

ARTS ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 6pm

Venue: Committee Room
City of Vincent
Administration and Civic Centre
244 Vincent Street Leederville

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Joanne Fotakis (Chairperson) (Cr Fotakis)

Community Representatives

Simon Venturi (SV) Sioux Tempestt (ST)
Eduardo Cossio (EC) Suzanne Worner (SW)
 Johnny Doan (JD)

City of Vincent Officers

Virginia Miltrup, Executive Director Community and Business Services (VM)
Tara Gloster, Manager Policy and Place (TG)
Beckett Frisch, Place Manager (BF)

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1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening – Acknowledgement to Country

Cr Fotakis opened the meeting at 6.03pm and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held.

2. Apologies

Nathan Giles, Alexandra Thompson, Sharmila Wood, Cr Sally Smith, Claudia Alessi

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held 25 November 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting. No comments or amendments were made.

4. Business

4.1 Staff updates and introductions

4.2 North Perth Place Plan and Art

Beckett went through the North Perth Place Plan presentation and the following was considered:

- Process for North Perth Place Plan review - North Perth has 1 more minor annual review middle of this year, but the development of creating a whole new place plan will commence later this year.
- Area is lacking shade.
- Easels don't have shade and it is not clear how they are to be activated.
- Masterplan or structure plan? Place plan should work with the existing Masterplan or adapt the place plan to include master plan. Otherwise looks like a maintenance list.
 - 2012 Masterplan is in place. Should review them together.
 - Place plan can then become a catalyst for groups to help activate.
- Need to make sure the maintenance is there too - get the basics right.

- North Perth can be hard to activate - but lots of big plans coming through (Fitzgerald St project) – we could encourage those developers to put funds into art infrastructure
- Keep eye open for pockets for artworks - Farmer St area, lots of wall spaces
- Who owns the service station - much loved - could be trendy - selling at the moment - only full service, service station?
- Themes -
 - Robots - some asked for "no more" but need to consultant with community.
 - Venn St - half cups - fantastic
 - O-theme
 - Themes shouldn't be that fixed
 - Colour pallet brings consistency
- Get the brief right for View St Car Park
- Opportunity to capitalise creatives in North Perth - Makers Trail - Could we make it whole of Vincent and spread it around?
- Consider Future Shelter - great artists work there
- Can you link performance to place, considering - Actors - Rosemount - WAAPA series?
- In North Perth Common, performance and cinema works well due to the slope
- Open rehearsal space good idea
- North Perth Town Hall – utilise for performance
- Could you link up "open days (say for WAAPA)", "open studio days", like the makers trail?

4.3 Percent for Art Policy Review

Administration advised:

- Zoe spoke about the policy review previously
- Feedback on draft objectives has been received and discussed at Executive
- Progressing to Council workshop in Feb or March
- If any changes emerge, we will bring it back

Advisory Group were keen to see the detail, as the "devil is in the detail"

4.4 Percent for Art

- Nothing to report at the moment

4.5 Pride Mural Update

- Closed Monday
- Need a couple of people from AAG to be on selection panel

4.6 William Street WAPOL Mural

- Social media feedback – artists have advised this project did not have a huge budget to work with

4.7 Sub Groups

- Mural - Sioux provided feedback that in one private commission, she had suggested a colour pallet which was not supported by the client. The advisory group discussed:
 - The need for an education process
 - Copyright issues in mural art
- Place plans and town teams:
 - place approach good for getting community engagement outcomes, but some arts items might need to be treated separately, otherwise you get a committee mentality
- Encourage good artists back to public art – it can be a difficult process, annoying. Artists of colour won't try. That's when you get regular participants doing all the commissions.
- Percent for Art
- Pride Mural Selection

5. Other Business

5.1 Events

Arts Advisory Group discussed current sponsorship requests for events. The City’s policy requires Art Advisory assessment and recommendation. This fostered a deeper discussion about Art and activation.

- Discussed the example of the Pickle District sponsoring NAIDOC Week, arts activation and town team activation
- Does our event policy support a percentage of spend going to artists – what are the principles and criteria?
- Arts budget vs events budget – how do they compare? How do they complement each other?
- Does the events policy have an arts component?
- How can we tie smaller events into bigger events
- Can we facilitate and add arts into events – this gives the event heart
- Foster arts and performance within events
- Arts Festival?
- Winter vs Summer planning
- Fringe Hub – how to spread out activations – coordinating venues and calendar
- LeedyPalooza
- How do events organisers partner with collectives
- Discussed collating a list of artists, or “plug-in” activations that could be promoted to event organisers
- Perhaps add a sponsorship component that incentivises art activation
- Call out – plug-ins would be worthwhile

5.2 Resignation of Sharmila Wood Noted. Sharmila thanked for her interest.

5.3 Note that the terms of reference now includes an Arts Advisory member with Indigenous Heritage

6 Close/Next Meeting

Cr Fotakis closed the meeting 7.26pm. The next meeting will be held 24 February 2021.

Summary of Actions	Date	Status

Signed _____
Councillor (Chairperson)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__