

Item 5

Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct are being received and collated by staff.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council note that Disclosures of Interest returns will be received and noted following the resumption of in-person meetings.

5.2 Petitions

(a) Fence Needed for Off Leash Park at Lawrence Hargrave Reserve

Councillor Forster gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday, 16 November 2020, she will table and speak to a petition with the following terms:

We call to the City of Sydney to provide a raised garden bed, fence or barrier to prevent the pets which are off lead in the park from running on to the road and causing accidents. There are more puppies and dogs due to the current Covid-19 situation. These pets provide support of their owners which results in a happier community.

Please refer to the marked-up detail of the proposed design and artist's impressions of the park included below suggesting the indicative locations of the raised garden bed, fence or barrier, which would take advantage of the perimeter fencing and the car park roof's concrete structure, (or straight across from the garden).

In addition to the fence or barrier we ask that the City of Sydney consider installing a bubbler or water fountain with a drinking bowl for pet dogs before February 2021.

(b) Proposal for Small Playground Equipment Maureen Oliver Park

Councillor Scott gives notice that, at the meeting of Council on Monday, 16 November 2020, she will table and speak to a petition with the following terms:

We are residents of Erskineville and long-time residents of Erskineville. Please see signatures below in support of a proposal for use of one of the small parks in the area that would deliver more gains for our vibrant community.

The park, Maureen Oliver Reserve, is on the corner of the very busy Erskineville Road. The reserve is unusually shaped, with a triangle-shaped area at the back that is not really usable in its current form and is wasted space in an area where land is at a premium. Grass fails to grow there and while bark chips have been laid to prevent erosion, it has meant the space – given it offers relative obscurity from the street but is conveniently located – is unfortunately being used by some as place to drink, urinate and even shoot up. Residents are witness to this sort of behaviour on a regular basis. While local dogs use other parts of the park to play and exercise and children kick a ball, the space at the back is problematic.

Given there is a rising number of young children in the area – in particular on John Street itself, which is served by this nice little park – the activities taking place in this corner of the reserve are obviously of concern. Broken bottles, used syringes and human faeces are often found there, sometimes hidden amid the bark chips. I would like to propose that a small children's play area be created in the triangle space instead. It would be ideal for a swing set or a small play gym, with a rubber floor, as the council has erected in other small parks in the neighbourhood, for example the Kirsova 2 Playground on George Street, Erskineville, and Bowden Playground on Belmont Street, Alexandria.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Petitions be received and noted.