



MEETING MINUTES

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

10 February 2021 – 17:04pm

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 17:04pm

2.0 ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

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| Cr Lesley Boyd – Chair | LB |
| Cameron Watts | CW |
| Patricia McQuade | PM |
| Peter O'Connor | PO |
| Mark Brennan | MB |
| Glynn Cooper | GC |
| Dr Shirlee-Ann Knight- Curtin University | SK |
| Annette Crick | AC |

Attending Staff

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| James Wickens – Manager Environmental Health and Community Safety | JW |
| Annelies Gevers – Community Safety and Crime Prevention Officer | AG |
| Tim Parry – Coordinator Community Safety | TP |
| Brittany Cover - Coordinator Culture, Arts and Libraries | BC |
| Quaiser Mehboob - Engineering Technical Officer – Traffic | QM |
| Peter Varelis – Director Development Services | PV |

WALGA Representative

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| Engel Prendergast | EP |
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Presenter:

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| Cameron Watts: Wattle Grove Feasibility CCTV Study Presentation | CW |
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Apologies

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| Cr Janelle Sewell | JS |
| Doug Bartlett - Manager Asset Planning | DB |
| Snr Sgt Simon Roy Newland – Forreestfield Police | RN |



Cr Cameron Blair
 CB Cr Sue Bilich
 SB

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- First: PM
- Second: LB

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

- No deputations.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Program update: Outer Metro Arts Project & High Wycombe Train Station Art Mural

Outer Metro Art Grant Program Summary:

The City of Kalamunda has successfully secured funding through DLGSCI to deliver a series of creative workshops in partnership with Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Theatre Company to explore the dangers of drug addiction for young people living within the City of Kalamunda. At the conclusion of the workshops, Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Theatre Company will remount and perform their work 'Ice Land' which will be presented in collaboration with the workshop participants at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre. Participants will work towards creating a piece of performance art (art form to be determined by participants), which will then be performed at a private showcase for friends and family, or as a pre- or post-show event as part of the Ice Land – A Hip h'Opera performance on 26 and 27 March. The City of Kalamunda will work closely with existing youth service providers, local indigenous groups, local schools, police, and relevant internal departments to encourage participation. The workshop can accommodate up to 20 young people.

High Wycombe Train Station Art Mural:

Young people from the City of Kalamunda have been invited to brainstorm, design, and install a large new outdoor mural as part of the Forrestfield-Airport Link project. A 40m-long wall at Ibis Place, near the new High Wycombe Station site, will be the blank canvas for the piece of art, which will provide a unique entry statement to the station precinct. An expression of interest process was open for young people wanting to be part of the Ibis Place Youth Art Project, which will collaborate with an established artist to plan and design the installation. The well-established Right Track program was all about fostering a positive relationship between youth, Perth's public transport network and the people who work on it. The project is a collaboration between the Public Transport Authority's Right Track program and the City of Kalamunda. All young people aged 12 to 25 who have an interest in creative arts and community development who live, work, or have a connection to the City of Kalamunda are eligible to apply for the art committee. Participation in the project will be required between November 2020 and May 2021.

Action: The Committee notes the information



- 5.2** Action: Amend the "Blue Iris Register" reference in the CSCP Plan and to provide a link on the website to the new register.

AG + JW: Has been updated via the website.

- 5.2** Action: AG/JW to email out the final Youth Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan out too committee.

AG + JW Sent by email out via the minutes on 24.11.2020

- 5.3** Action: JW to circulate the workshop minutes with the committee when finalised.

AG + JW Sent by email out via the minutes on 24.11.2020

- 5.4** Action: All feedback regarding themes for the grant application to be sent via JW before February 2021.

JW: received no feedback regarding this program.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Noted: Cameron Watts: Declares Financial interest on Agenda item 8.1

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE - in/out

Nil

8.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

8.1 Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility Study: Cameron Watts

LB: Provided a summary on the Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility Study:

Through the budget process, funds were set aside to undertake a feasibility study into CCTV within the Wattle Grove Cell 9 area to address crime, security, and other relevant community safety matters. A feasibility study has been prepared along with an executive summary which has been provided to the committee. A presentation on the findings of the study will be provided by consultant Cameron Watts from Zenien.

CW: Delivered a presentation summarising the key findings on the Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility study.

