

## MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 18 MARCH 2020



### **12.1 Albert Park College request to Utilise Gasworks Arts Park and Lemnos Square**

The following people submitted a statement prior to the meeting, which were read out in summary by the Chair for the purposes of livestreaming. Statements are available on Council's website:

Christine Fetterplace

Kay Gibson

The following people presented to the meeting, without a microphone, and the Chair summarised their statements for the purposes of the live stream:

Catherine Thompson

Jane Gray

Oscar Pearce

Eloise Moses

Holly Pritchard

#### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To present a request from Albert Park Secondary College to formalise utilisation of Gasworks Arts Park and Lemnos Square during school hours.

#### **MOVED Crs Bond/Gross**

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that considering school access of public space policy setting is highly complex and generates mixed views in the community.
- 3.2 Notes as the municipality grows so will demand and conflict with access to public open spaces.
- 3.3 Notes that any school access granted to public managed land should be non-exclusive or result in modifications to the existing landscape and infrastructure the serve the primary purpose of the public space.
- 3.4 Endorses a trial 'Option 3 – Approve a Licence to Grant Access to Lemnos Square & Gasworks Arts Park During Recess and Lunchtime Periods Only', subject to the following conditions:
  - the licence does not provide for exclusive use to the school
  - the licence covers the defined area in Gasworks Arts Park as per the Victorian Government Gazettal (Attachment 1), maintaining the majority of the park for other park uses.
  - the licence restricts access to lunchtime and recess periods only
  - the licence requires that appropriate teacher supervision be in place at all times.

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- the licence prohibits sporting games or the use of sporting equipment.
  - the licence requires appropriate public liability insurance to be in place.
  - the licence includes requirements for the school to reimburse Council for any maintenance works required due to school use.
  - the licence stipulates that the public amenities within the Gasworks Theatre and Café complex are not to be utilised by the school.
  - the licence have an end date of no later than 31 December 2020.
- 3.5 Notes that granting of the licence does not remove any usage rights currently enjoyed by dog walkers at Gasworks Arts Park, in particular their ability to walk dogs off leash.
- 3.6 Endorses the preparation of a policy for school access and use of Council managed public space.
- 3.6 Endorses a review be undertaken following the end date of the licence, that considers community feedback, and takes into account views of community members, in its assessment of the effectiveness of the trial and consideration future licences in-line with the school use policy.

**A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.**

*Mayor Voss returned to the chamber at 8.07pm and resumed the chair.*

### **13. ARTS CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nil.

### **14. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **14.1 Notice of Intention to Lease (Commence) - Lease with South Melbourne Life Saving Club**

The following people presented to the meeting without a microphone and the Chair summarised their statements for the purposes of the livestream:

Dinah Boswell

**The following question was taken on notice during the discussion of the item:**

Councillor Crawford took up Ms Boswell's question asking for clarification of 'up to vs three days' in relation to use by Albert Park College, who was responsible for maintenance of the exterior of the building and why is permission required to rent out the community room.

*Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services, took the questions on notice.*