



SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(Open to the public)

Monday 11 May 2020
Online – Delivered via Webex

Commencement 6.40pm

Attendance

- Councillor Coral Ross (Chairperson)
- Councillor Cynthia Watson (Mayor)
- Councillor Jane Addis
- Councillor Phillip Healey
- Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
- Councillor Steve Hurd
- Councillor Jim Parke
- Councillor Felicity Sinfield
- Councillor Garry Thompson
- Councillor Jack Wegman

Apologies Nil

Officers

Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Freer	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Carolyn McClean	Director Community Development
Bruce Dobson	Director Customer Experience and Business Transformation
Shiran Wickramasinghe	Director City Planning
Carolyn Terry	Executive Manager People Culture and Development
David Thompson	Manager Governance
Adam Hall	Manager Environment and Sustainability
Charles Turner	Manager Projects and Strategy
John Lorkin	Coordinator Revenue and Property
Elizabeth Manou	Governance Projects Officer

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1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Hollingsworth

That the minutes of the Services Special Committee meeting held on 16 March 2020 be adopted and confirmed.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

3. Presentation of officer reports

3.1 Proposed Naming of Reserve at 40 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn

The purpose of this report is to consider if the reserve currently known as “Maranoa Gardens” should be formally named “Maranoa Botanic Gardens”.

The reserve has been known as “Maranoa Gardens” for many years. The present name is not currently listed in the Register of Geographic Names (Vic) as an official place name. The proposed official naming of the reserve is consistent with the actions identified in the conservation management plan developed by Council’s Parks and Infrastructure department to inform an appropriate management regime for the reserve (“the Plan”). The Plan notes the significance and long established use of the reserve as a public botanic garden. Formal adoption of the proposed name will enable recognition and reflection of its purpose as a public botanic garden in the name.

The Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) currently refers to the reserve as “Maranoa Botanic Gardens” in its register of botanic gardens across Australia and New Zealand. Registration of an official place name for the reserve will assist in acknowledging the history of the reserve and its importance as a significant landmark in Boroondara.

It is important to note the naming of the park as a botanic garden is a separate and unrelated process to having international accreditation as a botanic garden. Maranoa Gardens does not have international accreditation as a botanic garden, and this process is not seeking Council endorsement to undertake that process.

The naming of features is a local government responsibility under the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic). However, all naming proposals must meet the requirements of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 (Vic) and associated Naming rules for places in Victoria, Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities - 2016 ("the Rules"). The Rules set out the principles that form the basis of whether or not a naming request is compliant ("the Principles"). They are wide ranging and are intended to cover the naming of any road, feature or locality in Victoria. See Attachment 2 for a complete list of the Principles.

A public notice was placed in the Progress Leader the week commencing 4 November 2019, inviting submissions on the proposal. The closing date for submissions was 6 December 2019. The notice was also published on Council's website. No written submissions were received.

In addition to the public notice a total of 1,335 surveys seeking views on the naming proposal were posted to the owners and occupiers of the properties in the survey area shown in Attachment 3 on 31 October 2019. The survey included a reply paid envelope. A total of 193 (14%) of the surveys were returned. Of these, 170 support the naming proposal, 1 disagrees on the name proposed, 2 object to the proposal to name the reserve but agree on the name proposed and 20 object to the proposal in its entirety.

The following summary reflects the feedback comments from those surveyed who disagreed with the proposal:

- Approval of naming proposal conditional on no building development and preserved as a heritage floral walk. No temples or use by a cultural group.
- Approval of naming proposal conditional on the reserve being kept as a public garden for everyone - without any imposition of entry fee or restrictions on use.
- Concern about use of ratepayers' money for the survey costs and costs of changing signage etc. and Council spending significant sums of money on items that bring little benefit to ratepayers.
- No costs provided for signage, research on plant diseases as required in botanical gardens etc. No explanation of the benefits of the name change provided.
- No problem with acknowledgement of botanic purpose. Where is the acknowledgement of first nation people whose country and story is incredibly relevant? This is only a colonial/settler story/perspective.
- Would prefer it to remain as "Maranoa Gardens". Quite a landmark and the old traditional name should be kept.
- "Botanic" means a large variety of plants and flowers and also a large space. The current said area is only big enough for garden and floral garden.
- It will make the area too crowded and unpleasant for nearby residents.
- Possibility to indicate within the name that it is an Australian native plant botanic garden.

