



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 17 July 2023



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1 Opening

Meeting opened: 7.30am

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijtin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

UFS Implementation Group Members

Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Peter Devereux

ToVP Representatives

David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Deniqua Boston (Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Stephen Szydlowski (Team Leader Natural Areas)
Rachel Guilfoyle (Team Leader Natural Areas
Acting)

Meeting secretary

Deniqua Boston

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief
Community Planner)
Nadia D'Hart
Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
Ngairé Howard

3 Presentations

3.1 Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Update

Time	10mins
Presenter	Deniqua Boston
Attachments	1. Planting Season 2023 - Physical Project List July [3.1.1 - 1 page]

Purpose of the item

To provide the group with an update on the planting season program Implementation. Inform the group of wins and challenges.

Outcome/discussion

Understanding of the current program and awareness of upcoming engagement opportunities.

SS: Planting season process has been reviewed with plant orders required by the 30 Sept for procurement. We are in the process to extend our species list supporting specialist growers to undertake this.

Cr L: It's important to inform councilors that we are now project planning for the 2024 planting season, so they understand the time and work it takes to deliver the program of works. Include this in the Councilor training and induction of the UFS.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

3.2 Governance of Working Group Terms of Reference

Time	10mins
Presenter	David Doy
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To inform the working group of updates to the Working Group Terms of Reference

Outcome/discussion

The group has been informed of the updates to the working group EOI procedure.

DD: The UF Terms of Reference (ToR) have expired and are currently being revised to align with other working groups in the Town so all working group EOI's are advertised at the same time for consistency aligning with the election.

Update ToR will be presented to the UF IWG for comment with the possibility to make them bespoke to suit the individual working groups. Expecting approval of revised ToR to be approved by council in Dec, at the earliest.

Strategic outcomes

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1 2024 Project Planning

Reporting officer	<i>Deniqua Boston</i>
Origin of request	<i>Strategic Action</i>
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hayman Road Kent St Stage 4 Extent for Spraying [4.2.1 - 1 page]2. Bone St Extent of Works July 2023 [4.2.2 - 1 page]3. 76 Planet St [4.2.3 - 1 page]

Purpose of the item

To inform the group and discuss the proposed projects for the 2024 planting season. Plant orders need to be placed by 30 September 2023, therefore a decision on projects for action is required prior.

Outcome

Awareness of proposed projects to focus on for the 2024 planting season.

Discussion points

Project sub-program, location of the site, and preliminary budget allocated.

DB: The following projects have been marked for delivery in the 2024 planting season. Concept designs to commence shortly with plant orders to be placed by the 30 Sept.

Cr D: Farnam Reserve has a corner of Mar and Oat St that could have trees and eco zoning added.

DD: We will add this to the future project list as Farnam Reserve is identified as a better park project.

Cr L: is 59 Gallipoli St owned by the town? Can we look at this one for a future micro park?

DD: Post meeting follow up. Yes, it is a sump on Town owned land.

Cr L: Can we consider the corner of Great Eastern Hwy and Cornwall St, there are 3 mature eucalyptus trees on the property.

Strategic outcomes

2A

Next steps

Identify additional projects the group would like to support for the 2024 planting season, look at project proposals etc.

Further information

See the attachments of the proposed sites and area.

4.2 Leafy Streets Planting Objection

Reporting officer	<i>Gregor Wilson/ Penny Fletcher/ Deniqua Boston</i>
Origin of request	<i>Town Officers</i>
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To inform the working group of the operational challenges of the implementation of Leafy Streets.

Outcome/discussion

Articulate the current challenges.

Management of tree objections.

Advocacy of the sub-program implementation.

GW: Several objections have been received that the Town staff have been processing along with emails from councilors and councilor support with the delivery and implementation of the Leafy Streets program, would appreciated.

Cr L: Perhaps we need to need to re-educate councilors on the program so they are aware of what the Town is aiming for and how they can support it.

RS: Supports that we stick to and follow the policy for tree planting and management. Councilors that may not support the program don't use it to cause additional problems for the Town. How many objections were regarding the species selection of the trees?

PF: 26% with 20% of these were offered alternate species.

Cr D: There seems to be a lack of understanding of the program amongst the councilors, we need to focus on this to better educate and support some of the objection letter frustrations. We need to ensure we build ownership with the community and engagement with them to support the leafy streets program.

Cr L: Support the education of councilors. Can we know to find out from the objections what number is coming from blocks that have been developed?

Support a concept forum or training session with the councilors each year to educate them about the program and how it is being implemented to achieve strategic outcomes.

DD: Put forward to governance training Tuesdays for the UFS

Cr L: A good idea and align with new councilors as part of the induction.

RS: I think we need to have a discussion with the current councilors.

Cr L: Supports informing councilors prior to the election and a training session post-election.

Strategic outcomes

1A

Next steps

Nil

Further information

Nil

5 General business

DB: UWA Landscape Architecture Exhibition opening in the Town on 30 Aug. This will then move to the library for the month of September.

DD: Council approved the budget with a near to full budget for the 23/24 financial year.

Cr L: Shepperton Rd Tree Planting on the median between Rushton and Harvey St North

Cr L: Can we look at replacing these trees with a larger native species?

DD: This is a road managed by Main Roads. Consider future works.

PF: There was considerable heavy digging to get the existing trees in the ground.

Note: Keep an eye on main road projects to ensure we get sufficient trees considered for these projects.

SS: Birdwaterer update. We have 1 going in at Kings Park and 3 at Murdoch University and 3 at Curtin University.

PF: ALUA has asked the Town if we would like a birdwaterer installed along the METRONET site. They are also installing the birdwaterers collaborating with university students to undertake studies of the birdlife.

DB: We are working with Murdoch University's 'Save the Ngoolarks Forever' project to map the Cockitroughs across the state.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comments
IAP Review	IWG	On pause till September.
UF Event Support	DB/ AH	Support for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20 Huntingdon: 21st July 2. 22 +76 Gallipoli St: 4th Aug 3. Community Planting Day 2 Kent St verge 30th July
Update UF Working Group Terms of Reference	DD +DB	On hold
20 Esperance St - Tree removal	DB and PF	An email was sent to the resident; no response has been received to date. No further Action
Fraser Park Project Proposal	DB	Birdwaterer location criteria have been drafted. Circulate copy to IWG
Thank you volunteer plaques to recognize UFS volunteer contribution.	Working Group	A working meeting is set up for the 7 Aug – 8am.
Look and funding for planting to entry locations of the Town		Consider funds required in 23/24 program planning.
79 Oats St. Bus Stop Thank you, Project	DB	Commence the process to understand the cost of implementation

7 Close: 8.30am