



MEETING MINUTES

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

12 May 2021 – 17:03pm

Online Microsoft Teams Forum

Administration Building 2 Railway St, Kalamunda

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING

The City of Kalamunda acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

LB welcomed everyone to the meeting and was officially opened at 17:03pm

2.0 ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Cr Lesley Boyd – Chair	LB
Cr Cameron Blair	CB
Cr Lisa Cooper	LC
Cameron Watts	CW
Patricia McQuade	PM
Mark Brennan	MB
Glynn Cooper	GC
Dr Shirlee-Ann Knight- Curtin University	SK
Snr Sgt Simon Roy Newland – Forrestfield Police	RN

Attending Staff

James Wickens – Manager Environmental Health and Community Safety	JW
Peter Varelis – Director Development Services	PV
Douglas Bartlett	DB

Apologies

Cr Janelle Sewell	JS
Cr Sue Bilich	SB
Peter O'Connor	PO
Annette Crick	AC
Annelies Gevers – Community Wellbeing Officer	AG
Engel Prendergast – Senior Road Safety Consultant, WALGA	EP

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- First: PM
- Second: MB



4.0 DEPUTATIONS

- No deputations.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility Study: Sub Committee

JW: The sub-committee met a month ago with Cr Lesley Boyd and Mark Brennan in attendance. Peter Varelis gave an update on review of Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility Study. Further research and costs of fitting out the Ranger vehicles and the Cities Variable Message boards was also provided to the sub-committee. CSCPAC resolved via email to **note** the findings of the Wattle Grove Cell 9 – CCTV feasibility study; **endorse** the recommendations and strategies for consideration by Council as part of future budget deliberations and when potential grant funding arise; **endorse** the fitting out of the Community Safety Fleet Vehicles and Variable Message Sign trailers with mobile CCTV, **request** that a capital budget item of approx. \$75,000 be listed as part of the 2021/22 budgeting consideration process.

A report has been prepared by the staff and has been presented to the Public Agenda Briefing

PV: Provided an update on the presentation and report to the public agenda briefing. Recommendation would be considered for the variable messaging boards and install CCTV on the ranger fleets would be considered at future budget processes beyond this financial year or future grant opportunities. The City of Kalamunda current budget position would not be able to absorb this cost at this stage but will be considered for future budgets.

5.2 "Dangerous trees" Report and Audit

JW: "Trees have been known to fail within the City from time to time, and while it is important to understand that there is always an element of risk associated with trees growing in an urban setting; the City has a structured framework in place to manage these risks to an acceptable level. Current measures include a Street Tree and Street Scape Management Policy; and a new Urban Forest Strategy has been developed and is scheduled to be considered by Council in the coming months.

In instances where trees are reported to be in risk of failure, qualified contract arborists are engaged by the City to undertake a formal evaluation and report on their findings. Recommended actions out of the report are then carried out to make the tree safer. This action may include pruning or even removal of the subject tree as a last resort"

Response provided by Rod Strang: Manager of Parks and Environmental Services.



RN: Property owner engaging the arborist, would that include go over to the other landowner to do that inspection?

JW: It would not, you would have to gain permission from the next-door neighbour

CB: I just had a contact by a resident who has a contact about their tree on the verge

JW: Have they gone through the administration?

CB: yes

JW: Whatever the environmental officers conclusion is should be respected as they are experts.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE - in/out

Nil

8.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Zig Zag Trial (Security Guard Closure) and Police resourcing - Cr Cameron Blair

Council has adopted to re-open the Zig Zag Scenic Drive from the first of July. Open 11am and close at 8.30pm every day. Having a security guard to do that. But there are still some outstanding issues.

CB: I was planning on doing a petition through state parliament, as there are more resources needed for Forrestfield police station. There has been City wide comments regarding not enough resources. I would rather formulate a plan rather than a petition for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory committee and discuss the member and come up with a plan. Especially for the Zig Zag Closure. Residents calling the police but not getting a response. Try and plan for the Zig Zag closure over the next 12 months. The plan will be to support for security guards at the Zig Zag.

LB: Disclosure of interest as work for WA Police

RN: Disclosure of interest as also work for WA Police.

RN: There will be a new police station, but I do not have any information or time frame regarding this. We are told most likely there would be additional staff. In terms of the Zig Zag issues in the past, we make ourselves available in line with the officers available and operational necessity. However, we do patrols through



the Zig Zag as well as other community interest spots. All calls that come through the Forrestfield police station are given different priorities depending on resources and nature of the incidents.

LB: The City administration seek a meeting with Roy and possibly someone from Midland District with the view of having the City administration highlighting the community expectations. So, everything can be put on the table, such as the Forrestfield Police Station and limited resources. Just so the discussion can be had, and everyone is aware. An example would be when the rope was put across the Zig Zag road and that obviously was not considered very dangerous, and having no officers come to the incident shows the lack of Police resources. What are your thoughts RN?

