

15.1 Creation of Three Beach Volleyball Courts at Swanbourne Beach – Cr. Bell (Trim Ref. D07/3476)

Councillor Bell had given notice of his intention to move the following at this meeting.

MOVED – Councillor Bell
SECONDED – Councillor James

That Council agrees to:

- (a) levelling the eastern edge of the artificial sand dunes and artificial vegetation against the forecourt retaining wall at Swanbourne Beach to create three beach volleyball courts as a new youth activity project;**
- (b) liaising with the Beach Volleyball Association of WA on the design, construction and guaranteed future use of this new youth asset or facility;**
- (c) retaining most of the artificial sand dunes west of these courts and that any levelling only occurs for the breadth of the north/south facing beach volley ball courts; and**
- (d) works being completed at a minimal cost.**

Mr G. Foster, Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting at 8.17 p.m. and returned at 8.18 p.m.

Councillor van Straalen left the meeting at 8.18 p.m. and returned at 8.19 p.m.

Councillor Hodsdon left the meeting at 8.19 p.m. and returned at 8.20 p.m.

Mr G. Foster, Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting at 8.33 p.m. and returned at 8.34 p.m.

CARRIED 7/6

(Against: Mayor & Crs. Froese Lipple Mazzucchelli Brown & Hodsdon)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council agrees to:

- (a) levelling the eastern edge of the artificial sand dunes and artificial vegetation against the forecourt retaining wall at Swanbourne Beach to create three beach volleyball courts as a new youth activity project;**
- (b) liaising with the Beach Volleyball Association of WA on the design, construction and guaranteed future use of this new youth asset or facility;**

- (c) retaining most of the artificial sand dunes west of these courts and that any levelling only occurs for the breadth of the north/south facing beach volley ball courts; and
- (d) works being completed at a minimal cost.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

(Memo to Mayor & Councillors on 9 March – Trim Ref. M07/2798)

That Administration be requested to investigate the need, viability, costs and approvals necessary, to install beach volleyball courts at Swanbourne Beach during the community consultation to be conducted for the City's Coastal Management Plan.

Administration Report (circulated to Councillors under cover of a memo dated 9 March 2007 – TRIM Ref. M07/2798)

With respect to the part (a) the assertion that the dunes and vegetation are artificial in the proposed location does not diminish the City's responsibilities to comply with relevant Environmental Protection legislation. Preliminary investigations confirm that the City will need to apply for a Permit to Clear Native Vegetation from the proposed area in order to satisfy the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The Department of Environment and Conservation will undertake an assessment of the existing vegetation prior to issuing a permit and although relatively minor in area, will assess whether or not the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation. The proposed area is adjacent to the priority area for rehabilitation identified in the draft Coastal Management Plan which Council is yet to approve for community consultation, (The Plan will be submitted for consideration and referral for consultation at the next Committee meeting).

In relation to (b) the City has received no approach from the Beach Volleyball Association in regard to the proposal. Whilst volleyball was identified in the City's Recreation Plan, beach volleyball was not specifically referred to. Additionally, beach volleyball is not necessarily a youth specific activity and demand issues should be properly investigated with the YAC and other agencies to determine whether beach volleyball is in demand as a youth activity. The Recreation Plan has not highlighted a specific need for facilities in this regard however there may be good reason for developing this type of facility if there is a demand for it. These include:

1. The ability to increase activity around Swanbourne Beach and hence passive surveillance of antisocial activities.
2. The ability to provide for ad-hoc use of such facilities through the Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Lifesaving Club and the Kiosk as occurs currently with the existing courts.

With respect to (d) the proposal is essentially uncostered and needs to be properly evaluated prior to the City committing to the courts and their maintenance. The major costs are likely to be in maintaining the facility once it is constructed in a fragile dune environment and, depending upon the regularity with which leveling needs to occur, could run to many thousands of dollars. There is no current budget allocation identified for this purpose.

Other issues include the City's commitments already to further stages of development at Swanbourne Beach and as above the need to finalise the Coastal Management Plan to ensure that future uses are compatible with the natural environment and each other. The proposed area will also experience some light spill from the adjoining promenade and hence people will be encouraged to play volleyball after dark in the proposed location. Council needs to be cognisant of the liability issues associated with a facility that is not lit to Australian Standards and hence there would be a need and expectation created that the City provide compliant lighting for the courts.

There is no clarification with respect to the nature of use of the facility and whether the City, and an Association or another entity will use, operate and or maintain the facility should it be constructed. Consequently, the view of Administration is that whilst the proposal may have merit, and even be a desirable outcome, there is considerable investigation needed before Council should commit to the establishment of a facility in the proposed location.

15.2 Appointment of Consultant on Possible Options for a Land Based and/or Sea Based Coastal Development – Cr. van Straalen (Trim Ref. D07/3482)

Councillor Bell, on behalf of Councillor van Straalen, had advised of Councillor van Straalen's intention to move the following motion at this meeting.

MOVED – Councillor van Straalen
SECONDED – Councillor James

That:

- (a) Council appoints the former Executive Director of the Department of Marine and Harbours, Mr. John Jenkin, as a consultant, to advise Council on both (a) the feasibility and also (b) on the range of possible options to choose from for a land based and/or sea based coastal development;
- (b) Council directs Mr. Jenkin to prepare 'very preliminary only' idea generating concept plans to enable Council to properly envisage this project and then to decide afterwards on any possible action;
- (c) this consultant reports back to Council's May Council Meeting; and

- (d) the maximum cost to Council be no more than A\$2,000.

LOST 5/8

(Against Mayor & Crs. Froese Mazzucchelli Horley Lipple Argyle Brown & Hodsdon)

16. NOTICES OF MOTION GIVEN AT THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING ORDINARY MEETING ON 27 MARCH 2007

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The following notices of motion for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 27 March 2007 were tabled at this point.

16.1 Preparation of Business Plans for the Potential Purchase or Acquisition of Two Properties behind the Carrington Street Steamroller Park – Cr. Bell (Trim Ref. D07/3489)

Councillor Bell had given notice of his intention to move the following at the Council meeting on 27 March 2007:

That:

- (a) Council directs the CEO to prepare possible business plans for the potential purchase on the open market and/or compulsory acquisition, of the two properties for sale behind the Carrington Street Steam-roller park; and
- (b) this business plan also includes possible scenarios of generating up to \$8 million from selling six freehold blocks in the future, if the steam roller park is relocated to the Council's engineering depot across the road, plus possible additional revenue to the Council, if it were to develop medium density on this six block site.

Councillors Froese and Bell left the meeting at 9.14 p.m.