LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 May 2011.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr John Stamolis, Paul Geraghty, Kim Wheatley, Stephen Arnerich, David Lawrence

Staff Present: Vince Cusumano, Gill Dawson, Jon Stiebel

Apologies
Meeting Commenced: 6.40pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chairperson.

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC10/11 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS/LAWRENCE

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Bev Maunsell, Sue Mitchell, Bronwyn Campbell and Aaron Callaghan.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 2 March 2011

ERC11/11 RECOMMENDED HANNAFORD/LAWRENCE

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 2 March 2011.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC12/11 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted with the following matters arising:

ERC65/10
That the sponsorship policy review be expedited as it is impeding progress on items that the Committee is dealing with.

ERC05/11
- That a report be brought to the July meeting outlining research into the Victoria and Queensland states requirements for water meters of apartments and why it is different to NSW.
- That data for water usage for apartments in NSW and other states be sought along with the methodology behind the flat fee structure.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE
RTA and Community Consultation on The City West Link Rd

A copy of correspondence regarding the community consultation process that the RTA had undertaken on the City West Link Rd was tabled at the meeting. (ERC58/10 and 53/10 - Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd) – ATTACHMENT 1

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY - Nil

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 6 April 2011

ERC13/11 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY/ PORTEOUS

1. That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 6 April 2011 be noted.

2. Matter arising - That the staff be thanked for organising the Carbon Forum and that a program for the series be investigated and be part of the debrief at the Climate Change Task Force Committee.
ITEM 8
WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK – NATIVE NURSERY AT 22 WISDOM STREET, ANNANDALE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

ERC14/11 RECOMMENDED STAMOLIS/LAWRENCE

1. That the report be received and noted.

2. That an article on the native nursery be included in the next (September) quarterly newsletter.

3. That the efforts made by Staff, Councillors and Community Members be recognised.

ITEM 9
FISHING ACTIVITY ON THE BALMAIN PENINSULA

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

ERC15/11 RECOMMENDED STAMOLIS/LAWRENCE

1. That Council receive and note this report.

2. That a report on this matter be brought back to the Committee on a 6 monthly basis and that the Manager Parks and Streetscapes offer to present to the Precincts.

ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 PHOTO OF TREE GUARD (ERC41/10)

Photo of tree guard was provided per resolutions ERC 41/10.

11.2 MEETING IN JULY MOVED TO 13 JULY

To note that the meeting in July will be held on 13 July 2011 per C94/11.
11.3 UPDATE ON ECOFESTIVAL

A draft program for the Ecofestival scheduled on 28 August 2011 was tabled and discussed. Suggestions raised will be forwarded to the Community Events Coordinator and a revised draft program will be taken to the next Ecofestival Steering Committee meeting. ATTACHMENT 2

ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 July 2011 at 6:30pm.

Future Meetings for 2011:

13 July
7 September
2 November

Meeting closed at 8.40pm
Environment & Recreation Committee Meeting – 4 May 2011

RE: ERC58/10 and 53/10 – Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd

-----Original Message-----
From: Faye Hargreaves [mailto:faye@linchpincommunications.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2011 5:04 PM
To: Cusumano, Vince
Subject: RE: City West wall rectification works

Vince,

As promised here’s a summary of the community consultation process the RTA undertook for the City West Link noise walls rectification project, and the key issues raised. I’ll provide you with a copy of the community issues report once I’ve finished preparing it and it’s been signed off by the RTA. Feel free to give me a call if you have any further questions.

Faye

Community consultation process

Community consultation was undertaken between February and April 2011. The community consultation process involved the following communication tools/activities.

Community correspondence

Correspondence was letterbox dropped to residents living in the vicinity of the project area. This correspondence provided information concerning the project and an invitation to a community information session on site on Saturday 12th March 2011. A full colour double sided A4 information sheet was prepared for distribution at the community information session. The same information was also blown up into two A0 posters which were also on display at the community information session.

Community information session

A community information session was held on Railway Parade on Saturday 12th March from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Over 30 residents attended.

Information on display included posters and community updates concerning the project. The information session provided an opportunity for local residents to meet members of the project team, ask questions about the project and provide feedback.

Four RTA staff members and Faye Hargreaves from Linchpin Communications attended the information session.
Stakeholder meetings

Individual meetings were offered to the following stakeholder groups:

- Annandale Precinct Committee.
- Lilyfield/Rozelle Precinct Committee.
- Friends of Whites Bay Creek.

The Annandale Precinct Committee accepted the offer of a meeting. Three RTA staff members and Faye Hargreaves from Linchpin Communications attended a meeting of the Annandale Precinct Committee on 4th April 2011. The meeting was held at the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre, 79 Johnson Street, Annandale at 7pm. The project team provided information about the project, the consultation process and the landscape plan, followed by questions and answers.

Telephone and email

Contact details for Bassem Hijazi, the project engineer for this project, was provided on all community information material.

One telephone calls and two emails were received during the consultation period.

Consultation with Leichhardt Council

The RTA provided information concerning the project to Leichhardt Council in the form of written correspondence to the General Manager dated 22 September 2010 and a memo to Heidi Grant, Parks Technical Officer, dated 24 September 2010.

Members of the RTA project team also attended a meeting of Leichhardt Council’s Environment and Recreation Committee on 6 October 2010. At this meeting the RTA presented a report on the project and Council recommended that:

- Council receives and notes the RTA’s report.
- The community is consulted by way of an on-site meeting with local residents.
- The RTA ensure information is distributed through Annandale and Rozelle/Lilyfield Precinct Committees and the Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park.
- The RTA liaise with Leichhardt Council to arrange this meeting.
- A list of local species is provided to the RTA.

Leichhardt Council provided the list of plant species. The list includes plants which are native and endemic to the area, and plants which Council would have preference in being used as replacements for trees and plants which the RTA will need to remove as part of the project.

Attach 1 – ERC58/10 and 53/10 – Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd
Consultation with Veolia

Veolia owns some of the land within the project area. The RTA provided information regarding the project to Veolia by email. Veolia has agreed to the removal of trees within their property.

Consultation with Sydney Water

Sydney Water owns the land within the stormwater channel, for a distance of about 75 metres upstream from The Crescent. The project will involve removal of some trees on this land.

The RTA contacted relevant staff members at Sydney Water by email to inform them of the upcoming works and ask if Sydney Water has any concerns about the project.

Sydney Water has no concerns about the removal of trees on their property or any other aspects of the project as long at the RTA:

- Does not cause any damage to Sydney Water assets.
- Disposes of all wastes.
- Informs Sydney Water of any environmental incidents.
- Does not spread weeds around.

Further information on how the work will be carried out was requested, which was then provided by the RTA.

Key issues raised during consultation

- Overall support for the project – agreement that the noise walls need repairing.
- Concern about removal of trees and associated graffiti problems and visual impacts from properties.
- Suggestions on species of trees to replanted and colour of noise walls.
- Appreciation that the RTA is providing information to the community about the project and has been undertaking consultation.
- Various suggestions that are outside the scope of the project, including increasing the height and extent of the noise walls, a commuter carpark at Lilyfield Light Rail station and a pedestrian tunnel to the light rail station.
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