



MINUTES OF MEETING
PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 11th September 2014

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay Mayor AM

Manly Council Chair

Other Representatives

David Morrisey

Northern Sydney Health

Maryann Novakovic

Community Member

David Murphy

Community Member

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty

Parks & Reserves Manager

Lisa Waugh

Parks Officer Open Space

Katherine Navin

Parks Officer Open Space

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Playground Committee met on 11th September 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

ACTION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The meeting notes of the Committee meeting held 10th July 2014 are confirmed.

ITEM 4 Update On Previous Items

Update on playground repairs was received and noted by the committee.

North Steyne Playground

The playground has been completed and is programmed for opening on the 23/10/14. Opening has been arranged.

Recommendation:

That the report is received and noted by the committee.

ITEM 5 Playground Review For Tania Park

The committee reviewed and discussed the Tania park playground the following items were raised and discussed for consideration :

Within fenced playground area:

- A survey of uses and feedback from website would provide information from the existing users and understand needs of potential visitors;
- consolidate existing children's play equipment to be closer together
- introduce additional elements as playground footprint quite large
- reduce soft-fall area and introduce variety of ground surfaces
- introduction of inclusive elements would follow Council's play policy
- retain fencing or possibly re-locate it to extend northwards
- exercise equipment could be included within fencing to allow adult and older children activities while being close to younger children
- corporate team building and boot camps often utilise this space
- exercise equipment should be stationary type due to safety issues
- good education for children if they see adults exercising nearby
- existing playground old and needs upgrading, retain key elements, natural surroundings offer alternative environmental exploration
- historical aspect of playground interesting, with old moon rocket
- Interpretive panels could highlight the park's history and name.

Sporting Fields and Amenities Block:

- the committee felt that there is the potential for small kiosk to be located at front of amenities block;
- possibly a mobile cafe vehicle could be considered by Council
- a permanent small cafe regarded as preferable, as this would provide a destination for families and attract people for a 'day out.
- it would also reduce the isolation factor and encourage new

users

- such a provision would depend upon Council's economic direction and the results of community consultation of local residents and the Precinct, a cafe was here previously and maybe economically viable again
- only a small cafe is needed, possibly modelled on Little Manly
- cafe could have a 'healthy' focus, promoting more nutritional food
- NSW Health could create a link to the park and cafe on their Health Promotion website, which would broaden community awareness
- it is a good location half way along the Scenic Walkway for water refreshments and use of amenities, also increasing its patronage
- Tourism NSW could then highlight this location to promote the park
- Council consider further exercise stations possibly located around the sports fields at the southern end of oval.
- these would create exercise options for a variety of ages together
- Stations could be linked as part of a circuit.
- it was noted that the sports fields were used by Soccer and Cricket on weekends which brought regular visitors to the park area, who may also use surrounding exercise equipment, playground and facilities.
- additional signage was noted as being required to be installed to notify the public of the legislative requirements of owners controlling their dogs when off leash.

Community Signage

- to increase the community awareness it is suggested that signs should be located on the gates providing information on Council's other playgrounds using the 'Playground Guide' and website info.
- this would then disperse the pressure of playground usage across the LGA and highlight other suitable locations for play and outings.
- in future the Council website could also provide information links to each playground listing their facilities and the 'Playground Strategy'.
- the new '2015-2025 Playground Strategy' draft will include a section on the merits of including relevant information on Council's website, and developing a specific 'app' to download playground information.

Parks & Reserves Section will prepare options for the upgrade of Tania Park taking into consideration the points and issues raised above.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend to the General Manager that Parks & Reserves Section prepare a concept and options for the

upgrade of Tania Park, taking into consideration the points and issues raised above. These shall then be presented to the Playground Management Committee's next meeting for review and discussion.

ITEM 6 General Business for Consideration

North Steyne Minor Playground

The Manager Parks & Reserves relayed to the committee that the Ocean Beach Precinct has requested that the north Steyne minor playground, have additional play pieces installed and some improvements made to the play area.

The committee discussed the addition of a couple of new small equipment elements, with some additional landscaping and extension of the soft-fall footprint, at North Steyne Minor, opposite Pine Street.

This proposal was supported by the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee recommend to the General Manager that a options be brought back to the next committee meeting.

**ITEM 7 Next Meeting August 13th November 2014,
10 am at Manly Council Chambers, Town
Hall.**

Meeting closed at 11:30am