



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Cathy Griffin Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

Patricia Griffen Community member
Jaydon Inott Community member
Keelah Lam Community member

Council Staff

Maura Pigeon Manly Council
Ed McPeake Manly Council

Invited Guests

Brian Dunphy Guest
Patrick McIlvin Guest

Apologies

Leah McKenzie Community member
Peter White Community member

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Garden Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday 9th September 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.09pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTION

Leah McKenzie, Community member
Peter White, Community member

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 8th July 2015	
	MATTERS ARISING	
	The Committee requested approximate costings for the installation of an Exeloo type toilet to service the community garden and playground located at Baringa Avenue and a report be brought back to the committee.	Council staff to enquire about costs in consultation with appropriate staff member.
	The Committee seeks that the request for public toilet be placed on register for new infrastructure. Sewer access is accessible from site.	
	<i>Motion: That the Minutes for Meeting 8th July 2015 be adopted.</i>	
	Moved: Clr Griffin	
	Seconded: Patricia Griffen	
	Jaydon Inott and Patrick McIlvin arrived at 6.32pm	
ITEM 6	Update – Gilbert Park Herb Garden (Brought forward at the request of the Chair)	
	A presentation was given by Patrick McIlvin in relation to the proposed herb garden at Gilbert Park.	
	A discussion was held in relation to the proposal in conjunction with stakeholders from Belgrave Cartel and Manly Community Gardeners Inc.	
	Brian Dunphy arrived at 6.44pm	
	Recommendation The Committee supports the proposal in concept and requests that council staff facilitate a meeting with Parks and Gardens Staff, Patrick McIlvin and Belgrave Cartel to discuss the proposed project and return a report to the Committee.	Staff to discuss with appropriate council colleagues
ITEM 4	In Peter White's absence Ed McPeake gave an update on progress at the Baringa Bush Community Garden including the proposed community composting facility and Council's support of the application for funding submitted by Baringa Bush Community Garden.	
ITEM 5	Update from Brian Dunphy on progress of group, "Manly Community Gardeners Inc."	
	Guest Brian Dunphy gave a briefing on the background of the formation of Manly Community Gardeners Inc. and discussed his proposal and intention to initiate a community garden at one of the following possible sites:	

- Kangaroo Street, within Kangaroo Reserve
- Dalley Reserve, Tower Street, Manly
- Ivanhoe Park

Keelah Lam left the meeting at 7.19pm

A discussion was held in relation to the respective sites' suitability and function.

The Dalley Reserve site was seen to be most appropriate after extensive discussion in relation to the most appropriate site, with the Chair of the Committee wishing to re-examine the suitability of Ivanhoe Park as a potential Community Garden site.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends a site meeting be held at Dalley Reserve with interested parties and appropriate Council staff.

The Committee also recommends the allocation of \$1000 from the Environment Levy to assist in the installation of a small demonstration temporary garden bed to raise awareness and gauge interest and community support for the establishment of a potential community garden at the site.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Other business discussed

Patagonia Garden Bed

Jaydon Inott briefed the committee on the progress of the Patagonia Garden Bed with installation to progress mid October 2015.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 9 December 2015

Time: 6pm

Venue: Baringa Bush Community Garden (TBC)

Meeting closed at 7.55pm