



Council Meeting 20 November 2012

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292. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor (Presiding Member) declared the meeting open.

292.1 Present

Mayor A Ferris	Presiding Member
Cr C Collinson	
Cr B de Jong	
Cr S Martin	
Cr R Olson	
Cr D Nardi	
Cr M Rico	
Mr S Wearne	Chief Executive Officer
Ms S Cocks	Principal Environmental Health Officer (To 6.55pm)
Mr J Douglas	Manager Planning Service (To 6.50pm)
Mr A Malone	Senior Town Planner (To 6.50pm)
Ms J May	Minute Secretary

293. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member made the following acknowledgement:

“On behalf of the Council I would like to acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is taking place.”

294. WELCOME TO GALLERY AND INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND STAFF

There were no members of the public in the gallery at the commencement of the meeting.

295. RECORD OF APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Lilleyman
Cr Wilson

296. RECORD OF APOLOGIES

Nil.

297. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

298. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

299. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

299.1 Cr Rico

Cr Rico sought leave of absence for the Council Meeting on 11 December 2012.

Cr Nardi – Cr Martin

That leave of absence be granted to Cr Rico for the Council Meeting on 11 December 2012.

CARRIED

300. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

300.1 Council Meeting – 16 October 2012

Cr de Jong – Cr Nardi

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 October 2012 be confirmed.

CARRIED



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- 300.2** ***Special Council Meeting – 30 October 2012***
Cr de Jong – Cr Rico
That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on 30 October 2012 be confirmed.
CARRIED
- 301. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR WITHOUT DISCUSSION**
- 301.1** ***Ann Reeves, Glyde-In***
The Mayor read an email from Ann Reeves complimenting Council on the art work carried out on the bus shelters on Marmion Street.
- 301.2** ***Year 4 Students East Fremantle Primary School***
The Mayor tabled fourteen letters from Year 4 Students at East Fremantle Primary School thanking Council for the work carried out to signage and vegetation on the Niergarup Track, following their earlier meeting with the Mayor to suggest improvements.
- 302. QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHOUT DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**
Nil.
- 303. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**
Nil.
- 304. CORRESPONDENCE (LATE RELATING TO ITEM IN AGENDA)**
Nil.
- 305. TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE**
- 305.1** ***T112.1 George Street Access and Parking Management Plan***
Cr Rico – Cr Martin
That the report be received in draft.
CARRIED
- 305.2** ***T112.2 East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment – Progress Report***
Cr Rico raised the following issues in relation to the Minutes of the East Fremantle Oval Recreation Precinct Working Group dated 16 October 2012:
- the omission of the request for investigation into the land use of the eastern bank of the Oval.
 - investigation into the agreement prepared regarding the use of East Fremantle Oval when the Richmond Raceway land was being developed for housing.
- Cr Rico was advised that the first point had been corrected following the confirmation of those minutes by the Working Group earlier this afternoon and both points would be researched as part of ongoing works on the project.
- Cr Nardi – Cr Martin**
That the report be received.
CARRIED
- 305.3** ***T112.3 Proposed Development Application Report Template***
Cr Nardi – Cr De Jong
That the information be received.
CARRIED
- 305.4** ***T112.4 Changes to Residential Design Guidelines***
Cr Nardi – Cr Olson
That Council endorse the proposed amendments to the Local Planning Policy - ‘Residential Design Guidelines, September 2012 included in this report and, pursuant to clause 2.4 of the Town of East Fremantle Town Planning Scheme No.3,



resolves to publicly advertise the proposed amendments to the Local Planning Policy - 'Residential Design Guidelines, September 2012'. CARRIED

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Applicant: Peter Stannard Homes Pty Ltd

Owner: P & C Falloon

Application No. P27/12

Cr de Jong – Cr Nardi

That the application be deferred to allow the applicants to address the concerns of the Committee in respect of:

- roof pitch
- bulk and scale
- streetscape
- number of concessions sought.

CARRIED

306. HEALTH & GENERAL PURPOSES

306.1 Progress Report on the East Fremantle Festival 2012

By Shelley Cocks Principal Environmental Health Officer on 14 November 2012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of the 2012 East Fremantle Festival.

BACKGROUND

The Town of East Fremantle's Festival is planned for Sunday 2 December 2012 from 1:00pm until 7:00pm. The festival will be held on George Street, between East Street and Duke Street.

A Lotterywest grant was applied for and awarded to the Town to contribute to the cost of staging the festival. The total of the grant was \$19,802. Site/stall fees have also increased for both market stalls and food vendors this year to offset rising electricity costs, and consistent with stall holder fees at other Councils.

Roving performers will entertain the festival crowds. The line-up this year includes stilt walkers, clowns, a mime artist and the Ozmosis Catalan Street Band.

