



BOROONDARA
City of Harmony

SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(Open to the public)

Monday 11 April 2016

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

Commencement 6.37pm

Attendance
Councillor Steve Hurd (Chairperson)
Councillor Jim Parke (Mayor)
Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Heinz Kreutz
Councillor Philip Mallis
Councillor Coral Ross
Councillor Judith Voce

Apologies
Councillor Kevin Chow
Councillor Phillip Healey
Councillor Jack Wegman

Officers
Phillip Storer - Chief Executive Officer
Marilyn Kearney - Director Corporate Services
Carolyn McClean - Director Community Development
Bruce Dobson - Director Environment and Infrastructure
Deb Ganderton - Executive Manager Communications & Engagement
Charles Turner - Manager Projects & Strategy
Jim Hondrakis - Manager Traffic and Transport
David Thompson - Manager Governance
Andrew McHugh - Senior Coordinator Recreation and Wellbeing
Andrew Dowling - Coordinator Governance
Joe Capomolla - Project Manager
Hywel Rowlands - Strategic Transport Planner

Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Mallis

That the minutes of the Services Special Committee meeting held on 15 March 2016 be adopted and confirmed.

CARRIED

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1. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

2. Presentation of officer reports**Procedural motion****MOTION**

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Voce

That the following items:

SC1 Contract No 2016/67 Christmas in Boroondara (Design, Manufacture, Installation and Associated Services)

SC3 Balwyn Library Redevelopment Concept Plan

be moved en bloc as per the officers' recommendations outlined in the agenda.

CARRIED

SC1 Contract No 2016/67 Christmas in Boroondara (Design, Manufacture, Installation and Associated Services)

This report seeks endorsement for the award of Contract No. 2016/67, Christmas in Boroondara (Design, Manufacture, Installation and Associated Services). This contract will provide for the design, manufacture, installation, dismantling/reinstallation, repair/replacement and storage of all (including existing) Christmas decorations throughout the Municipality for an initial contract term of one year with possible extensions of one year each to a maximum contract term of five years (2016-17 to 2020-21).

This is a replacement contract for Contract No. 2014/104, Christmas in Boroondara. This new tender process included a requirement for a new Christmas in Boroondara design strategy to cover the next five years. The estimated total cost of this contract over five years is \$1,518,000 (including GST). Estimated expenditure in the 2015-16 financial year will be \$12,540 (including GST). Expenditure in future years will be in accordance with approved budget allocations. Because of the value of the contract it was publicly tendered in accordance with the requirements of section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

There were no speakers wishing to make submissions to Council for this item.

MOTION**Moved Councillor Parke****Seconded Councillor Voce****That the Services Special Committee resolve:**

- 1. To award Contract No. 2016/67, Christmas in Boroondara (Design, Manufacture, Installation and Associated Services) to Xmas-Mil Display Products Pty Ltd (ACN 004 506 665) at their tendered Schedule of Rates for an initial contract term of one year with possible extensions of one year each to a maximum contract term of five years. The estimated contract cost for the maximum five year term is \$1,518,000 (including GST). The cost to Council after the return of the GST Tax Input Credits is \$1,380,000.**
- 2. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer or such other person that the Chief Executive Officer selects for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution to execute the contract agreement with the above contractor.**
- 3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer or such other person that the Chief Executive Officer selects for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution to negotiate extensions to Contract No. 2016/67, Christmas in Boroondara (Design, Manufacture, Installation and Associated Services), with the above contractor to the maximum five year contract term.**
- 4. To note that expenditure under this contract in 2015-16 is in accordance with Council's adopted budget and expenditure in future years will be in accordance with the approved budget allocations.**

CARRIED**SC3 Balwyn Library Redevelopment Concept Plan**

This report seeks Council endorsement of the concept plan and informs Council on the progress of the planning and design phases for the Balwyn Library Redevelopment.

In 2010, Haskell Architects were appointed to prepare a Boroondara Libraries Facilities Review of four of the five libraries operated by City of Boroondara.

The Library Facilities Review was developed in the context of Council's strategic planning framework and provides an overview of the current community profile and the utilisation of existing library facilities. The Review was based on an assessment of the existing library facilities at Ashburton, Balwyn, Hawthorn and Kew from a best practice perspective, and outlined a ten year strategy and action plan for the provision of cutting edge library facilities to the residents of Boroondara. This review formed the recommendation for Council to allocate appropriate funding for Library Facilities in its Long Term Financial Strategy between 2014 - 2020.

In December 2014, Croxon Ramsay Architects was appointed for the provision of Architectural Design and Consultancy Services to this project.

