



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Strategy
Implementation Working Group
Notes – 19 April 2021



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1 Opening

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 kaaditjin, 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 Community Members

Ben Whitehouse
Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Ngaire Howard
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Ronhhda Potter
Cr Vicki Potter

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Gregor Wilson (Manager Infrastructure Operations)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Pierre Quesnel

Observers

Apologies

Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)
Cr Vicki Potter

3 Presentations

3.2 UFSIWG Canopy Analysis Presentation

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Canopy Analysis Presentation

Purpose of the item

To present the results of the recent canopy analysis work conducted by Arbor Carbon and explain the context and background of Canopy Coverage analysis conducted in Town.

Outcome

Understanding of the report and its use in informing future Urban Forest initiatives.

Strategic outcomes

SCP

En7 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy

UFS IAP

- 1M -Maintain a Town register of net gains and losses (through LiDAR data capture, analysis and report), to be published in conjunction with bi-annual mapping data.
- 2G -Through the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) lobby the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to fully fund the ongoing (annual) capture and processing of canopy mapping.
- 4D -Conduct bi-annual GIS mapping and analysis of the urban forest.

Outcome

- Discussion by the group around the best way to share this report with Elected Members and the community.
- Agreement that a dedicated Elected Member Portal Post with an accompanying explanation of the context of the report along with the report itself would be best.
- It was proposed the best way to share with the community will be to incorporate as publicly available layers in Intramaps. The group strongly supported the public sharing of the mapping data.
- The appropriateness of the Town using a >5m height for its canopy definition was raised given other national and state level sources use >3m. Given the extensive communication of 10% canopy coverage (which is an >5m figure) it was agreed that this should be maintained and both >3m and >5m should be measured and communicated. Given the vertical stratification of the data this is easily achieved with this new method.
- Support from the group for biannual analysis using this method.

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Permeability project - ROW's

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Urban Forest Project Proposal – Permeability Project – PAW's

Purpose of the item

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Following open discussion about the proposal amongst the group and Town subject matter experts' recommendations, advice and additional opportunities and recorded in the meeting notes. This will assist Town staff in the prioritisation of projects. It will also assist in understanding the likely community impacts and sentiment which will influence the manner of project delivery.

Discussion points

The UFSIWG discuss the Urban Forest Project Proposal - Permeability Project – PAW's

Outcome

- The intent of the project was questioned given its title inclusion of ROW. Upon further explanation it was determined that PAW (Pedestrian Access Way) was the correct terminology for the projects intent and the new title is reflected in these notes.
- The proposal suggests citizen lead exploration of PAW's around town that have the potential to be progressed as a potential urban forest project site.
- The group showed support for the concept and Heather Johnstone has committed to conducting the exploration and presenting back to the group with the outcomes.
- It was noted by a member that given the nature of these laneway sites CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design principles were of great importance in the project design.

Next steps

Heather Johnstone to conduct an exploration of potential PAW sites and present back to the group.

Further information

See attached – Urban Forest Project Proposal – Permeability Project – ROW's

4.1.2 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Native Bee Pocket Park

Reporting officer	Urban Forest Project Proposal – Native Bee Pocket Park
Attachments	1. Native Bee Pocket Park (1) [4.1.2.1 - 6 pages]

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Discussion points

The UFSIWG discuss the Urban Forest Project Proposal - Native Bee Pocket Park

Outcome

- The intent of the project was queried as there were concerns this would be branded as a Native Bee Pocket Park on a site of a council determined Carlisle Micro Park site. The intent was clarified as an addition of Native Bee nesting sites to be included within the Carlisle Micro Park Project Site project.
- A query was raised about stings and it was clarified that native bees do not sting or form colonies.
- It was mentioned that the local Men's shed have been contacted and can make the "Bee Hotels".
- The requirement of the Town is to install the Bee Hotels which sit atop steel poles that will need simple concrete below ground footings.
- The UFS IWG was supportive of this initiative.
- No funding is requested from the Town other than the installation requirements (labor and concrete).

Next steps

Heather will continue working with the Men's Shed and update the group and the Town on the progress of the Bee Hotels.

Further information

See attached – Urban Forest Project Proposal – Native Bee Pocket Park

4.1.3 Urban Forest Project Proposal - Urban Forest at Home Campaign

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The UFSIWG discuss the Urban Forest Project Proposal – Urban Forest at Home Campaign

Outcome

- It was agreed that the additional information provision and marketing from this volunteer group to promote.
- The UFS IWG supported the initiative by the Vic Park Urban Foresters.

Next steps

Pierre is to send Heather the full list of plants and trees involved in the giveaway and create and publish information sheets with the online ordering webpage.

Further information

See attached – Urban Forest Project Proposal – Urban Forest at Home Campaign

5 General business

- Tree Board Handbook – HJ
 - Heather discussed the Tree Board hand book that was recently published that she contributed to.
- Volunteer hours – HJ
 - A method of tracking volunteer hours was raised. Pierre will maintain a spreadsheet of hours and UFS IWG members are to email through hours sporadically for addition in the sheet.
- Banksia sustainability Award – HJ
 - Heather suggested the Town apply for a Banksia Sustainability Award next year. She will notify Town officers when nominations open.
- Action – 2021 planting season overview – PQ
 - Pierre provided a quick review of the progress of this years planting season projects
- Action – Significant Tree Study – PQ
 - It was proposed by Town officers that work on the updating of the Significant Tree policy be delayed to suit the timing of the creation of other strategies that will inform the TPS 2. This supported by the UFS IWG however the groups desire for this policy update remains strong.
- Action – IAP review – PQ
 - It was proposed by Town officers that this review is postponed while planting season preparation is in such a busy phase. It was mentioned that no significant issue had been

found to date that limited progress of the strategic outcomes. The need for this will be revisited toward the end of the calendar year.

- Action – Redundant crossovers – PQ
 - As per a previous action Pierre provided an update on the Town’s procedures for redundant crossovers and has made contact with the engineering team who know to notify the UFS team when opportunities arise to replace hardscape crossovers with tree planting locations.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Pierre Quesnel and Penny Fletcher to draft guidelines for the Significant Tree Registry for group review.	PQ	Closed - Agreement to delay to year to align with TPS2 informing strategy creation.	19.4.2021
PQ to check budget and recommend timeframe for implementing the Star Street Median Trees Project	PQ	Closed - This will be in the 2022 Planting Season	19.4.2021
Next stage of Rutland Avenue at UFS IWG meeting	PQ	Open – still in development by ops team	
PQ to distribute to UFS IWG members a high-level snapshot of planting season 2021 projects	PQ	Closed - Provided	30.4.2021
Separate UFS IWG meeting scheduled in early 2021 for a workshop to review the Implementation Action Plan	PQ	Closed - Agreement to revisit at the end of 2021	19.4.2021
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ		Open

7 Close 8.45am