North Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

25 August 2016
North Metropolitan Zone
Hosted by the City of Joondalup
90 Boas Ave Joondalup, Phone 9400 4000
Thursday 25 August, commenced at 6:02 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

4 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Joondalup
Cr Russ Fishwick (SC)
Cr John Logan (DSC)
Cr Mike Norman (Deputy)
Mr Garry Hunt, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Stirling
Mayor Giovanni Italiano
Cr David Michael (SC) Chair
Ms Bernadine Tucker, Manager Governance & Council Support – non-voting

City of Wanneroo
Cr Frank Cvitan JP (DSC)
Cr Dominic Zappa
Ms Noelene Jennings - Director of Corporate Strategy and Performance non-voting

WALGA Representatives
Mr Mal Shervill, Policy Officer Road Safety
Ms Margaret Degebrodt, Zone Liaison & Governance Support Officer

DLGC Representative
Ms Julie Knight, DLGC

Guest Speakers
Mr Marcus Holmes, Land Equity Legal Lawyers
Mr Darren Thomas, Dismantle/Bike Rescue Program

APOLOGIES

City of Stirling
Mr Stuart Jardine, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Wanneroo
Cr Sabine Winton
Cr David Boothman JP (DSC) Deputy Chair
Cr David Lagan
Mayor Tracey Roberts (SC)
Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
Mr Mustafa Yildiz, Manager Governance and Legal – non-voting delegate
Cr Brett Treby (Deputy)

City of Joondalup
Cr Philippa Taylor
Cr Christine Hamilton-Prime
Mr Jamie Parry, Director Governance & Strategy non-voting delegate

WALGA
Mr Zac Donovan, Executive Manager Finance and Marketing
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2. Zone Status Report
3. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Noongar Settlement Implications

Presentation to the Zone from Marcus Holmes, Land Equity Legal lawyers, about the Implications of the Noongar Native Title Settlement for Local Governments in the Metropolitan area.

The presentation gave a brief outline of the legal framework and features of the Settlement and its implications for Local Governments particularly regarding Noongar land use and land grants, cultural heritage management, planning and relationships with local Noongar people.

Finally, it looked at some options for responding to the Settlement.

Noted

1.2 BikeRescue – Proposal for Collaborative Approach to Local Government Program Delivery

Mr Darren Thomas, Dismantle/Bike Rescue Program, presented to the Zone on the possibility of working with Local Governments individually and collectively to determine potential BikeRescue program needs.

Overview
BikeRescue is Dismantle’s flagship youth program. BikeRescue provides participants the opportunity to develop their social skills, build confidence in themselves and connect with their local community and educational or vocational opportunities through disassembling and rebuilding two bikes each with the support of qualified and experienced bike mechanics and youth mentors. The first bike is donated to charity as a way to earn the second for themselves.

Along the restoration process, Dismantle mentors engage with the participants to identify their challenges, their education, training or employments aspirations and provide support in how they can get there. At the end of the program each participant graduates with an individualised pathway plan and is connected to support agencies that help participants achieve their goals.

Due to the success of the BikeRescue Program, Dismantle won the WA Youth Awards’ Youth Organisation of the Year 2015’ award in recognition of the achievements of BikeRescue since 2011.

Noted
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Russ Fishwick
Seconded Mayor Giovanni Italiano

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on 30 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone’s resolutions was enclosed as an attachment with the Agenda.

Noted

5. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS

5.1 Changes to Funding of Parenting and Family Services by Department of Local Government and Communities

By Fiona Hodges, Director Community & Place, City of Wanneroo

Background
The City of Wanneroo (the City) has received a letter from the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) notifying us that, as part of the 2016/17 State Budget, it will cease leasing and owning property for the purpose of providing subsidised accommodation to community groups and childcare providers from 30 June 2018. In the City, DLGC currently leases the Marangaroo Family Centre in Highclere Boulevard, Marangaroo.

Also in this year’s State Budget, major changes were announced to the funding of parenting support programs by DLGC. Parenting WA, a free information, support and referral service providing workshops, a telephone service and parenting library from seven metropolitan locations (Rockingham, Balcatta, Mount Lawley, Midland, Mandurah and Armadale), has been discontinued from December 2016. To compensate for this, the State Government has committed an additional $3.5 million over four years to the community services sector to deliver parenting services. The proposed allocation of $6.2 million (over four years), is to be distributed through a competitive tender process to organisations to deliver parenting programs for families of 0-18 year olds throughout Western Australia.

Comment
In addition to advice received by the City that DLGC wishes to cease its lease of the Marangaroo Family Centre (MFC) in Highclere Boulevard Marangaroo, the City is aware of four other parenting services
provided to families in the City of Wanneroo with funding by DLGC that will expire on 31 December this year. These are listed below as examples of the types of services that will potentially be impacted across Local Government areas resulting from the funding changes by State Government.

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<th>Organisation Name</th>
<th>Service Name</th>
<th>Target Group &amp; Delivery Area</th>
<th>Service Details</th>
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<td>Centrecare Inc.</td>
<td>Parent Link</td>
<td>Families of children aged 0-8 in Alexander Heights, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Marangaroo</td>
<td>Build on parents’ strengths to find effective ways of parenting when they are experiencing difficulties with their children</td>
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<td>Community Lind and Network Incorporated (CLAN)</td>
<td>CLAN WA Home Visiting Service</td>
<td>Families of children aged 0-8 in Alexander Heights, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Marangaroo</td>
<td>Parenting education programs and workshops</td>
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<td>Ngala Community Services</td>
<td>Ngala Early Parenting Community Services</td>
<td>Parent with children from pre-birth to eight in Butler and Merriwa.</td>
<td>Supported playgroup for vulnerable families.</td>
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DLGC has advised at a workshop conducted 28/7/16 that it intends to finalise requirements for the new service by the end of August this year with a view to advertising the Request for Tender in September, with a likely close date of the end of October. The proposed award date is late November 2016. These agencies are all eligible to tender for the new funding which is open to not-for-profit agencies, local governments and businesses.

Whilst the amount of funding to be made available to external agencies through DLGC for parenting services has increased, it will require a wider spread of services. The existing funding in the City of Wanneroo and elsewhere funds parenting support for families of children aged from birth to eight. The upcoming RFQ will require funding to be provided to agencies serving families of children and young people aged up to 18 throughout the State. This is likely to result in a larger number of agencies vying for funding. These changes together with the lack of clarity about Community and Neighbourhood funding creates uncertainty for service providers, particularly those providing parenting programs.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Dominic Zappa
Seconded Cr Frank Cvitan

That WALGA coordinates an advocacy campaign to State Government in regard to continuing support for subsidised accommodation that enables community groups and childcare providers to offer affordable childcare.

CARRIED

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded Cr Russ Fishwick

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports all items within the September 2016 State Council Agenda ‘en-bloc’.

CARRIED
7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 President’s Report to the Zone

Mal Shervill presented the President’s Report.

Noted

7.2 State Councillor’s report to the Zone

Cr John Logan presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

7.3 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative Update Report.

Department of Local Government and Communities representative, Ms Julie Knight, updated the Zone on DLGC issues.

Noted

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Invitation to the Auditor General

The North Metropolitan Zone requested that the Secretariat send an invitation to the Auditor General to attend a future meeting.

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Giovanni Italiano
Seconded Cr Frank Cvitan

That the next ordinary meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 24 November 2016 at the City of Stirling, commencing at 6pm.

CARRIED

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.56pm.