

Resolution of Council

17 May 2021

Item 13.8

Upgrading Chisholm Street Reserve, Darlinghurst

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the 286 small pocket parks and nearly 100 playgrounds across the local government area;
 - (ii) the existing small parks renewal program which is a rolling annual asset renewal program aimed at renewal of parks to ensure they are safe, in good condition, are well presented and meet the needs of the community;
 - (iii) parks are prioritised for renewal based on:
 - (a) asset condition;
 - (b) remaining useful life;
 - (c) wear;
 - (d) defects; and
 - (e) risk;
 - (iv) budgets for small park upgrades are developed based on benchmark rates with small park renewals usually delivered over a two- to three-year period covering design, consultation and construction; and
 - (v) due to its state of disrepair this park has become unusable for local residents, who are requesting by way of petition, an upgrade of the Chisholm Street Reserve into a space suitable for community use;

- (B) Council note the conditions and usage of Chisholm Street Reserve has changed, particularly with shifting demographics in Darlinghurst as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (C) Council also note the petition lodged with 110 signatures from local residents and business owners calling for upgrades and safety measures due to resident reports of safety concerns; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested, in light of changed circumstances and community concern about Chisholm Street Reserve, to order an updated assessment be undertaken to effectively consider the need for an amendment to the small parks playgrounds renewal timeframe to include an upgrade for the Reserve.

Carried unanimously.

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