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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th March 2020, 2pm-4pm

Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn

184 Hope Road, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Jozina	De Rooter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Heidi	Mippy	HM	Aboriginal Reference Group

Other attendees:

Linda Metz (LM) - Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager (City of Cockburn)

Gail Bowman (GBo) – Executive Manager of Strategy and Civic Support

Sarah Robinson (SR) – Project Manager for Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Apologies

- Tim Barling (TB) – Conservation Council WA
- Lou Corteen (LC) – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Michael Roberts (MR) – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Angela Jakob (AJ) - Coolbellup Community Association
- Gail Beck (GB) - South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
- Guy Boggs (GBG) - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute
- Alison Wright (AW)- Save Beeliar Wetlands

- Rachel Standish (RS)-Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcome guest presenters Sarah Robinson and Gail Bowman.

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of December meeting: Correction-JDR listed as chair.

Moved to accept December minutes by DC seconded by CP. As quorum was not achieved meeting minutes will be voted on via email.

4. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

5. Presentation – Sarah Robinson (COC), Gail Bowman (COC) RE: Aboriginal Cultural Centre

GBo discusses the history of the development of the first Reconciliation Action Plan by the City of Cockburn in 2011. In 2011 the Aboriginal Reference Group within the City conducted a feasibility study into an Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre. In 2012 the site on the corner of Progress Drive and Gwilliam Drive was determined by Aboriginal elders as the only appropriate site for all Aboriginal people (men, women and children).

GBo emphasizes that the sites connection to bush was crucial. GBo informed that this development will have some impact on the native vegetation. GBo informed that the City and Aboriginal community has been holding key stakeholder consultations for over 12 months to develop the concept design and grant applications. GBo explains that the Aboriginal communities' initial concept design was a turtle design and that they wished that any trees which have to be removed are recycled for artwork, outdoor seating etc.

SR explains that the City has conducted a flora and fauna study and a cockatoo habitat assessment. SR explains that the City is going through the EPBC referral process at the moment. SR discusses the design of the building and site. SR informs that there are 9 trees which make up cockatoo habitat; 2 which will be lost and 7 which will be retained.

GBo informs the committee on the range of facilities which will be developed on the site. These facilities are explained by GBo as a leased café with some traditional bush food, a visitor's information centre, knowledge sharing centre, meeting room, Aboriginal community meeting spaces, 2 fire pits, performing arts and exhibition space. FB enquires about the hiring capacity of the exhibition space which GB replies that it is not a community centre and is intended for cultural related activities. GB informs that there will be an advisory committee established which will decide if the activities are appropriate and in

accordance with the Centre's purpose.

KD enquires into the transplanting potential of the understory species. SR replies that these do have potential to be translocated. DC noted that timing needs to be appropriate timing for this work. KD also requested that tree protection zones be established around retained trees. LM requests that bushland salvage occurs prior to the earthworks to optimize the harvest for translocation.

LM enquires into the City of Cockburn's role in managing the Centre. GBo informs the committee that the City will employ staff for the Centre with the exception of the café as this will be a leased facility. GB explained that an Aboriginal referred business is first choice but the business is still to be determined.

TG and LM express that there is opportunity for more extensive landscaping. SR discusses that from an education for sustainability perspective the Centre will improve accessibility to the bushland in a managed way which will focus on Aboriginal education. DC enquired about carpark and if it's adequate and urban water design will be incorporated. FB and CB enquired will ESD be incorporated? GBo informed committee that it would be including PV cells.

LM enquires into when the Centre works will commence. SR replies that they have just finalized the concept design, submitted the development application and environmental approvals. SR informs that the next step will be the detail design and construction which will commence in approximately April 2021 and will be completed by April 2022. Committee requests an update from Sarah (via Project Manager) once detailed design is finalized and scheduling of works commence.

6. Business arising from previous meeting

6.1 Norfolk Island Pines Signage

LM updates the committee that she has incorporated all committee member comments from the previous meeting and sent a draft to the elected members.

Action: LM to confirm final design and initiate manufacturing.

