

## Resolution of Council

**20 September 2021**

### **Item 10.7**

#### **Upgrading Josephson Street Reserve, Paddington**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Vithoukias -

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;
  - (v) Josephson Street Reserve is located next to the Captain Cook Hotel. The Hotel has approval for footway seating in a 12 square metre area of the reserve;

- (vi) the Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group has expressed its concern with the current lack of community amenity from the Josephson Street Reserve;
  - (vii) the City has been vigilant in discarding the waste often illegally dumped in the Josephson Street Reserve;
  - (viii) Josephson Street Reserve is often utilised by the Captain Cook Hotel or as an illegal car parking space; and
  - (ix) due to its state of disrepair, the Josephson Street Reserve has become unusable for local residents, who are requesting by way of petition, an upgrade of the park into a space suitable for community use; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested, in light of changed circumstances and community concern about Josephson Street Reserve, to:
- (i) order an updated assessment be undertaken to effectively consider the need for an amendment to the small parks and playgrounds renewal timeframe to include an upgrade for the Reserve; and
  - (ii) engage with residents and owners of the Captain Cook Hotel to discuss usage and maintenance of the Josephson Street Reserve.

Carried unanimously.

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