

1.1.4: SENIORS COMMITTEE

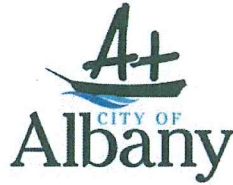
File Number (Name of Ward) : CR.MEE.2
Proponent : City of Albany
Appendices : Minutes of the Seniors Committee 21 March 2013
Responsible Officer : Executive Director Community Services (C Woods)

IN BRIEF

- Receive the minutes of the Seniors Committee.

ITEM 1.1.4: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

The CONFIRMED minutes of the Seniors Committee meeting held on 21 March 2013, be RECEIVED.



SENIORS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

For the meeting held from 9.30am to 10.30am on Thursday 21 March 2013,
in the Margaret Coates Boardroom, City Office, North Road, Albany

(File Ref: CR.MEE.2/AM1329319)

1.0 ATTENDANCE

Councillors:	
Councillor Don Dufty	Council Member and Chair
Councillor Alan Hortin	Council Member
Committee Members:	
Ms Middy Dumper	Community Member
Mr Ken Ewers-Verge	Community Member
Mr John Slattery	Community Member
Staff:	
Cameron Woods	Acting Executive Director, Community Services
Adam Cousins	Manager, Cultural and Community Development
Rani Param	Community Development Officer
Apologies/Leave of Absence:	
Ms Esme Justins	Community Member
Mr Michael Calton	Community Member

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

<p>ITEM 2.0: DRAFT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION</p> <p>MOVED: CR HORTIN SECONDED: MR SLATTERY</p> <p>THE UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 5-0</p>

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NIL

4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 FUTURE MEETING STRUCTURE, MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr Woods informed the Committee that following the adoption of the City's integrated planning framework, it was likely that the committee structure would be streamlined to align with the proposed five key focus areas in the 10 year Community Plan. This would mean the folding of the Seniors Committee into a broader committee focusing on community outcomes..

Mr Woods suggested that Committee members should prepare for this by identifying one or two key issues for seniors which can be driven by this new committee. Mr Woods further advised that as per the previously agreed terms, the Seniors Committee could continue to meet, but these meetings would not be supported by City staff, nor would they constitute formal Council committee meetings.

Discussion included the potential loss of focus from seniors issues, the loss of genuine seniors representation to Council, and the potential for the Seniors Committee to influence any committee restructure by the City. There was also discussion about the change of meeting schedule back to quarterly, and the change of day of meetings from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Mr Slattery proposed that the Committee work with City staff to develop a mechanism for handling the Seniors Committee structure, meeting schedule and Terms of Reference in the short term. All agreed.

4.2 MEETING SCHEDULE

Cr Dufty advised that Thursdays were unsuitable for both himself and Mr Calton due to other commitments. An official change to the meeting day would need to be confirmed by Council. Mr Slattery requested that the meetings be returned to monthly, however it was noted that the Committee can continue to meet outside the official schedule, and that these meetings would not be attended by City staff.

It was agreed that the Committee would next meet in April on the Tuesday morning of OCM. This meeting would not be attended or supported by City staff.

4.3 AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Mr Slattery tabled a draft motion he had prepared requesting Council adopt an Age-Friendly Communities Strategy. All agreed with the motion, and it was further agreed to put this motion to Council.

4.4 NORTH ROAD CROSSING

Mr Slattery tabled a draft motion he had prepared requesting Council provide a meaningful and constructive explanation about what action is intended to provide a safe pedestrian crossing on North Rd.

Mr Cousins raised concern about the tone of the motion, and that there were assumptions in the motion which did not accurately reflect the advice provided by City staff.

Mr Cousins read correspondence from the Executive Director of Works and Services to Mr Woods providing an overview of planning being undertaken regarding North Rd.

The Committee agreed with the motion, and it was further agreed to put this motion to Council.

4.5 UPDATE ON EXTERNAL PROJECTS (UWA School of Gerontology & GSDC Active Ageing Research)

Mr Slattery advised that UWA has appointed a health economist who will present a study to the UWA committee at the end of May. The GSDC project is still waiting approval, which is subject to appointment of ministers following the recent state election.

4.6 COMMITTEE PUBLICITY

It was agreed to defer this item until the Committee structure, meeting schedule and Terms of Reference had been finalised.

4.6 SENIORS DIRECTORY

Ms Param advised that she had requested a budget allocation for 2013/14 to undertake an update of the directory, however this would be subject to Council approval.

4.7 FUTURE ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

No issues were raised for consideration.

4.8 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Ms Param advised that in order to comply with state government legislation, the City was required to integrate its community, asset management, financial management and workforce development planning with operational and business planning. This required the City to adopt a Strategic Community Plan which has been drafted following community consultation undertaken when drafting the current Strategic Plan.

The draft Plan is available for public comment and can be accessed via the City's website. Ms Param tabled a snapshot of the draft Plan outlining key focus areas and objectives for the next 10 years. She encouraged members to provide feedback through the online survey accessible from the City's homepage.

5.0 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETING

- Committee structure, membership, terms of reference in the short term.

6.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION

NIL

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next official Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 20th June at 9.30am in the City of Albany Civic Rooms.

The next unofficial Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th April at 9.30am at a venue to be arranged by Chair. No City staff will be in attendance at this meeting.

8.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.30am.

CONFIRMED CHAIRPERSON:



Date: 25-6-13