6.2 Community Science Conference

LM explains that the conference is progressing well but there haven't been many poster submissions. LM detailed promotional avenues. LM discusses her concerns in regards to the COVID-19 virus both from an attendance perspective and from the WA Health Department directive. Committee acknowledges that risk exists with regards to COVID-19 and that action may be taken in response to this. Agreement to finalise registrations in late April and based on this make a decision to with regards to progressing.

The committee discusses the need for DL prints and A3 posters as alternate forms of advertising to

social media. DC enquires into the use of stalls for organizations such as the Wildflower Society. CB replies that stakeholders will be able to have a stall (maximum of 10) but other organizations will have tables where they can display posters. HM asked about young speakers. FB suggested youth initiatives. CB suggested Millennium Kids. The committee discusses the need for a youth aspect/voice. Committee discuss about range of speakers. LM informed Committee that many speakers have been secured but didn't want to compromise space for community speakers. TG enquires into the use of technology which is useful for community groups. The committee discusses this.

Action: LM to follow up with Committee on any outcomes with regards to status of conference and COVID-19. Current draft program to be sent to committee.

HM to contact young Aboriginal environmentalist-Ruben McGuire. CB can bring along Millennium Kids representative.

6.3 Dieback Management

LM informs the committee that the boot signs, cleaning stations and limestone in the entry points have been installed. Progress from this point will see more educational signage posted.

6.4 Fauna Monitoring

LM informed group that second round of fauna camera trapping has been undertaken in Forrest Rd south in conjunction with Greening Australia. LM informs the committee that progress is being made with regards to cat control within the City which has got some traction. Murdoch University intern is working with City of Cockburn on reviewing range of strategies that other local governments are using with regards to cat control.

6.5 Aboriginal Heritage Survey

LM informs the committee that the Section 16 application has been submitted to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and now waiting on outcome expected in May 2020. LM in discussion with project archaeologist on making arrangements with regards to initiating archaeological works in areas not subject to Section 16. Also seeking assistance from GB with regards to Aboriginal monitors.

6.6 Community questionnaire

LM discusses that this has been released and asks that the committee members pass this on. 200 respondents is the target and should be achieved. Conversion rate from some areas are not as high as expected. LM asks that committee ensure they promote the questionnaire.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence.

8. Project Update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager –update provided to committee.

No questions or concerns regarding the project update.

9. Other business

9.1 Annual RMP review – comment sheet provided

LM has circulated comment sheet for annual review. LM seeks feedback on how the review should occur. There is an option to -that sections can be broken up between committee members. KD suggested that questions could be within the sheet such as has this been achieved, is this being done? LM noted that some committee members have specific areas of expertise and they may wish to only comment on those areas. LM asks that the committee just use the sections and headings as a rough guide. FB indicated she was getting feedback from a range of sources. CB noted that meeting minutes might be useful to capture what's happened and direct your thinking. TG summarized that headings should be used as guides. LM will collate comments from all and will bring back to the committee. LM suggested a month for comments-due April. Emerge have agreed to update the document.

Action: all committee members requested to view the spreadsheet for annual review and take some time to review any part of the RMP they wish and note comments on spreadsheet provided.

10. Committee member report

TG – Completed a paper on the geomorphology of the reef b/w Dunsborough and Geraldton

TG and CB enquire into if the website can have a page of advisory committee organizations which will promote partnerships within this project. The committee agrees with this.

- JDR – Dixon Park and heritage study. Committee supportive of plan. Hamilton Hill Community Group been active supporting plantings.
- DC- Wildflower Society – walk through North Lake. Can do another. LM noted happy to promote other groups activities through RR8 website.
- Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn – undertaking drive for new members, event at Clontarf Hill following on from heritage and culture in that area seeking collaboration on event there and cultural awareness. HM sought interest from committee members to be involved in cultural event.
- KD – Is now representative of Conservation Council WA on Cockburn Sound Management Council where Westport presented in Feb the latest options for the new Kwinana outer harbour.
- FB – Wetlands Centre Cockburn upgrades continuing.

11. Information sharing

HM- noted that Munday swamp FB page created.

Chair for next meeting: Felicity Bairstow.

Meeting close: 3:50PM

Next meeting: Thursday 9th April 2020. Location to be confirmed.

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