



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 21

**held from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm
on Thursday, 26 May 2022
City of Playford Civic Centre**

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Chris Daniels

Members: Adrian Skull
Claire Boan
Kelvin Trimper
Trixie Smith
Felicity-ann Lewis
Greg Ingleton

APOLOGIES: Louka Parry, Tobias Turner, Dena Vassallo

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, Director
Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
Louisa Halliday, Manager Strategy and Performance
Kim Krebs, Manager Resilient Communities
Stuart Collard, Manager Landscape Operations
Marguerite Swart, Manager Governance (via MS Teams)

GUESTS: Aunty Merle Simpson
Lachlan Keeley, Aboriginal Partnerships Coordinator

260522-21-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

260522-21-1.1 Welcome

The Presiding Member acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Kaurna land and acknowledged that it was also Sorry Day and an important day for Kaurna people. He also welcomed Aunty Merle Simpson and Lachlan Keeley to the meeting.

- 260522-21-1.2 Apologies**
Apologies received from Louka Parry, Tobias Turner and Dena Vassallo.
- 260522-21-1.3 Declarations of Interest**
No conflicts declared
- 260522-21-1.4 Consent Schedule**

*The Board **confirmed** the remaining items within the consent schedule be adopted.*
- 260522-21-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 20 held on 28 April 2022 as a true and accurate record.*
- CARRIED**
- 260522-21-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*
- CARRIED**
- 260522-21-2 STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS**
- 260522-21-2.1 2022/23 Business Plan / Budget**

The Manager, Strategy and Performance outlined the paper and advised that some of the content has been included to meet statutory requirements of the business plan.
- The Manager, Strategy and Performance noted that all expenditure figures proposed in the draft Annual Business Plan as tabled are the same as were discussed during the presentation from last month's meeting with the exception of core services where savings of approximately \$200k have been found. This amount has been assigned to the Greener Neighbourhoods Grants project as it is understood that there is potential for there to no longer be State Government contributions following the State Budget announcement.
- A preliminary recommendation of the grants and partnerships review was to consider combining appropriate grant programs into a strategic Urban Greening grants program. All agreed this should be investigated.
- The Director advised the Board that in 12 months' time, Green Adelaide can apply to become a 'Management Unit' for the purpose of the Australian Government's NLP program and will therefore have another avenue to apply for Commonwealth funds and grants programs.
- The Board discussed developing a strategy that will identify projects and potential partners who may wish to invest.
- The Board acknowledged and thanked all staff who contributed to the development of the Plan, especially the Planning and Finance teams.

The Board:

- 2.1.1 **Approved** the Green Adelaide Board Business Plan 2022-23 in its entirety, noting in particular
- the levy income proposal
 - the levy expenditure proposal
 - staffing arrangements
 - requirements to provide for the Landscape Priorities Fund
 - requirements to provide for Grassroots Grants
 - requirements to provide for various Ministerial Directives.

CARRIED

- 2.1.2 **Noted** the text only version of the Business Plan which will undergo further design to make it a more engaging document.

CARRIED

- 2.1.3 **Approved** the Presiding Member of the Board to approve the final designed version of the Business Plan document, incorporating any minor editorial adjustments.

CARRIED

- 2.1.4 **Approved** the 2022-23 Business Plan Budget – Total Income and Expenditure Budget of \$29.995million with an additional \$4.489million of carryover expenditure budget.

CARRIED

- 2.1.5 **Approved** the 2022-23 Operational Project Expenditure Budget of \$20.382million with an additional \$4.269million of carryover budget related to operational projects.

CARRIED

- 2.1.6 **Approved** the 2022-23 Program Support Expenditure Budget of \$9.613million with an additional \$0.220million of carryover budget related to program support projects.

CARRIED

- 2.1.7 **Delegated** to the Director Green Adelaide the authority to approve variations to budget of up to \$200,000 (GST exclusive) between projects, noting that these adjustments will be reported back to the Board.

CARRIED

260522-21-2.2

RAP Options

The Manager, Resilient Communities outlined the paper which was the result of a request from the Board to investigate developing a Reconciliation Action Plan last year.

The Manager provided the background on the Department for Environment and Water's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan which was launched in February. At that time the former Premier indicated that all statutory bodies should align themselves to a Reconciliation Action Plan. The Department addressed the Chairs of the Landscape Boards recommending that the Boards follow the Department's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan, which was agreed to. The

Landscape Boards also developed a Statement of Commitment to First Nations which was signed by all Boards and launched in January.