Primary outcome and recommendation:



The City Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee to discuss and investigate the proposed idea of a Community Security Patrol service. Discussions to include how such an initiative fits in with the Community & Safety Crime Prevention Plan and estimated City of Kalamunda specific costs to be drafted. Information from other LGA's currently offering this service to be gathered and provided to the Committee for discussion. Findings and recommendations from this process to be presented to Council as appropriate. Zenien estimate cost of between \$400,000 and \$450,000 ex GST – Per Vehicle Per year. Consideration of Security an Emergency Services Levy.

Other Recommendations and findings:

- Traditional CCTV Not recommended for Wattle Grove Cell 9 area
- Discuss/Research the option of a CCTV Subsidy program (Similar to Town of Victoria Park)
- Explore the options and funding sources for the proposed ANPR option (Joining the WA Police LPR Mesh Program). Discuss with relevant stakeholders for support/approval.

Look at options for reducing access to the area via roads, reserves and railway etc. (e.g.: Better fencing and physical security measures)

MB: Is that 7 days a week or just need weekends?

CW: Open to discussing that, further statistics from police when core areas are having anti-social behaviours. Night-time burglaries, vast majority were mid-afternoons, like Kalamunda, opportunists came around when people are at work. City of Belmont have a subsidised grant, alarm systems for residents. The alarm would call the security service and the owner, it would take 8 minutes for the patrol to come to the residence. Optimising that you can also register for when you are on holidays. Security Guards can come around to check on the house. Something to discuss and find funding for regarding security levy on rates. These levies vary substantially different between councils.

Resolution

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee endorses the following resolutions:

1. NOTE the findings of the Wattle Grove Cell 9 - CCTV Feasibility Study prepared by Zenian.
2. ENDORSE the recommended strategies for consideration by Council as part of future budget deliberations.
3. REQUEST additional information and cost estimates be reported to CSCPAC and Council around installing CCTV on Ranger vehicles.



4. A Sub-Committee will be selected to address and discuss on other security measures regarding Wattle Grove Cell 9 – CCTV Feasibility Study. The Sub-Committee is comprised of the following members:

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| - Cr Lesley Boyd – Chair | LB |
| - Cameron Watts: Wattle Grove Feasibility CCTV Study Presentation | CW |
| - Mark Brennan | MB |
| - Annette Crick | AC |
| - Glynn Cooper | GC |

8.2 Zig Zag Engagement Report: Qaiser Mahboob (QM) Presented the findings of the community engagement report.

The Future of Zig Zag Scenic Drive: Consideration of advice by Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

QM: Zig Zag Scenic Drive (ZZSD) originally was part of the railway track built to transport timber to Midland Railway workshops in early 20th Century. Long history of anti-social behaviour, hooning, littering and environmental damage. Measures undertaken in 2014 temporarily reduced the impacts but by late 2019, antisocial behaviour became a major concern to residents and Council alike. A temporary closure to *public vehicles* was commenced at end of May 2020 which has been extended to end of May 2021 to help determine potential impacts of a permanent closure. Community engagement was undertaken on the future of ZZSD in 3Q of 2020. Over 1,330 submission received.

Key issues of respondents:

- Rights of the public to drive on public roads.
- Enjoyment of the vista
- Protect residents from hoons, anti-social behaviour.
- Protect of National Park from damage caused by four-wheel drive vehicles.
- Preference for pedestrian and cyclist only
- Do something to enhance tourism.
- Onvert for Train use
- Noticeable reduction in litter and dumping.
- Increase police and patrols to combat antisocial behaviour.

LB: Thank you for the presentation Cameron. Does anyone have any initial questions based on that presentation before I say something?

AC: How has the closure effected food businesses with it being closed downs (food trucks).

QM: We are considering that as part of engagement report as we know they are being affected.

LB: Let us do a straw poll to see what direction committee would like to take.

Closing the Zig Zag to vehicles 2



Opening the Zig Zag to vehicles: 7

LB: Trish why do you want the Zig Zag to remain closed for vehicle access?

Trish: A lot of people who were driving are usually driving dangerously. Car parking is not very good which means people are parking a lot on street. I believe Hooning is an issue as well.

LB: I think there is no doubt about the high levels of anti-social behaviour exhibited at the Zig Zag. My thought is that it should be re-opened with limited hours in mind and installing automated bollards. We have spoken a lot about designing out crime, for example having food trucks at the Zig Zag have has a proven effect on minimising anti - social behaviour. Activation of the space and limiting times people can use their vehicles to access the Zig Zag by installing a boom gate. I think the Zig Zag is an asset and iconic place and its disappointing it has been used for anti-social behaviour.

