

Minutes of Environment Strategic Reference Group

1 June 2017

Function Room - Petersham Administration Building

Meeting 6.05pm–9pm

Chair: Justine Langford

Members Attending: Justine Langford, Diego Bonetto, Nicole Boyd, Pablo Berutti, Patrick Medley, Scott Wilson, D'Arcy Roche, Jo Blackman, Rick Walters, Emily Prentice

Other Attendees:

Council Staff: Jan Orton, Group Manager Environment and Sustainability, Kate Napier, Janene Harris, Jon Stiebel, Jean Brennan, Kate Christianson, Kate Jackson, Victoria Currie

LRAC Members: Frank Breen

Apologies:

Members: Gordon Weiss, Jacinta Green, Angela Michaelis, David Eckstein, Gavin Gilchrist, Kim Santarossa

LRAC: Frank Breen, Mark Drury, Linda Kelly

Item 1. Welcome

Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Item 3. Apologies as detailed above

Item 5. Workshop – Urban Ecology

Meeting Attendees were led through a workshop to develop strategies for Urban Ecology as part of the engagement process for the Community Strategic Plan.

Item 6. General Business – Meeting Resumed at 8.40pm.

- Request for update on Hoskins Park rain garden project – (JB)

Jo Blackman has asked for an update on the rain garden project within Hoskins Park as there are flooding and drainage issues at the end of Piggot Street.

Jean Brennan provided the following update on this item. Sydney Water through their Waterway Health Improvement Program are funding works at 17 locations on the Cooks and Parramatta Rivers between now and 2020/21. Hoskins Park is included in this program.

The current situation is that Sydney Water has engaged contractors to manage the planning, designs and construction of the projects and a separate consultant for the engagement. Inner West Council is working closely with Sydney Water to make sure that the engagement is good, and that Hoskins Park Project achieves all the objectives we want including flood mitigation.

- Request for briefing on WestConnex - (DB)

Diego Bonetto addressed the group stating his concern that there is a lot of information on social media about WestConnex but it is unreliable. He requested a briefing at the next SRG on WestConnex.

The SRG members discussed the importance of this issue but also that it might not be appropriate to have a briefing at the SRG Meeting due to the tight timeframe to engage in the Community Strategic Plan Process.

It was subsequently decided that a separate briefing be arranged for the members of the SRG outside of the planned meeting and workshop schedule.

ACTION: Council staff to coordinate a briefing for the SRG Members on WestConnex and other major projects outside of the SRG Meeting schedule.

- Reminder to join group share platform

Pablo Berrutti reminded all members about the Slack online discussion platform that has been established for the group and asked that members who have not joined yet to send him an email so that he can add them to the group.

- SRG online group / Energy Audits

Pablo also raised a discussion he had with a consultant engaged in the Our Energy Future program. This program offers household energy assessments, advice on energy reduction, solar and more for further information please visit <https://ourenergyfuture.org.au>.

- Craig Reucassel – War on Waste

Pablo raised the War on Waste series and suggested he could enquire as to whether Craig would be available to present to the SRG.

ACTION: Council staff and Pablo to discuss these ideas.

- Cancel your yellow pages (RW)

Rick Walters advised the SRG about the process to cancel your white/ yellow pages delivery. That this service is an opt-out process. SRG members wishing to cancel the delivery of the hard copy yellow pages can do so via this web link <https://www.directoryselect.com.au/action/home>.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item No.	Action	Responsible	Date Due
6	Council to coordinate a briefing for the SRG Members on WestConnex and other major projects outside of the SRG Meeting schedule.	Council staff	July 29
6	Council to discuss with Pablo, the ideas he raised in the meeting.	Council staff	July 29