RN: Noted and recorded. More than happy to have the conversations with yourself and anyone else, resources shared amongst other district is part of larger conversation. Again, it depends on what comes in and priority.

CB: Keys for the Zig Zag were given to Forrestfield Police that were lost. Can we please have it noted so a spare pare can be given.

RN: Discussions have occurred to have a solution for this such as having a master key box, to avoid keys being lost.

CB: That can be sorted with the meeting

LB: Anyone else?

GF: As part of fire emergency, do we have a master key?

JW: Local volunteer bush fire brigade has keys and the SES.

RN: Pin code would be a better solution other than keys.

LB: Draft resolution has been prepared

That CSCPAC:

1. **ASK Council to REQUEST the Chief Executive Officer to write to the WA Police Force advising of the key concerns in relation to the Zig Zag closure.**
2. **SEEK a meeting between the City of Kalamunda administration with WA Police Force to discuss resourcing, procedures, and priority of the matter.**

RN: As part of part 2 of the resolution, that talks about priority of the matter and procedures. Subject to a call that comes into the operations on the CAD system. It will be worthwhile noting how the priorities are rated or assessed, avoids misunderstandings of priorities. Each priority has a time frame.



LB: I Understand the CAD system; committee, Council, and the community does not understand. If the conversation takes place and whoever's present, got that information can be dispersed. Whilst in part a two-part component with the City expectation and community expectations

MB: Most reasonable people will not expect police officers to come down to low risk incidents

LB: The Zig Zag will be closed at 8.30pm and open at 11am

MB: What is the offence if people go in during times that it is not opened.

LB: Once the roads back open there is anti- social behaviour will go, like 4wds going over the edge,

MB: If the police are not called for everything that happens as they have higher priority

JW: Reason why we do not have Rangers doing the security it is because they are not rostered at that time. Security guards can move people on, so the only situation the police attending where people do not move.

CB: Time could be an issue trying to get police up or down the Zig Zag depending on how many people are there.

JW: We do have an internal working group to work through those issues.

Lb: Back to the two draft resolutions, any comments? Anyone wishes to move or recommend the

CB: Move

MB: Seconded

LB: No one opposed. Motion carried; the resolution will go through council at the next available OCM.

PV: We will aim for May OCM but worst-case scenario we will go to June OCM.

8.2 Road Safety Engagement - Douglas Bartlett

DB: Update on the Road Safety Awareness Program: Please see attached presentation.

CB: I had a direct question why the city of Kalamunda advertising road safety on Facebook page is there. Could you send me please a brief of the project, so I guess explain why we are doing it?



DB: Yes, I can get our PR team to provide that information.

8.3 WALGA Road wise update – Engel Prendergast

LB: Apologies that Engel Prendergast was a late apology.

JW: Will follow up with Engel and provided some road safety information with the minutes.

8.4 Anti-Theft Screws Project – James Wickens

Background:

In recent years WA Police have partnered with Bunnings Australia to provide Local Governments and Neighbourhood Watch groups with Anti-Theft Screws for car license plates to give to community residents. The screws specifically designed with a special tool that cannot be vandalised or stolen.

In year 2019/20 there has been 1,303 instances of license plates getting stolen. The number plates are used to disguise stolen vehicles/or private vehicles that are predominantly used in serious crimes.

Proposal:

As part of the Plants for Residents we will be running a drive through workshop where residents can have "Anti-Theft screws" used on their car license plates to avoid them being stolen. The Anti-theft screws and tools will be supplied for Bunnings WA and us we will have our YAK team helping with the installation on the day.

It would be greatly appreciated if members from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee can attend to promote community safety.

Date: Saturday, 29 May 2021 from 8am - 1pm

Venue: Woodlupine Family and Community Centre, 88 Hale Road, Forrestfield.

Is anyone interested in helping out at the event?

PM: I am interested

LB: the idea is to run in conjunction with plants for residents, what about people that does not come to plants

JW: I will chat with our PR manager, but you do not have to just be there for plants.

LB: Is there any limits on the screws?

JW: No but this is a pilot project so we will see what issues that arise, and we will amend for future projects.



If someone must change the license plates with the licensing plates if they are privately owned, how would they do this?

JW: I will provide the information back when the minutes get circulated, when Annelies returns to her position.

JW Committee members interested in supporting and helping at the event.

1. Cameron Watts
2. Glynn Cooper
3. Cr. Lisa Cooper
4. Mark Brennan
5. Patricia Macade

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER
N/A

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11 August 2021

11.0 MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 7.52pm. **LB** thanked presenters, committee members and staff who attended the meeting and the valued contributions that were made.