GC: How far away is the City looking for solution?

QM: We are currently looking at developing and implementing pedestrian and cyclist access instead of vehicles. However, at this stage we do not know, we can propose upgrading this road and create additional parking to support this

LB: May 2021 is when we will have an outcome for the Zig Zag Closure.

GC: I am in favour of keeping closed until then

SK: I would like to hear from those people who would like to keep the Zig Zag closed and their arguments associated. As it is a public place, and that we are prepared to have a limited opening time. Why something so iconic and enjoyed by everyone in Perth not just residents of Kalamunda should be closed.

GC: My argument was to keep it closed till May 2021; I would like to know what is going to happen after that? I would like to subtract my previous statement to keep the Zig Zag permanently closed.

CW: I believe the bulk of the problem is vehicles can stay in the area in all the alcoves and tourist spots. We could address this by placing rocks or fences to block it off. Introducing lighting via solar power as a passive surveillance technique as greater lighting leads to less desirable people to hang around the area. Having a ANPR camera system set up at the entrance of the Zig Zag could allow residents to access after-hours but also log all license plates that go through, making it easier to trace back the criminals demonstrating Anti-social behaviour.

MB: We should not close a local icon we need to fix the issues that need to be sorted. An example is Bondi beach had issues in the 60s and now it's a great tourist attraction.



AC: I agree the Zig Zag is an Iconic place, we certainly take tourists when they come to visit Perth. We cannot close the Zig Zag because of anti-social behaviour, what we need to do is put things in place to eradicate the problem. Maybe it is going to cost something to do this however we should remember it is not just iconic to Kalamunda its iconic to Perth.

PV: It is a tourist attraction, if we put gates in place, we can close an hour after sunset and open it up at 10am in the morning. Treat it as a tourist icon rather than a public road. Can we come to a consensus, where we can and noting the points where the issues are? And that can be provided to council for consideration.

LB: Glyn and Trish are you happy to move forward?

PM: I see the more dangerous side of the Zig Zag. For example, there are people there using it as a place to sleep, eat and drink at night. Leading to littering of glass bottles amongst other anti-social behaviour.

AC: What has happened since it been closed?

QM: I believe the Zig Zag is unsafe. We do not want it to be a place where accidents or crashes occur. It would be the safer option to keep it remained closed. If funding is given there can be consideration for reopening.

AC: Is the money the main issue?

LB: The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee will form part of the report for council, subject to recommendations are considered and put in place.

PV: There is a requirement that if we close the main road, we need to advertise this to the community and other state government departments.

QM: When we submit council report in April, and we will include your recommendation

Resolution:

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee recommend that Zig Zag Scenic Drive be reopened with enhanced security measures which include but not limited to:

- Solar lighting
- Closing off alcoves
- Bollards to regulate opening times
- More bins
- Infrastructure to design out crime
- Encourage tourism-based businesses to provide passive surveillance
- CCTV (possibly Automatic Number Plate Recognition)
- Traffic calming measures
- Other measures as deemed necessary



Move the motion: AC
Second the motion: GC

The Committee is all in favour of the resolution.

8.3 WALGA Road Wise Update – Engel Prendegast

EP: Stated that WALGA's 2021 Transport and Road forum new date will be on the 14th of May at Crown Forum.

Presentation opportunity:

The presentation covers the importance of addressing road safety, best practice in addressing road safety, what influence Local Government has and the role of Elected Members.

It is designed to provide Elected Members with information on embedding road safety in regular council business and the role that Elected Members have in contributing to effectively addressing road safety.

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

GC: Cr, Lisa Cooper apologises for not attending as she had had prior engagements.

JW: Acknowledgement that Cr Lisa Cooper did not receive an invite to the meeting. This was oversight and will be corrected for future committee meetings.

PM: Over the last week there has been a big tree that broke and fell in the Kalamunda/Lesmurdie area. Are the trees assessed by anyone, this is a community safety issue?

LB: You would need an Arborists report on questionable dangerous trees.

JW: We could ask park and rec for the processes for "General Tree safety"

LB: Sub-committee will organise a date for the first Sub-committee meeting.

Action – Parks and Environment provide process for identifying trees that pose a risk to road safety.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12 May 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.