



MEETING MINUTES

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

27 November 2019 – 17:00
 City of Kalamunda Function Room
 Administration Building 2 Railway St, Kalamunda

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING

PV welcomed everyone to the meeting and was officially opened at 17:35 due to some technical issues with conference call equipment.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Annette Crick	AC
Cr Cameron Blair	CB
Cr Lesley Boyd – via conference call	LB
Cr Janelle Sewell	JS
Cr Sue Bilich	SB
Patricia Quade	PQ
Peter O'Connor	PO

Attending Staff

Cameron Chisholm – Coordinator Environmental Health	CC
Heidi Herget – Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer	HH
James Wickens – Manager Environmental Health and Community Safety	JW
Peter Varelis – Director Development Services	PV
Sonda Alderson – Customer Relations Officer Health Services	SA
Tim Parry – Coordinator Community Safety	TP

Guest Attendees

Andy Farrant - Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee	AF
Dwayne Skehan – Sergeant Forrestfield Police	DS

Apologies

Snr Sgt Simon Parke
 Dr Shirlee-ann Knight
 Cameron Watts
 Mark Brennan
 Engel Prendegast – Road Wise Senior Safety Consultant
 Evie Molsen
 Nadine Popelier

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from 2 October 2019 confirmed by LB

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4.0 SPECIAL ITEMS – NEW COMMITTEE

4.1 Governance Induction

PV presented the Governance Induction for the new committee members.

4.2 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

PV requested interest for the Chair. LB responded unopposed.

PV requested interest for the Deputy Chair. SB responded unopposed.

Congratulations was offered to both.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 JW to follow up with Simon Parke regarding Dr Paul Cozens presentation.

JW has emailed SP however he is on leave. DS advised SP has had reached out to Dr Paul Cozens but was yet to receive a response.

Action: Was suggested that JW approach Curtin University on the matter. - JW

5.2 Andy Farrant invited to the committee meeting.

5.3 Speed Zoning Reduction Investigations

HH informed the committee that the report was presented to council last night and was endorsed for the Town Centre – Stirk Street to Burt Street, Haynes Street, Railway Road to Canning. DS asked if there had been any investigation into hotspots outside the City centre such as Forrestfield and HH informed that yes, there were two areas.

1. Hale Road, Forrestfield – Dawson Avenue to Anderson Road.
2. Kalamunda Road, High Wycombe – Wittenoom road to Cyril Road.

HH update on the lane off Burt Street. It's been, or will be shortly, closed off near the childcare due to the antisocial behaviour that's recently been reported.

Proposal for Swindells Lane to be made one way was endorsed by council last night. The works will be budgeted for the next financial year.

HH invited the attendees to get involved in Flowing through the Engage Site – Closes 16 September at 5pm.

HH currently working on the Integrated Transport Strategic Plan. She'll refer it to CSCPAC. Contact HH with any queries.

The Quarterly New Letter from Roadwise covers a few interesting topics. Road Ribbon commenced 17 November. Aim is for 0 fatality, 0 injury. Further information can be found on the RoadWise website. There is also a push for high occupancy vehicle transport. Statistics from both Main Roads and RoadWise indicate that WA drivers are slowing down which is positive.

Action: HH to forward Integrated Transport Strategic Plan to JW and PV for distribution to CSCPAC. -HH, PV, JW

HH said that the scope on the 40kph proposal has evolved and will provide an update at next meeting.

Action: HH to provide update at next meeting. SA to add to next agenda. -HH, SA

LB asked if HH could update on the faces for speeds. HH said they have sourced 2 sign trailers from WALGA for Jan 2020 that will provide positive reinforcement for those abiding by the speed limit with a smiley face and a sad face those who are not. LB wanted to know if the plan was for these to be placed in the 3 previously identified areas for speed reductions and HH said they hadn't got that far as yet.

