

Minutes of the Environment Committee - 17 June 2024

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling (Deputy Chair).

At the commencement of business at 3.46pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

Councillor Ellsmore left the meeting of the Environment Committee at 4.03pm, prior to discussion on Item 6 and returned at 4.08pm, after the vote on Item 6. Councillor Ellsmore was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 6.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillors Chan and Weldon were attending the meeting of the Environment Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting of the Environment Committee concluded at 4.08pm.

Item 1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee of Monday 6 May 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that she has a friendship with one of the members of the Design Advisory Residential Subcommittee, Dr Michael Zanardo.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 on the agenda, in that Abbie Galvin is recommended for appointment on the City's Design Advisory Panel, whom he sits on the Central Sydney Planning Committee with. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed the proposed reappointments with Abbie, nor has he discussed her current or future position on the Panel.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment Committee.

The Environment Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Green Building Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 4**Project Scope - Cooper Street and Adelaide Street Reserves, Surry Hills**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the scope of improvements to Cooper Street and Adelaide Street Reserves, Surry Hills as described in the subject report and shown in the Revised Concept Plan as Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation tender and construction; and
- (B) approve the additional funds required to deliver the project as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Jarrett), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 5**Project Scope - Regent Street Reserve, Paddington**

The Environment Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 24 June 2024.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Environment Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) endorse the scope of improvements to Regent Street Reserve, Paddington as described in the subject report and shown in the Revised Concept Plan as Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation tender and construction; and
- (B) approve the additional funds required to deliver the project as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 5 on the agenda of the meeting of the Environment Committee on 17 June 2024.

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Speaker

Dr Mary Kearney addressed the meeting of the Environment Committee on Item 5.

Item 6**Public Art Advisory Panel, Design Advisory Panel and Design Advisory Residential Subcommittee - Reappointment of Members**

The Environment Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 24 June 2024.

Officer's Recommendation

The officer's recommendation to the Environment Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the reappointment of the following Design Advisory Panel members for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027: Professor Ken Maher (Chair) AO, Peter Mould (Deputy Chair), Professor Kerry Clare, NSW Government Architect Abbie Galvin, Professor Richard Johnson AO, Emeritus Professor James Weirick, Emily McDaniel, Rachel Neeson and Che Wall;
- (B) Council endorse the reappointment of Professor Ken Maher AO as Chair of the Design Advisory Panel and Peter Mould as Deputy Chair for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027;
- (C) Council endorse the revised Design Advisory Panel Terms of Reference as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, to appoint any new members to the Design Advisory Panel within the three year term as per the revised Terms of Reference as shown at Attachment B, should the need arise;
- (E) Council endorse the reappointment of the following Design Advisory Panel Residential Subcommittee members for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027: Professor Kerry Clare, Dr Libby Gallagher, Dr Michael Zanardo, Matthew Pullinger, Paul Berkemeier, Alexander Koll and Tony Caro;
- (F) Council endorse the reappointment of Professor Kerry Clare as Chair of the Design Advisory Panel Residential Subcommittee for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027;
- (G) Council endorse the revised Design Advisory Panel Residential Subcommittee Terms of Reference as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, to appoint any new members to the Design Advisory Panel Residential Subcommittee within the three-year term, as per the revised Terms of Reference as shown in Attachment D, should the need arise.
- (I) Council endorse the reappointment of the following Public Art Advisory Panel members for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027: Felicity Fenner (Chair); Anne Loxley (Deputy Chair), Tony Albert; Judith Blackall; Professor Richard Johnson AO; Janet Laurence and Louise Zhang;

- (J) Council endorse the reappointment of Felicity Fenner as Chair of the Public Art Advisory Panel and Anne Loxley as Deputy Chair for a further three-year term ending on 30 June 2027;
- (K) Council endorse the revised Public Art Advisory Panel Terms of Reference as shown at Attachment F to the subject report; and
- (L) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, to appoint any new members to the Public Art Advisory Panel within the three year term, as per the revised Terms of Reference as shown in Attachment F, should the need arise.

Officer's Report

The officer's report on this matter can be found at Item 6 on the agenda of the meeting of the Environment Committee on 17 June 2024.

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