A mix of entertainment has been booked for the stage located on the corner of George Street and Sewell Street. Cubbhouse Entertainment will be performing their show, 'No Sleep Til Bedtime'. There will be two completely different types of dance performances and two local Freo bands performing on the stage this year – The Blue Celts and the Jook Joint Band. Captain Quirk will amuse all the family with his clever tricks and quirky show in front of the stage and the show stopper this year will be Mama Red's Malt Licker Minstrels featuring Harry Deluxe. Chairs will be set up in front of the stage for people to watch the stage performances throughout the afternoon. The Junkadelic Brass and Percussion Band will perform the festival finale as they rove up and down George Street (as is tradition).

To create a vibe up the other end of the street, DJ Tim will be spinning his vinyls down near the corner of Duke Street.

Glasson Park will once again be the hub for children's activities with plaster painting, balloon sculptors, face painters and baby animals. The newly installed playground will also provide hours of entertainment at the festival. A shady al fresco area will cater for parents while the children play.

Many of the George Street businesses will open their doors and invite the festival crowds in and some will even 'peddle their wares' on the street.

There will be over 70 artisan market stalls lining the street selling handmade items. There will also be other festival stalls promoting local businesses, service groups and the Fair Trade Collective (Fremantle).

Festival food will include offerings from the George Street cafes and restaurants. Temporary food vendors will also supplement these offerings by selling paella, pizza, satays, gozlemes, Japanese pastries, baked spuds, gourmet sausages, crepes, ice popsicles, juices, slushies, ice creams and other festival treats. There will be two small alfresco areas with shady umbrellas at either end of the street.

The promotional plan that has been implemented for the festival this year includes posters and flyers, advertising in the Herald papers, sending media releases to local newspapers and other media outlets (newspapers and radio stations), inserting the festival program into the Fremantle Herald, posting information on the Council website and other event websites and Festival Facebook page.

The Festival income and expenditure are within the budget at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the progress report on the 2012 East Fremantle Festival.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer sought feedback from elected members on their availability to be in attendance at the Festival.

The Mayor advised, that following discussions with the CEO, it was hoped to incorporate the official opening of Glasson Park within the Festival formalities, however, this would need to be discussed with Cynthia Williamson.

Cr Nardi thanked Shelley Cocks and Cynthia Williamson for their efforts in co-ordinating this year's Festival.

Cr Rico – Cr Nardi

Council endorse the progress report on the 2012 East Fremantle Festival. CARRIED

The Manager Planning Services and Senior Town Planner left the meeting at 6.50pm.

306.2 **Report on the Town of East Fremantle Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-2016**

By Shelley Cocks Principal Environmental Health Officer on 14 November 2012

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the attached Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-16.

BACKGROUND

State and Local Government Authorities across Western Australia have made significant progress towards access and inclusion of people with disability through the development and implementation of Disability Access and Inclusion Plans (DAIPs).

Under the Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) public authorities are required to develop and implement a DAIP.

A part of these requirements is for public authorities to review their DAIP at a minimum of every five years.

DISCUSSION

The Town has completed the review process including complying with all Disability Services Commission requirements as follows:

- DAIP reviewed at least every five years

- Public consultation undertaken with people with disability and key stakeholders
- Public consultation must be advertised through the public authority's website or the local/state newspaper. A period of three weeks minimum is recommended
- DAIP to be available in alternative formats on request by a person with disability
- Reviewed DAIP to be lodged with the Disability Services Commission
- DAIP to be promoted by placing it on the authority's website and advertising in the local or state newspaper
- Progress report to be completed annually
- DAIP to be reported on in agency's annual report
- Reviewing a DAIP is about assessing how well strategies, of the six outcome areas, are achieving access and inclusion of people with disability.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the East Fremantle Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-2016.

Cr de Jong – Cr Collinson

That Council endorse the East Fremantle Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012-2016. CARRIED

The Principal Environmental Health Officer left the meeting at 6.55pm.

307. REPORTS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil.

308. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**308.1 *Swan Yacht Club Lease Signing***

The CEO advised that the Swan Yacht Club had proposed a signing of their new lease at the Club on Friday, 7 December by the Mayor and CEO, whose signatures are required. In discussion with the CEO, it was agreed other elected members would also be invited to witness the signing "over a beer".

Cr Martin asked if a meal could also be provided and whether partners could also attend.

The CEO undertook to follow up on this and said further advice would be given to due course.

308.2 *Preston Point Road and East Street Accident Statistics***Preston Point Road**

Following an email from Mr Bax regarding cyclist usage of Preston Point Road which had been circulated to most elected members, the CEO provided the following statistics on road usage and speeds prior to, and in the sixteen months since, the roadworks had been completed.

The major objective had been to reduce accidents by slowing traffic, providing safer pedestrian access across the road and a safer parking environment.

