

Item 14.3

Notices of Motion

Belmore Park Fence

By Councillor Thalís

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Belmore Park Draft Plan of Management was developed back in 1993;
- (ii) the City's Chinatown and City South Public Domain review in 2015 recommended:
 - (a) a Master Plan be developed for Belmore Park;
 - (b) accessibility, appearance and amenity of the park for all users be improved;
 - (c) entrances to the park and, where possible, the permeability of the park's edges be improved;
 - (d) the sense of openness within the park be improved;
 - (e) that the fence and understorey planting along the western edge of the park be removed to improve physical and visual permeability; and
 - (f) new access points be created from the footpath along the western viaduct into the park;
- (iii) the City is working on an updated City South Public Domain Plan;
- (iv) governments in other jurisdictions are working on projects that open up, improve access, and lower and remove fences around their parks (e.g. Parks Without Borders in New York City);
- (v) Belmore Park is a key pedestrian route between Haymarket and Central Station;
- (vi) entrances to Belmore Park are limited to Eddy Avenue and Hay Street; and
- (vii) Belmore Park is situated in between two high embankments that support road, light rail and heavy rail and that create a significant barrier for people accessing the park; and

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport requesting:
- (i) the removal of the fence along the western boundary of Belmore Park; and
 - (ii) installation of additional entry points (particularly in the south-western corner of the park for people walking to and from Railway Square, Central Railway Station and the Light Rail terminus).

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