

MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
12 MAY 2021 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, 93 TODD STREET ALICE
SPRINGS

PRESENT

Councillor Banks
Councillor Paterson (Chair)
Mr Ken Johnson
Mr Domenico Pecorari
Mr Jonathan Pilbrow (*arrived 4:48 pm*)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services
Mr Stephen Baloban - Manager Infrastructure
Mr Ben Fitzgerald - Manager Works
Ms Kaitlyn Weekes - Project Administration Officer (Minutes)
Ms Mel Bennett - Manager Finance
Ms Dunja Ganama - Finance Officer (*observing*)

13 th Alice Springs Town Council Parks Advisory Committee Attendance List 2020/2021					
	17 Nov 20	16 Feb 21	20 Apr 21	29 Jun 21	TBC
Mayor Damien Ryan	A	✓	A		
Deputy Mayor Price	✓	✓	A		
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Matthew Digby	✓	✓	A		
Mr Ken Johnson	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Jonathan Pilbrow	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Domenico Pecorari	✓	✓	✓		

✓ Attended
✓ phone Attended via phone
A Apology received
-- No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 4:31 pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Mayor Damien Ryan
Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price
Mr Mathew Digby
Mr Takudzwa Charlie - Manager Technical Services

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Jonathan Pilbrow - Item 6.2

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Email from Kate Wallis - Kurrajong Drive - 23 March 2021

The Committee received and noted the request in regard to the installation of fencing at Kilgariff Park along Kurrajong Drive.

Action:

Council Officers to discuss the desired scope of works with the resident.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of the Parks Advisory Committee meeting held 16 February 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Parks Advisory Committee meeting held 16 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting with the following amendments.

Moved: Ken Johnson

Seconded: Councillor Banks

CARRIED

Mr Ken Johnson raised agenda item 6.1 *Sturt Park*, and noted that the second paragraph be amended to read 'with the committee suggesting that bollards could be installed.' instead of 'with the committee suggesting that the bollards could be installed at a particular distance to indicate where the road reserve ends.

Mr Domenico Pecorari moved the minutes with the right to amend 6.3 *Madigan Park*, that it be noted, he objects the project proposal.

Councillor Banks raised a query in regard to 6.8 *Open Spaces Masterplan 2013*, and asked for clarification on the process of organising an external meeting for the purpose of those interested in reviewing the masterplan. The Director of Technical Services noted that the query should be raised through General Business.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Finance section was moved to the start of the meeting, but recorded as per the agenda.

The Committee received and noted the *Income and Expenditure Report* for the Period Ending 13 April 2021. Parks funds available assuming all commitments are realised are \$90,857.86

Moved: Councillor Paterson

Seconded: Ken Johnson

CARRIED

A question was raised as to if the financials for the Parks Advisory Committee would be replenished at the end of the financial year. The Director of Technical Services advised budget discussions were underway and that the finances available to this Committee would depend on the result of those deliberations.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1. Sturt Park

The Project Administration Officer provided information on the installation of bollards along Sturt Park reserve and provided the Committee with estimated costings. The Director of Technical Services noted that an AAPA certificate would have to be obtained if the bollards were to be installed.

Discussion ensued concerning safety implications from a traffic perspective if rocks were installed on the reserve. The committee spoke to the current financials left in the budget however, the Director of Technical Services noted that before financials are deliberated, discussions with AAPA to see if the project is viable would have to take priority.

Action:

The Director of Technical Services to approach AAPA with a query on the installation of rocks and the planting of trees on the Sturt Park reserve.

Action:

The Director of Technical Services to identify the definition of the boundary within Sturt Park reserve where an AAPA certificate is applicable.

Jonathan Pilbrow entered the room 4:48 pm

6.2. Lyndavale Park

Lyndavale Park was deferred to the end of the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Item 6.2 was not discussed at this meeting due to time constraints.

6.3. Madigan Park

The Committee received and noted the Feasibility Study and estimated costs, a member of the Committee raised concerns in regard to the financial figures. Discussion ensued with regard to the development of the park and if it progressed how it would be funded. The Director of Technical Services advised it would not come from the Parks budget line.

The Committee noted, depending on Council's decision, that only half of the park would be for this Committee's attention, and should take priority at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee noted the figures presented within the Feasibility study and recommends Council proceed with the project with an emphasis on Councils policy on affordable housing.

RESOLVED:

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council proceed with the project to develop half of Madigan Park, with an emphasis on Councils policy towards affordable housing.

Moved: Ken Johnson

Seconded: Jonathan Pilbrow

CARRIED

6.4. Tucker Park

The Project Administration Officer advised the playground equipment at Tucker Park is being installed in two weeks.

6.5. Oleander Park

The Project Administration Officer noted, as above, that the playground equipment was due to be installed at Oleander Park in the coming weeks and that there had been a delay due to the water meter upgrade.

6.6. Rotoract Park

The Project Administration Officer highlighted the completion of Rotoract Park and some unfortunate repair work that had been made to the access gates.

6.7. Power Box for public use at Kilgariff Park

Discussion ensued with regard to the possibility of installing a power box for public use at Kilgariff Park. Concerns were raised with regard to the available power supply and whether it would interrupt the irrigation systems. Mitigation for other risks would also have to be managed.

A suggestion was made with regard to community parks and the possibility of installing infrastructure which would open a platform for local communities to run local events. The infrastructure would have to be sustainable, manageable, cost effective and vandal proof.

The Committee resolved to defer discussion until the next Parks meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Tucker and Rotoract Park

A concern was raised with regard to the design and construction of the Rotoract and Tucker Parks and offered a suggestion to the Committee that an external landscape consultant be approached for future designs.

Action:

Council Officers provide a report on the re-surfacing of Tucker Park footpath.

Action:

Council Officers to speak to the contractors who installed the shade structure at Rotoract Park, to see if it's possible to reduce the height.

Action:

Council Officers report back to the Committee on the repair on the locks on the gates at Rotoract Park.

Action:

The Director of Technical Services to provide a report on how herbicides are managed within public spaces around the community.

8. NEXT MEETING

4:30pm on 29 June 2021 - Location confirmed closer to the date
The meeting closed at 5:35pm.