Extensive community engagement and user group consultation has since been undertaken to inform the project design. Croxon Ramsay Architects have completed the 'Return Design Brief' and concept plan for the project.

A Cost Plan has been prepared by an independent quantity surveyor. The Cost Plan estimates the overall project cost for the redevelopment of Balwyn Library to be generally in line with the proposed budget in Council's long term financial strategy.

There were no speakers wishing to make submissions to Council for this item.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Voce

That the Services Special Committee resolve to:

- 1. Note and endorse the concept plan for the Balwyn Library Redevelopment included in Attachment 1 (as annexed to the minutes).**
- 2. Proceed to tender for the building works contract for the Balwyn Library Redevelopment.**

CARRIED

SC2 Draft Sport and Recreation Strategy

A draft Sport and Recreation Strategy (the draft Strategy) has been developed which will supersede the Boroondara Sports Strategy 2006. Since 2006 there have been significant changes to sport and recreation trends. The draft Strategy has been developed to reflect the changing sport and recreation needs of the Boroondara community and to develop actions for Council, to be delivered in partnership with the community to address these needs.

The draft Strategy's scope is limited to physical based activities and excludes activities such as arts and crafts, reading and home based recreation activities. Sport and recreation can also be considered as structured (e.g. exercise, recreation or sport that is organised such as cricket matches or tennis competitions) or unstructured (e.g. exercise, recreation or sport that is not organised by a club or organisation such as walking the dog or riding on shared paths).

During the development of the draft Strategy more than 3,400 people were consulted to gain their views on sport and recreation in Boroondara. The information gathered was used to inform the development of the draft Strategy, the Action Plan and four Foundation Papers.

The research identified a number of key findings including:

- High sport and recreation participation by Boroondara residents
- High demand for sportsgrounds and indoor multi-use courts within highball stadiums in Boroondara
- Evidence of need for a skate and BMX facility in the north of the municipality
- The need to reduce barriers to participation for underrepresented groups

The draft Strategy, Action Plan and Foundation Papers were presented to the Services Special Committee meeting on 30 November 2015. Council resolved to release the draft Strategy for the purpose of community consultation. The community consultation process subsequently ran from 1 December 2015 to 22 December 2015.

The opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Strategy was promoted broadly via the Boroondara website, online bulletin, Progress Leader, Boroondara Leisure and Aquatic Facilities, Boroondara Libraries and emails to a keep informed list and directly to sporting clubs.

The consultation period resulted in a total of 74 responses which were received through survey completion, written submissions, phone calls and attendance at various Council advisory committee meetings. The responses came from Boroondara sporting clubs, community members, state and local sporting associations, schools and service providers.

It was identified during the analysis of these submissions that some common themes have emerged. These themes include: high demand for sport and recreation facilities, partnership opportunities with schools, recognition of the draft Strategy's focus on underrepresented groups including those with low income, suggested improvements to cycling infrastructure and environmental considerations relating to sport and recreation participation.

The feedback and subsequent themes resulted in a number of changes to the draft Strategy, Action Plan and Foundation Paper 3: Participation Analysis. Changes of significance include:

- Hockey being acknowledged as having capacity challenges and highlighting existing actions of working with schools for access to facilities.
- Identification that junior cricket requires innovative fixturing and scheduling of games to meet expected demand and opportunities to configure facilities to maximise participation opportunities.
- Understanding the needs relating to the increases in female participation in traditionally male dominated sports.
- Inclusion of a paragraph which highlights Boroondara's above Australian and Victorian average participation rate but recognises other data sources which identify that a significant proportion of Boroondara residents' physical activity levels are still below recommended levels.

The draft Strategy notes that sport and recreation makes a substantial contribution to the overall physical, social and economic health of the community. Endorsement of this draft Strategy will provide Council with a comprehensive Strategy which will aim to achieve its vision that all people in Boroondara, regardless of their circumstances, have the opportunity and encouragement to actively participate in sport and/or recreation activities.

One speaker opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

Councillor Kreutz left the Chamber at 6.48pm and resumed his seat at 6.49pm.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Ross

Seconded Councillor Parke

That the Services Special Committee resolve:

- 1. To adopt the draft Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy (Attachment 1) and draft Action Plan (Attachment 2) as annexed to the minutes.**
- 2. To note the four Foundation Papers (Attachment 3, 4, 5, 6) and acknowledge the submissions provided during the public consultation period (Attachment 7).**
- 3. To note that subsequent to the distribution of the agenda the Boroondara Netball Association has raised concerns about netball access to inside highball stadiums and this will be considered in Council's future planning for facilities in Boroondara.**

CARRIED

SC4 Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High School

The proposal to close the gap in the Anniversary Trail between Riversdale Road and Prospect Hill Road is strategically important and is considered a high priority as identified in the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy.