Green Adelaide consulted with Warpulai Kumangka who advised that action is more important than words and advocated that rather than spending money, time and resources into reconciliation action planning, we should just get on with it. It was noted that Green Adelaide is achieving more than the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan's minimum deliverables.

The Board:

- 2.2.1 **Noted and thanked** the advice from Warpulai Kumangka to have an action-based approach to reconciliation.

CARRIED

- 2.2.2 **Noted** that Green Adelaide's activities are guided by the instruments of the DEW Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan and SA Landscape Board's Statement of Commitment.

CARRIED

- 2.2.3 **Endorsed** Green Adelaide's Regional Landscape Plan to be delivered with an action-based approach to reconciliation with Kaurna Miyurna and other First Nations.

CARRIED

260522-21-2.3

West Lakes SMP

The Director advised the Board that under the Local Government Act and Stormwater Management Authority Guidelines, the Board is required to review and consider Stormwater Management Plans.

The Manager, Operations advised the Board that Green Adelaide has had ongoing involvement in the development of the West Lakes Stormwater Management Plan. There has been externally provided input to assess the voracity of the plan and that has come through with adequate provisions.

The Board asked that the letter include that the attention to the improvement of the quality of the water has been noted and that the Board has an ongoing interest in how to improve the quality of the discharge into the lake around water sensitive urban design.

The Board also asked that the Manager, Stormwater Management Authority be invited to present at a future meeting.

The Board advised that they wanted to see each Stormwater Management Plan as opposed to delegating the Presiding Member to respond out of session.

The Board:

- 2.3.1 **Noted** that the West Lakes Stormwater Management Plan April 2022 contains appropriate provisions as required by the legislation and guidelines for identifying appropriate flood mitigation works, providing non-structural flood mitigation, water quality improvement, and water harvesting strategies,

ensuring that stormwater quality is not allowed to deteriorate, and that stormwater reuse is encouraged.

CARRIED

- 2.3.2 **Approved** delegating the Presiding Member to advise, in writing, the Stormwater Management Authority, that having considered the advice provided, it is the Board's opinion that the West Lakes Stormwater Management Plan April 2022 contains appropriate provisions as required by the legislation and guidelines for identifying appropriate flood mitigation works, providing non-structural flood mitigation, water quality improvement, and water harvesting strategies, ensuring that stormwater quality is not allowed to deteriorate, and that stormwater reuse is encouraged.

CARRIED

260522-21-2.4

Director's Report

In addition to the report, the Director provided an update on some of the strategic, HR and operational work of Green Adelaide.

The Green Adelaide Management Team (GMT) have been evaluating the value from the partnership and grants review and preparing Estimates briefings.

From a HR perspective, work arrangements have formally returned to pre 2019 arrangements where staff have the right to request flexible work arrangements. GMT are working through updating role descriptions.

There is also a lot happening in the National Park City space and Green Adelaide has a commitment with World Urban Parks. There is a possibility that staff will be presenting at the World Urban Parks Congress in Mexico in November.

The Board noted the report.

CARRIED

260522-21-2.5

Finance Report

The Manager, Governance advised the Board that the end of April figures are starting to show an improvement. Year to date there is a 7% underspend. She reminded the Board that payments that are yet to be made will occur in May, June and July.

It is now forecast that there will be a 4% underspend at the end of the financial year.

The Board:

- 2.5.1 **Approved** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 30 April 2022.

CARRIED

260522-21-2.6 Communications Report

The Board

2.6.1 **Noted** the report

CARRIED

260522-21-2.7 WHS Report

It was noted that there are a few administrative issues in the change of system from MyGov to Gov Safety.

The Board:

2.7.1 **Noted** the WHS Report.

CARRIED

260522-21-3 PAPERS TO NOTE

260522-21-3.1 Correspondence

260522-21-3.1.1 Ltr to Minister Close re April Board meeting – 18 May 2022

260522-21-3.1.2 Ltr to Auditor-General re Risk of Fraud – 18 May 2022

280422-21-3.2 Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** information papers 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.2*

CARRIED

280422-21-4 OTHER BUSINESS

Reconciliation Event 1 June

The Manager, Resilient Communities spoke about the event and sought attendance by a board member to speak on behalf of the Board.

Volunteers Celebration Event

The Board acknowledged the celebration event as well as the contribution made by volunteers and those who received service awards. The Board also thanked the staff who organised and attended the event.

MEETING CLOSED at 11.30 am

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member

 Date: 23 / 6 / 2022