Whilst the long term results remain to be seen, the outcomes to date have been very positive.

In terms of speeds, counts taken at various locations along the road indicate there has been a general reduction in speeds and in particular, a marked reduction in very high speeds.

In terms of accidents, the following table illustrates the outcome:

		5 years prior to June 2011	16 months since June 2011
VEHICLES	Pier St intersection	20	6
	Other intersections	18	Nil
	Non intersection accidents	34	3
CYCLISTS	Intersections	2	Nil
	Non intersection accidents	2	Nil

With respect to the 6 accidents at the Pier Street intersection, it should be noted that, whilst part of project, no works have been carried out to date at this intersection due to technical issues, however these issues have now resolved and a roundabout is to be installed in 2013.

It should also be noted that any accidents at Canning Highway and Petra Street intersections are excluded from these figures, as these locations were not part of the project.

Main Roads WA have recently written *“At this stage these statistics, together with recorded speed reductions, suggest the project has been very successful from a traffic and safety perspective”*.

Elected members suggested this information be circulated via Council’s newsletter, together with an article in the local newspaper, if possible.

East Street

The CEO reported that recently a number of concerns had been raised by local residents, and some City of Fremantle residents, regarding traffic issues in East Street – mainly citing traffic volumes, heavy traffic, speeds and accidents – actual or potential.

Interestingly, only one resident had cited what I would consider the main problem in East Street, which is the number of accidents at the intersection with Canning Highway.

With respect to traffic volumes, counts indicate that, if anything, traffic volumes are decreasing.

With respect to heavy traffic there has been a small increase of 2-3% in heavy vehicles, however this is not alarming and consistent with increases in traffic generally.

With respect to speeds, around 35% of vehicles travel between 50-60kph (50 being the speed limit) and another 8% between 60-70kph (figures can be higher or lower depending on the location).

This issue is currently being reviewed in terms of a possible option, which has been discussed with the City of Fremantle, following which a design is being drawn up by Council’s consulting engineer with the City of Fremantle’s endorsement. This design involves a slight narrowing of the road through reducing the width of the carriageway by 200mm either side (total 400m) and reducing the pedestrian refuge by 400mm, which will provide an extra 800mm for increased parking.

The City of Fremantle was opposed to traffic calming devices such as speed humps and both councils acknowledge there is very little room in the street to “play with” in terms of other alternatives such as chicanes.

The possibility of a raised plateau at the George Street intersection or speed cushions leading up to George Street, is also being considered.

Non enforceable speed advisory signs, which Council has only just learned are permissible and do not require Main Roads' approval, are also being considered.

One such sign has already been installed by the City of Fremantle at the Canning Highway intersection.

With respect to accidents, of 54 accidents in the last 5 years, between Canning Highway and Marmion Street (but not including the Marmion Street intersection), 43 occurred at the intersection with Canning Highway. Of the remainder, only 2 occurred at the intersection with George Street (despite some residents suggesting this is the most dangerous intersection) with 9 elsewhere in the street. Nearly all of these 11 accidents involved parked vehicles, hence that aspect of the design referred to above.

Currently a meeting is being sought with Main Roads in regard to the Canning Highway intersection.

However it is not expected Main Roads will wish to commit to any changes until the issue of the proposed new traffic bridge, planned to be built in the area, is resolved.

Further, Main Roads previously proposed a "solution", which they advised qualified for Black Spot funding, however Council had opposed this as it was considered it would significantly impact on Glyde Street. It is possible that in any meeting with Main Roads, this plan may be proposed again by Main Roads.

308.3 Report of the Inquiry into the City of Canning

The CEO advised that he had received a copy of the findings of the recent Departmental Inquiry into the City of Canning and, for the purposes of this meeting, wished to table the attached extracts, regarding the SMRC. **ATTACHMENT**

The CEO advised he expected the Council would soon be suspended and a full, Ministerial Inquiry implemented, as recommended in the Report.

308.4 East Fremantle Bowling Club

The CEO drew elected members' attention to an invitation extended by the East Fremantle Bowling Club to their Sponsors Trophy Fun Bowls Day to be held on Sunday, 9 December 2012 and advised a memo would be sent to all elected members.

309. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

309.1 CEO's Performance Review

Cr de Jong – Cr Rico

That this matter be dealt with on a confidential basis, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the Local Government Act. CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

Elected members considered a confidential report prepared by the CEO.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Mayor Ferris – Cr Nardi

That the CEO's report be received and the CEO's Performance Review be considered at a Special Council Meeting to be held in February 2013. CARRIED

310. NOTICES OF MOTION BY ELECTED MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil.



311. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

312. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

*I hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting of the **Council** of the Town of East Fremantle, held on **20 November 2012**, Minute Book reference **292. to 312.** were confirmed at the meeting of the Council on*

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Presiding Member