DS wanted to know if further areas were being investigated as high-risk areas. LB gave some history on the investigations completed by the previous committee and how these areas were identified as areas of risk including key identifiers such as infrastructure E.g. Schools, shopping centres etc. She said further community consultation will take place.

HH also said that they are working with the Public Transport Authority to ensure connectivity around the High Wycombe South and the rail link.

AF raised his concerns regarding issues at the Zigzag. Hooning, domestic disputes, camping, and drug use having all been reported including close calls for cyclists. He requested that he brief LB further on this issue at a later date and would like the committee to become familiar with the Cycle Plan.

HH commented that there are also complaints of cyclist's unsafe conduct such as going the wrong way along the Zigzag causing potential for accidents. She said that she believes it is definitely worth conducting further investigation into safety risks in this area and is keen to explore it further.

AF recommended collecting first-hand information from staff in Waste Services who service this area.

Action: Anti-social issues at the Zig Zag To be added to next agenda and discussed further. - HH, AF, SA

PQ asked if there had been any positive feedback received since the installation of the pedestrian cross walk on Canning Road near the IGA.

HH said that there hadn't been positive feedback received but the complaints from users had greatly reduced. The complaints being received are by drivers who have said they can't see the crosswalk clearly. Additional signage has been installed for this reason. HH said that a signalled crossing was wanted but due to it not meeting the warrants it was rejected. However, there is still a push for it and a petition for further works at that crossing. DS believes it is an accident waiting to happen and further improvements would be highly beneficial.

HH also informed that the speed bumps will be removed as part of the city centre improvement plan to reduce confusion over right of way.

HH thanked the group and left the meeting.

5.4 Open Youth Consultation Sessions

5.5 Update draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan Following Community engagement.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE – IN/OUT

7.1 Andrew Hastie MP – Federal Member for Canning – Round 5 Safer Communities Grant – Not discussed

8.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Discuss Arts Advisory Committee involvement with Crime and Safety Committee – Andy Farrant - Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee (City of Kalamunda)

LB explained the three areas of future youth engagement being;

- 1) Sporting opportunities – Where funding will assist with individual registrations and equipment, and the encouragement of parents to help kids from other families with transport etc.
- 2) Men's Sheds – Giving youth the opportunity for youth to learn helpful life skills from the members such as mechanics E.g. Disassembling and fixing car engines, repairing furniture etc.
- 3) Arts – This comes in a number of mediums being music, drawing, painting and drama.

There are concerns about youth disengagement and these areas can not only give useful life skills but also have the potential of reducing youth crime in the City.

LB then introduced Andy Farrant and asked him to present to the committee.

AF explained that the arts come in many forms that many don't think of. This includes such mediums as radio, TV, magazines and books. It isn't just entertainment but offers great career opportunities and economic gains. An example he gave was the gaming sector that is a multibillion-dollar industry. He also mentioned that the Arts in one of the fastest growing employment sectors.

Action: AF offered to send JW a report that discusses the International and National arts contribution to the local and greater community and economy. -AF

AF pointed out that Kalamunda Senior High School is an arts school with the potential to produce artists in residence with the City offering encouragement and support for these young people.

AF explained that the Arts don't only provide creative skills but improves cognitive skills, social cohesion and crime prevention.

He congratulated the City for thinking this way and taking a strategic view on how more arts can be introduced and encouraged in the City.

LB requested that AF speak about the WA Youth Theatre Company. AF says his involvement has seen the company turn out well-adjusted young people with newly learnt life skills such as time management and communication skills. It engages those from all walks of life and cultures including those with disabilities.

AF gave an example of a community arts group who assisted a group of passionate Aboriginal men from the Yiyili community to form a reggae band in 2007. The Walkabout Boys continue to play all around Western Australia and have been presented with a number of awards for their music.

AF said that the City now has a budget for a Community Arts coordinator and there will be Artists in Residence programs introduced in April/May next year.

AF thanked LB and everyone for their time before leaving the meeting.

LB asks SB to take the chair as she leaves the meeting also.

