



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 12

**held from 10.00 am to 12.45 pm
on Thursday, 22 July 2021
via MS Teams**

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Chris Daniels

Members: Adrian Skull
Claire Boan
Kelvin Trimper
Dena Vassallo
Trixie Smith
Felicity-ann Lewis
Louka Parry
Greg Ingleton
Tobias Turner

APOLOGIES:

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

GUESTS: Hon David Speirs, Minister for Environment & Water
Ken Ross, Chief of Staff
Ashley Natt, Ministerial Liaison Officer
John Schutz, Chief Executive, DEW

220721-12-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

220721-12-1.1 Welcome
The Presiding Member welcomed the Minister, his staff and the Chief Executive to the meeting.

The Minister addressed the Board and congratulated the Board on the progress that Green Adelaide is making and his view that the Green Adelaide brand and name is strengthening.

The Minister advised that he has written his Forward to the Regional Landscape Plan and made some amendment but that the Plan is a strong document.

The Minister also advised that the Green Adelaide contribution to the Landscape Priorities Fund will be left at 15% but that he will partition a portion, likely \$500k, for Friends of Parks Groups across the state.

220721-12-1.2

Apologies

Nil apologies. All in attendance

220721-12-1.3

Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

220721-12-1.4

Consent Schedule

*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.*

240721-12-1.5

Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 11 held on 24 June 2021 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

220721-12-1.6

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*

CARRIED

220721-12-1.7

Resolution Register

*The Board **noted** the resolution register.*

CARRIED

220721-12-2

BOARD MATTERS

220721-12-2.1

Adelaide National Park City Charter

The Minister is pleased with the progress of the National Park City bid which is gaining momentum. The Advertiser has shown more interest than was expected and that interest is welcomed.

The Manager, Resilient Communities advised that her team have contributed at a high level to ensure The Advertiser's deadlines have been met. To date, it has been only a "soft" launch to sign the

charter which has seen over 1200 signatures. Larger numbers are expected once the charter is publically shared in early August.

It was pointed out that the starting point (5 June 2021) was the universal charter and that the final charter will be slightly different based on the feedback from over 1,200 voices, to make it a resonate with the people of Adelaide.

The Director, Green Adelaide commented that community engagement and ownership is seen as very important to Adelaide's bid and that the particular advantages of multi-tier government leadership is acknowledged by the founders of London National Park City. World Urban Parks are supportive of using the beneficial aspects of government leadership as a selling point for similarly placed cities into the future.

The Board discussed the charter and all agree that it needs to make it clearer that National Park City refers geographically to Greater Adelaide. Board members were asked to provide any further suggestions for change to the Manager, Resilient Communities by 23 July in order for any changes to be made by The Advertiser's deadline.

The Board:

2.1.1 **Noted** the proposed Adelaide National Park City Charter that has been shaped from significant community input.

CARRIED

2.1.2 **Endorsed** the concept of a National Park City for Adelaide and taking a significant leadership role in the development and implementation.

CARRIED

2.1.2 **Approved** that the proposed Adelaide National Park City charter will be promoted in the Advertiser on 7 August 2021 with a call to action for the community to sign and pledge their support and involvement.

CARRIED

220721-12-3.1

Rewilding Concepts

The Director, Green Adelaide outlined the paper and said that the rewilding concepts fit with the urban biodiversity goals of the Regional Landscape Plan.

The Manager, Landscape Operations advised that there is a proposal to form an Adelaide City Council steering committee to oversee rewilding within their area with the CE of DEW and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide to co-chair.

The Board discussed the paper and asked that a rewilding project concept plan come to the Board with a proposed budget. Any unbudgeted project proposals should include an indicative budget. They have also asked for a comprehensive list of possible rewilding opportunities that includes both fauna and flora.

The Board:

- 3.1.1 **Noted** the priority rewilding projects currently being developed by Green Adelaide and our partners.

CARRIED

220721-12-3.2

Patawalonga Lake System Review

The Board discussed the paper and it became evident that there was a lack of clarity as to the responsibilities of Green Adelaide.

The Chief Executive advised that DEW is responsible for flood hazard and is not a responding agency. Green Adelaide has a role to play in influencing the management of water resources, both surface water and underground water as well as water-dependent ecosystems.

The Board compared other wider river governance issues such as the previously proposed River Torrens Governance pilot project and Gawler River and agreed that a letter be sent to DEW as the flood hazard leader to seek advice on the Department's proposals for developing a long-term management strategy for the Patawalonga Lake System, including governance arrangements.

The Board:

- 3.2.1 **Noted** the findings of the Patawalonga Lake Systems project review.

CARRIED

220721-12-3.3

Greening Awards

The Minister advised that he has rethought the concept of establishing a specific annual Green Adelaide greening awards and noted it has not been included in the 21/22 budget. He has suggested that the Board consider sponsoring/partnering awards with related organisations.

The Board discussed a number of options and have asked that a paper be prepared on a partnering award strategy

The Board:

- 3.3.1 **Noted** the feasibility of running a Green Adelaide awards to raise the profile of the Green Adelaide Regional Landscape

Plan initiatives and provided advice as to preferred approach.

CARRIED

220721-12-3.4 Director's Report

The Board discussed the report and are all in agreeance that it is very informative and that they enjoy reading it each month.

The Board:

3.4.1 **Noted** the Director's report

CARRIED

220721-12-3.5 Finance Report

The Manager, Governance tabled draft reports for period ending 30 June 2021 and provided a verbal update on the current financial position noting that the financial general ledger had still not closed due to end of financial year processing. . It was noted that the financial statements are still to be finalised and will be discussed at the Risk and Performance Committee at its 4 August meeting. A comprehensive report will be presented at the August Board meeting including a final analysis.

The Board:

3.2.1 **Noted** the verbal update on the draft financial position as at 30 June 2021

CARRIED

220721-12-3.6 WHS Report

The Board:

3.3.1 **Noted** the WHS Report.

CARRIED

220721-12-4 PAPERS TO NOTE

220721-12-4.1.1 Greener Neighbourhoods Grants 2021/22

Concern raised about requirement for only one milestone report. It was suggested that feedback should also be provided at 18 months and 5 years post project.

- 220721-12-4.2.1 Letter to MEW re May meeting
- 220721-12-4.2.2 Letter from City of Onkaparinga – 12 July
- 220721-12-4.2.3 Letter from Campbelltown City Council – 9 July
- 220721-12-4.3 Register of Interests
- 220721-12-4.4 Common Seal Report

*The Board **noted** information papers 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.3 and 4.4*


CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- 220721-12-4.5 **Wellbeing and Health**
Concern expressed that more effort needs to be put in with the relationship with Health agency. A paper will be prepared that outlines what has already been done with the combined environment and health sectors by Green Adelaide in relation to the Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative with the aim of working out where Green Adelaide best connects and makes a difference. Paper to note the existing relationships – Minister and Board Members with Chief Public Health Officer and CE, Wellbeing SA and Director, Green Adelaide with CE, Wellbeing SA through Healthy Parks Healthy People Initiative.

MEETING CLOSED at 12.45

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member

 Date: 20 / 8 / 2021