the Foreshore. GA noted that the two artists were happy with the retaining wall being re-installed behind the Emu Eggs to stop erosion.</p>	
<p>6. Zephyr II CB noted that the Zephyr II needed a new interpretive plaque. Nigel Heyler will undertake community sessions and discussions regarding the new interpretive plaque. CB asked the Committee if they would like any text added beside Dr Heyler's name. The Committee responded that as long as Dr Heyler was happy with the plaque, they did not see any reason for having other text. CB to develop plaque and get Dr Heyler's approval.</p>	CB
<p>7. Public Art at Geraldton Airport, Roundabouts at Foreshore Drive, Cathedral Avenue and Durlacher Street – Process for voluntary Public Art as part of Private Works Roundabouts at Foreshore Drive, Cathedral Avenue and Durlacher Street: The Chair noted that the Durlacher Street roundabout had only 1 wax plant and it looked unappealing. The Chair suggested that Committee members look at the roundabout and consider what could be done. CB recommended that the Committee take consultation with the Parks Department in repairing the roundabouts. Committee to discuss further at the next meeting on 26 June 2013.</p>	
<p>8. Late Items Process for Voluntary Public Art as part of Private Works: GA advised that there was no official process of progression for Public Art through the infrastructure team. TT queried if there was a policy in place. GA responded that there was not. Yarning Circle – Foreshore: The Chair noted he understood the pavement and winding path on the Foreshore would be looked at in terms of Public Art. Charmaine Green was the person to contact, this issue goes back to Footprints in the Sand. Awaiting answer from Reconciliation Committee. The Chair advised that the Committee would be responsible for releasing EOI's, the next stage would be to go through the Infrastructure team during the designing stage. CB noted that the scope did not limit the location of the artwork e.g. roundabouts, airport, entrance to Geraldton. At the July meeting during the budget process are upcoming Public Art projects, TT advised that would be a good starting point. The Chair asked the Committee whether they prefer artwork to be added at the start of a project, or at the end. JD noted that he always felt it should start at the beginning of a project, not as an add-on at the end. That allows Public Art to become an intricate part of the building. Committee agreed with JD's decision. Public Art at Geraldton Airport: A question was raised by the Chair if there was going to be artwork added at the airport? GA responded nothing has to be built, however there was \$22K in the budget. The Chair asked the Committee if they would like any artwork installed at the airport. TT would like something installed to beautify the airport. Suggest statues of people running through the walls with their bags. GA advised that there is currently a tender out for a new lounge at the airport. Have not had any responses yet. This may be an opportunity to add artwork. The Chair noted that an EOI would need to go</p>	

out first. There is an organisation in Perth that specialises in bronze statues.	
9. Next Meeting Meeting closed 3.05pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, 19 June from 9.00am to 10.15am. KC to send meeting request to Committee.	KC