8.2 Draft Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP) – James Wickens

JW explained that the previous 5-year plan has expired and want to give special thanks to Evie Molson – EHO Trainee, for all the time and work she has put into the new CSCPP.

JW asked if everyone had had a chance to look over the draft CSCPP. Some had had a quick look but asked if they could have more time to look at in more detail. JW was happy for everyone to have more time to review the draft.

Action: JW to circulate Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan for comment prior to the next meeting -JW

JW explained that intent was to seek the committee's endorsement for public advertising of the plan, SB stated that she didn't believe this was possible without council endorsement.

JW clarified the intended process was to seek CSCPPAC endorsement prior to community advertising, review of submissions and then sent to council for consideration.

Action: SB asked JW to clarify the procedure before advertising. -JW

CB said to be mindful of going out to community advertising early in the year as it may be missed so close to the holiday season.

SB mentioned that the Youth Engagement Plan had been deferred at Council meeting last night so would be good for the committee to get up to speed with that as well. It was suggested that Nadine be invited to present the plan at the next committee meeting.

Action: Ask Nadine if she could present on the Youth Consultation session workshops at the next committee meeting -JW

JW invited those with questions or feedback, regarding the CSCPP, to feel free to contact him to discuss prior to the next meeting.

8.3 Side Effect – Lesley Boyd

Action: Item to be moved to next agenda – SA, LB

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

9.1 CC passed on a request from Catering that we please inform them of any dietary requirements and allergies in the future prior to the next meeting.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12 Feb 2020

11.0 MEETING CLOSED

18:50

Attachment 1. Arts and Culture Report

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Arts and Culture Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need an arts and culture - what is the point of it?

International and national research has shown that the arts sector can contribute significant amounts to local tourism and economies. Cities that embrace creativity as part of the fabric of their community are more resilient, more engaged and more innovative, which helps create success in other areas of the local economy.

Arts and culture is just the opera, ballet and orchestra, isn't it?

In Australia the arts and culture sector are much more than these three performing arts. The sector too is a major employer of professional artists and arts workers and it plays a very strong role in the quality of life for people across the country. Activities from writing and reading, listening and playing music, singing, gaming, designing and making art, film and television and a host of other daily activities are all part of the Australian arts and culture sector. The sector is also a major contributor to the Australian economy.

How big should a local government be before it builds an arts centre?

There is no single answer to this question. The decision to commission the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre was taken around 1991 when the City's population was 13,231, the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre opened in 1990 and in 1991 the population was 12,748. Armadale far exceeds these population levels now, in 2018.

Are arts and culture really that popular with the general public?

In 2017, 94% of people surveyed agreed that arts and culture was important for children to access. 81% agreed that it was an important sector for government to support and 77% said that the arts make them feel good. 62% feel the arts makes an important contribution to their community.

Does the State Government spend much money on the arts?

In WA just \$2 per person per week is spent by the State Government on the arts with 40% of responses agreeing that this should increase to up to \$10 per person per week or more.

Do many people work in the culture and the arts sector?

The arts sector has recently been identified as one of the top five industry sectors for employment growth in WA for the five years to November 2017. The arts and recreation industry, which employs 27,200 West Australians, increased by 19.7%. The sector also is supported by hundreds and thousands of volunteers across Australia each week. These efforts and this contribution are largely uncounted.

Are the arts just about creativity and making things?

There are so many more benefits from being engaged in arts and culture. As well as the pleasure of the shared experience that the sector offers, it also has a profound effect on how communities behave, the confidence of individuals and the general population and also community aspirations. The Australian Cultural Ministers' Council research found that engagement in the arts improved cognitive skills and educational attainment for individuals, increased self-esteem and community confidence, boosted social cohesion and behaviour and played a role in crime prevention.

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In 2010 the arts sector in WA was worth \$10bn. It was recently commented by a Federal Government senior public servant that the sector is 50% larger than the National Infrastructure Sector.
