



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Working
Group
Notes – 15 February 2021



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1 Opening

Meeting opened at 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 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 Members

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

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro
Cr Rhonda 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)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Christy Neems (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Natalie Martin-Goode
Cr Luana Lisandro
Heather Johnstone

3 Presentations

Nil

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Planet Street Verge Project

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Urban Forest Project Proposal – Planet Street Verge Project

Purpose of the item

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Outcome

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.

The UFSIWG discuss the Planet Street Verge Project.

Outcome

Community support

- This project is likely to be well supported by the surrounding community.
- The addition of community watering tank would have the benefit of further connecting the community to the project, and to take an active role in the quality of their place.
- Incorporate a 'how to plant verge trees' workshop at specific locations as part of the project's implementation. Utilize the opportunity to engage and educate local community members.

Place impact

- Revegetate designated sites and verges along Planet Street with an aim to create connectors with already existing green spaces and proposed sump developments.
- Revegetation will need to factor in the overhead powerlines currently onsite

UFS targets

- A small number of street tree can be planted to progress UFS targets. Majority of project is focused on promotion of verge gardens to the broader community.

Environmental services

- The proposed vegetated verges would have a positive environmental impact on the area.

Other

- The height of the groundcovers will need to be a consideration for sight line and traffic safety issues.
- It was noted that the removal of the bitumen verge would help raise awareness of appropriate verges and the Town's Verge policy.
- This project was well supported by the UFS IWG and Town officers.
- Further consideration is required before officer determination to proceed. This will be largely budget dependent.

4.1.2 Vic Park Heights Tree Plantings

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The UFSIWG discussed the Vic Park Heights project.

Outcome

Project costs

- This can be included in the Leafy Streets Planting program with little resourcing implications
- Costs is as per other Leafy Streets planting and estimated at around \$200 per tree for planting and site preparation.

UFS targets

- Given this project involves the planting of large canopy species, it will have a good impact on the overall canopy targets.

Environmental services

- The proposed site is close to Kent Street sandpit, Jirdarup Bushland and Curtin University
- Tuart trees, Peppermint trees and Jacarandas have been proposed for the site with a recommendation by the working group to look at planting native trees like Jarrah, Marri or sheoaks to attract Cockatoos.
- Jacarandas were selected to continue the avenue planting of the street.
- Some members of the group recommended aiming for more local species.

Community support

- This project is likely to receive good support by local residents. Particularly as they are the ones requesting the tree planting.

Place impact

- It was agreed that the place impact is probably quite low compared to other parts of town that are more devoid of trees and green space. Therefore, it was agreed not to recommend expanding the project into eco zoning or other planting and just to focus on the canopy tree planting.

4.1.3 Star Street Median Trees

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	Urban forest project proposal - Star Street Median Trees

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The UFSIWG discuss the Star Street Median Trees project proposal.

Outcome

Project costs

- UFSIWG support a proposal to replace the current surfacing to be replaced with permeable paving.
- This project is likely to have a high cost per tree planted given the hardscape modifications proposed and the need for traffic management.

Community support

- It is likely to have strong support and not be contentious.

Place impact

- The group acknowledged the high-profile location of the proposed trees given they are median trees in a busy road. This would have a significant place impact.
- Larger growing trees with more presence in the roadway would have a positive impact on the slowing of speeds along this problematic roadway.

Other

- Urban Forest Officers have monitored Star Street and identified 135 potential tree planting sites. Trees are scheduled to be planted this planting season.
- This is likely to be a project for next financial year pending budget prioritization.

Actions

PQ to check budget and recommend timeframe for implementing the Star Street Median Trees Project and the Planet Street Verge project.

5 General business

- Members of the UFSIWG can submit individual responses to development applications on 'Your Thoughts' and note that they are a member of the UFSIWG.
- The UFSIWG agreed they will not review DA's during meeting and submit feedback to development applications as a group submission.
- A query was raised as to the progress with the Significant Tree Register. It was noted that the next step is probably to update the list with proposed additions and then look at policy protection for the tree on the list. It is aimed to have the registry included in the formation of Town Planning Scheme 2.
- Guidelines for the selection of significant trees will be presented at the next meeting for collaborative review and suggested amendments.

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		
PQ to check budget and recommend timeframe for implementing the Star Street Median Trees Project	PQ		
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	Open	
Separate UFS IWG meeting scheduled in early 2021 for a workshop to review the Implementation Action Plan	PQ	Open	
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ		Open
8 and 28 Mars Street sumps - Pierre to review work completed on infiltration cells, similar to those works completed by Town of Mosman Park and City of Mandurah.	PQ	NoM report investigating Atlantis cells and similar is due to council March 2021 – this will be sent and reviewed by the UFS IWG.	Open

7 Close

Meeting closed 8:32am