Officer comments to the feedback is detailed in section 5 of the report.

Councillor Ross adjourned the Services Special Committee meeting at 6.52pm to enable 'technical issues' being experienced to be resolved.

Councillor Ross resumed the Services Special Committee meeting at 6.59pm with all councillors present.

No speakers made submissions to Council on this item.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Watson

Seconded Councillor Addis

That the Services Special Committee of Council, resolve to recommend to the Registrar of Geographic Names to name the reserve (as shown in Attachment 1 and annexed to the minutes) at 40 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn, “Maranoa Botanic Gardens”.

CARRIED

3.2 Contract No. 2020/118, Camberwell Sports Ground Pavilions - Renewal and Upgrade

This report seeks Council endorsement for the award of Contract No. 2020/118, Camberwell Sports Ground Pavilions - Renewal and Upgrade. This contract is for the works proposed for the pavilion buildings (Major Pavilion and Minor Pavilion) and its ancillary buildings (Public Toilet and Store) located at 420 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

These redevelopment works are expected to commence in late May 2020 and be completed by December 2020.

The total cost of this Contract is \$1,829,304.00 (excluding GST), which is in accordance with Council’s September Amended Budget for Financial Year 2019-20 and Draft Budget for Financial Year 2020-21.

A selective tender process was conducted from suppliers on the State Government Construction Supplier Register, which is in accordance with the requirements of section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

No speakers made submissions to Council on this item.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Hollingsworth

Seconded Councillor Thompson

That the Services Special Committee resolve:

- 1. To award Contract No. 2020/118, Camberwell Sports Ground Pavilions - Renewal and Upgrade to Simbuilt Pty Ltd (ACN 140 288 080/ABN 86 140 288 080) for a total cost of \$2,012,234.40 (including GST). The cost to Council after the return of the GST Tax Input Credits is \$1,829,304.00.**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Environment and Infrastructure to execute the contract agreements with the above contractor.**

- 3. To note that expenditure under this contract is in accordance with Council's September Amended Budget for Financial Year 2019-20 and Draft Budget for Financial Year 2020-21.**

CARRIED

3.3 Contract No. 2019/158, Kew Traffic School Redevelopment

This report seeks Council endorsement for the award of Contract No. 2019/158, Kew Traffic School Redevelopment Works. The works involve the demolition and replacement of the existing bike/tool shed and party room. The total cost of this contract is \$634,017.50 (ex GST) which is in accordance with Council's September Amended budget. These redevelopment works are expected to commence in late May 2020 and be completed in early October 2020.

A selective tender process was conducted from suppliers on the State Government Construction Supplier Register, which is in accordance with the requirements of section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

No speakers made submissions to Council on this item.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Sinfield

Seconded Councillor Hurd

That the Services Special Committee resolve:

- 1. To award Contract No. 2019/158, Kew Traffic School Redevelopment Works to Stokes Rousseau Pty Ltd, (ACN 119 165 623) for a total cost of \$697,419.25 (including GST). The cost to Council after the return of the GST Tax Input Credits is \$634,017.50.**
- 2. To authorise the Director Environment and Infrastructure to execute the contract agreements with the above contractor.**
- 3. To note that expenditure under this contract is in accordance with Council's September Amended 2019-20 budget.**

CARRIED

4. General business**4.1 City of Stonnington - Gardiners Creek Masterplan**

Councillor Thompson informed his colleagues the City of Stonnington was developing a draft Gardiners Creek Masterplan.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Ross

The Services Special Committee resolve that the Mayor, Councillor Watson write to the Mayor of Stonnington City Council, Councillor Steve Stefanopoulos to express Council's interest in the draft Gardiners Creek Masterplan, and to seek a meeting to discuss potential collaboration opportunities between the City of Boroondara, City of Whitehorse, City of Monash and Deakin University, whose borders abut Gardiners Creek.

CARRIED**5. Urgent business**

Nil

6. Confidential business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

Date _____