Completion of this link would improve the level of safety for cyclists and pedestrians by avoiding the on road section and would allow for a continuous 12km off road path.

On 13 July 2015, Council resolved to endorse the commencement of consultation on two options for redirecting the Anniversary Trail. Consultation closed on 11 September 2015.

One option involves the relocation of the existing car park to the western section of Riversdale Park (refer Attachment 1) and the other option involves the removal of the car park from Riversdale Park (refer Attachment 2).

The consultation involved community meetings, news articles, posters and letter drops to local residents. The consultation generated 113 responses by mail, online and by email together with further feedback received from resident and two well attended park information sessions. Feedback was also received from the East Camberwell Tennis Club and their members and the Department of Education.

Overwhelmingly there was support for the proposal to connect the Anniversary Trail between Prospect Hill Road and Riversdale Road. The consultation however raised diverse views on how to best make this connection with the least impact on a highly valued park.

Option 1 involving the relocation of the car park received significant support from the community (50%) although there were strong views against the new car park, the access road, the rebound wall and the path alignment on the west side of the tennis club courts.

Option 2 involving the removal of the car park received notable support from the community (27%) although the removal of the car park altogether is considered untenable by the East Camberwell Tennis Club and their patrons. Many residents and park users also shared similar concerns.

An alternative proposal raised by a number of respondents including the East Camberwell Tennis Club and several residents from the southern section of Spencer Road, involved a shared path alignment to the eastern side of the tennis club. From the feedback received, officers have developed this additional option which is shown as Option 3 (refer Attachment 3).

A questionnaire arranged by a Spencer Road resident sought support for no new car park or driveway from Spencer Road, retaining the existing driveway and car park, widening the existing driveway at the entrance and an option for a bike path to the east side of the tennis courts. A total of 50 signed questionnaires were received.

There are advantages and disadvantages for each option. On balance Council officers recommend Option 1, with an adjustment to remove the proposed rebound wall, however in the officers' view, Option 3 would also provide an acceptable outcome.

Consideration has also been given to minimising the impact on open space and vegetation. While there are some minor changes to the park associated with each option and the provision of a shared path facility, these changes are considered an appropriate use of park space that facilitate access and inclusion.

All options require an agreement and exchange of land with the Department of Education and approval from the Minister of Education.

Following Council's resolution on an option, officers would seek approvals from the Department of Education and Minister of Education and then seek funding opportunities to complete the strategic link in the Anniversary Trail.

Twenty-four speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

Five speakers in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

Four submitters opposed to the officers' recommendation chose not to address the meeting.

Councillor Mallis left the Chamber at 7.45pm and resumed his seat at 7.48pm.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Kreutz

Seconded Councillor Mallis

That the Services Special Committee resolve to:

1. Note the findings of the consultation.
2. Endorse Option 2 (with the removal of the rebound wall) as the preferred option for the realignment of the Anniversary Trail between Riversdale Road and Prospect Hill Road.

3. Seek approval from the Department of Education and the Minister of Education for the exchange of land that would be required for the realignment of the trail.
4. Advocate to the Victorian Government for the funding of Option 2 given the strategic importance of the Anniversary Trail.
5. Notify respondents to the consultation and other impacted stakeholders of the Services Special Committee resolution.

LOST

Division

Councillor Mallis called for a division

Affirmative

Councillor Heinz Kreutz
Councillor Philip Mallis

Negative

Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Steve Hurd
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Coral Ross
Councillor Judith Voce

The Chairperson declared the Motion LOST

MOTION

Moved Councillor Kreutz

Seconded Councillor Ross

That the Services Special Committee resolve to:

1. **Note the findings of the consultation.**
2. **Endorse Option 1 (with the removal of the rebound wall) as the preferred option for the realignment of the Anniversary Trail between Riversdale Road and Prospect Hill Road.**
3. **Seek approval from the Department of Education and the Minister of Education for the exchange of land that would be required for the realignment of the trail.**
4. **Advocate to the Victorian Government for the funding of Option 1 given the strategic importance of the Anniversary Trail.**
5. **Notify respondents to the consultation and other impacted stakeholders of the Services Special Committee resolution.**

CARRIED

3. General business

Nil

4. Urgent business

Nil

5. Confidential business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 10.09pm

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date
