



MINUTES

Greening Randwick Committee

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Meeting held at 6:00pm in the Randwick Room

Attendee Name	Organisation	Initials
Cr Lindsay Shurey	Randwick Council	LS
Cr Philipa Veitch	Randwick Council	PV
Joe Ingegneri	Randwick Council	JI
Dennis Flaherty	Randwick Council	DF
Bronwyn Englaro	Randwick Council	BE
Peter Ryan	Community Representative	PR
Lynda Newnam	Community Representative	LN
Graham Turner	Community Representative	GT

Item		Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	Committee members were welcomed to the meeting.	Note.
2.0	Apologies	
2.1	Mayor Kathy Neilson, Kerry Colquhoun, Heidi Dokulil.	Note.
3.0	Advisory Committees Code of Conduct	
3.1	<p>The newly adopted Advisory Committees Code of Conduct policy was presented to the Committee.</p> <p>The policy outlines consideration for social media and print media. For example, Committee members may not speak on behalf of the committee.</p>	Note.
4.0	Tree Canopy Cover Project - Update	
4.1	<p>An overview of the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) report 'Growing the Urban Forest: Stage 1 Tracking the Changes' was presented to the Committee.</p> <p>The committee discussed the following regarding the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion was made to run the methodology of the report past the OEH to determine applicability, especially for annual monitoring given the broad scale of the resolution.• Winter shadowing increases the appearance of canopy coverage and would account for apparent increase compared to that of summer.• REP wetland shown as a reduction in canopy possibly due to low water levels and aquatic vegetation cover.• What the impact duplex development and complying development have on tree canopy.• It was suggested that consideration be given to comparing Council vs other land manager's canopy cover to show where gains and losses have been made.	<p>Note.</p> <p>RCC to run the report past the OEH.</p>

	<p>Street Tree Data collection discussions have begun with a consultant to collect data, species, canopy estimate and vacant sites, including tree species for planting. The data collection can be completed in 4 months. Crown Land divestment program will result in greater control and management of open space areas.</p> <p>Stage 2 of the ISF work will seek to identify tree planting opportunities. The study will need to recognise land where tree planting opportunities are not possible such as NPWS Malabar Headland, sporting fields, Long Bay Jail etc.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p>
4.2	<p>The committee discussed the Sydney Light Rail Vegetation Offset Guidelines.</p> <p>As part of the program, the guidelines outline the replacement of removed trees. This includes 8 replacement trees for every large tree removed, 4 for medium trees and 2 for small trees. ALTRAC/Acciona will be responsible for the maintenance of these trees for 2 years including the replacement of trees that do not survive.</p> <p>Offset will be approximately 900-1,000 trees of 100-200 litre tree size. Final figures are yet to be determined.</p> <p>The species selected are in accordance with the Street Tree Masterplan and includes native and exotic trees. A suggestion was made to review the Street Tree Masterplan for biodiversity impacts and whether the Masterplan takes into account climate change impacts on trees.</p> <p>An enquiry was made on whether the Eucalypt is a more suitable street tree.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the consideration of tree species to match fauna species. It was suggested that assistance be sought from WIRES</p> <p>GT enquired whether trees are insured as an asset. Trees are not insured as assets. The committee discussed a database to manage trees as an asset and value based on carbon offset, replacement and lifecycle costs. The Committee was informed that the data collection and proposed tree management system will provide this functionality.</p> <p>The committee discussed the target of 40% tree canopy coverage set by the Greater Sydney Commission. Council is responsible in meeting the target. Clarity was sought on whether the commission have the expectation that Council will need to drive planting on private property. The Committee agrees that it is an opportunity to pursue.</p> <p>GT enquired whether Council Can determine compliance of UTS work with Greater Sydney Commission 40% canopy cover target and methodology.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>WIRES to be contacted to determine the habitat needs for certain species.</p> <p>Council to investigate compliance.</p>
5.0	Significant Tree Register	
5.1	<p>A presentation was made to the Committee by Joe Ingegneri on the Register of Significant Trees.</p> <p>The Significant Tree Register was adopted by Council in 2007. Since its adoption, there have been loss of trees from the register</p>	<p>Note.</p>

	<p>due to removal. Disease has affected health and safety of trees in the register. The committee suggested a review be undertaken to determine the number of significant trees still planted.</p> <p>An enquiry was raised on whether root barriers can be implemented around significant trees as a proactive measure to prevent insurance issues.</p> <p>The committee was advised that due to the impact on the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) and Structural Root Zone (SRZ) that in the majority of cases a root barrier on public land would encroach the TPZ and SRZ.</p> <p>DF suggested the brush box as a suitable street tree over the Eucalypts. According to climate change studies, the eucalypt species are more susceptible to climate change than other native species. Brush box species root prune well, produce an expansive canopy and are included in our street tree masterplan for some areas. The quality and quantity of the trees were considered by the committee.</p>	<p>RCC to undertake a review of the Significant Tree Register.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>Note.</p>
6.0	General Business	
6.1	<p>The Committee was advised that community awareness programs, such as 'Adopt a tree' is an opportunity for Council to increase community values.</p> <p>The upcoming Growing Together Tour by 2020 Vision will be held on 8 August 2019 to engage the community and build support for green space projects.</p>	<p>Note.</p> <p>2020 Vision workshop details to be distributed.</p>
6.2	Peter Ryan noted the Melbourne Council Metropolitan Urban Forest Strategy that was recently released.	Link to the Melbourne Council Urban Forest Strategy to be distributed.
6.3	Committee members discussed increasing population pressures and the need for greater open space areas and an increase in the number of requests from local schools to use local parks for playground spaces.	Note.
7.0	Next Meeting	
7.1	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at the Randwick Council Administration Building in the Randwick Room.	Note.
8.0	Close	
8.1	The meeting closed at 8:30pm	Note.