



BOORMAN & GAULT WARDS COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

**HELD ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017
MAYOR'S PARLOUR**

Chair: Cr Andrew Tilley (Boorman Ward)

Elected Members in attendance:

- Mayor Glenn Spear
- Cr Adriana Christopoulos (Boorman Ward)
- Cr Andrew Tilley (Boorman Ward)
- Cr Stephen Fisher (Gault Ward)
- Cr Adrian Rosevear (Gault Ward)

Staff in attendance:

- Matt Pears (Chief Executive Officer)
- Howard Lacy (Director Engineering & Horticulture)
- Lyn Young (Secretary)

Other Elected Members in attendance:

- Cr Jane Bange (The Park Ward)
- Cr Lindy Taeuber (Craigburn Ward)

Community attendees: 45

The meeting commenced at: 7:02 pm

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and introduced the Elected Members and staff present. He also acknowledged the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of the land.

The Mayor also welcomed Sam Duluk (Member for Davenport) and Martin Hamilton-Smith (Member for Waite) and acknowledged an apology received from Nicole Flint (Federal Member for Boothby).

The Mayor then handed the meeting to the Chair, Cr Tilley.

Cr Tilley welcomed attendees and advised them of housekeeping matters in accordance with WHS requirements. A short explanation was given of the procedures for the evening. It was requested that attendees submit their questions in writing to formally record their questions or maintenance requests so that Administration can respond in due course.

Cr Tilley then asked for questions from the floor. Questions received in writing are listed below.

NAME	ISSUES AND COMMENTS	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
John Wilson	<i>What is the status of the master plan to redevelop the three Hawthorn parks: Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Morris Reserve and Delwood Reserve? This was set up in 2012, and part of the delay has been the potential for external funding from the Brownhill Keswick Creek Flood Mitigation Project and other sources.</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council, at its meeting on Tuesday 26 November 2013 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(1) noted the findings of the community consultation on the Brown Hill Creek (Hawthorn Reserves) Reconstruction Master Plan</i> <i>(2) endorsed amendments to the master plan in response to the consultation</i> <i>(3) authorised the Administration to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. proceed to finalise drawings and cost estimates</i> <i>b. negotiate in-principle land purchase agreements with affected property owners, subject to Full Council endorsement</i> <i>c. continue discussions with the RAAF Association over accommodation options</i> <i>d. submit a budget bid for 2014/15 budget to fund land purchase and development of final designs</i> <i>e. submit the Master Plan proposals to the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project seeking funding under Part B for the flood mitigation and creek improvement works in Brownhill Creek (Plan 1).</i> <i>f. seek and apply for external funding to facilitate the development of the Brown Hill Creek (Hawthorn Reserve) Reconstruction Master Plan.</i> <p>Since that time, design flows for the Brownhill Creek project have been revised by the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater (BHKC Project) project and this will require some minor redesign of the proposed creek works as part of the Hawthorn Reserves project. Council has not authorised funding for the project pending outcomes from the BHKC Project. With that later project now endorsed but still awaiting final funding, the parts of the Hawthorn Reserves Master Plan related to Soldiers Memorial Gardens are being submitted to the State Government for funding as part of a combined project for Mitcham Library redevelopment. This would allow the Library and the immediate reserve to be redeveloped.</p> <p>Due to lack of funding, no action has proceeded in relation to minor land purchases proposed as part of the Hawthorn Reserves Master Plan.</p> <p><i>Update Note: The State Government formally announced 50% funding for the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan on 27 February 2017. The five partner Councils will now commence implementation of the project in accord with the approved Stormwater Management Plan. This will include creek improvement works through the Hawthorn Reserves – being Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Morris Reserve and Delwood Reserve.</i></p>		
John Wilson	<i>What is the status of repair of flood damage resulting from the September 2016 flood, particularly in Morris Reserve Hawthorn?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council has received a report and will consider funding as part of their quarterly Budget Review in February. Staff have undertaken initial assessment, identified and costed works to be undertaken. It is anticipated that if funded, the repairs works could be undertaken and completed by the end of June 2017.</p>		

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	Some creek bank erosion (for example adjacent to a private garage on George Street) is on private land and is not the responsibility of Council to repair. Council staff have contacted the property owner and explained responsibilities to manage erosion on private land. Support may be available from the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Project and/or the Adelaide Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board. Council will continue to liaise with property owners and assist where possible.	
Ron Bellchambers	<p><i>Mitcham Council has agreed to project manage the repairs to the White Bridge (road bridge).</i></p> <p><i>(a) Why is Mitcham Council not prepared to also project manage the construction of a pedestrian footbridge at The White Bridge?</i></p> <p><i>(b) Given that DEWNR is supporting the long overdue construction of a safe pedestrian crossing at the White Bridge, what is Mitcham Council doing to encourage the construction of a White Bridge footbridge?</i></p>	Engineering & Horticulture
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The White Bridge is a Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DEWNR) owned asset and as such is under their care and control. The bridge sustained damage during storm events in September 2016 which necessitated the imposition of temporary load limits which had the potential to affect residents along Brownhill Creek Road; to restrict access for fire and other emergency vehicles; and to restrict access for Council service vehicles. Council therefore suggested that it project manage the necessary remedial and strengthening works on behalf of DEWNR to ensure temporary load limits could be removed at the earliest opportunity. This work is now in progress. Pedestrian walking trails and associated infrastructure (including provision of a new pedestrian bridge) within the Brown Hill Creek Recreation Reserve are the responsibility DEWNR.</p>	
Ron Bellchambers	<i>What progress is being made to secure funding to the agreed Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The five (5) constituent Councils of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project had already included their 1/3 share of the estimated project cost of \$150m in their 2016/17 budgets. The partner Councils are still awaiting confirmation of funding from the State and Federal Governments. The CEO's of the partner Councils recently suggested that the five Mayors jointly write to Minister Hunter seeking clarification of, and timing for, a funding announcement by the State Government. Prior to this letter being sent, Minister Hunter wrote to the Mayors indicating that the State had approached the Federal Government seeking to co-fund the remaining 2/3 of the estimated project cost. The Minister indicated that the Federal Government had suggested that an application be submitted for a National Disaster and Resilience Fund seeking grant funding from that program. However the maximum grant is limited to \$250,000 per project, well below the \$50m expected as the Federal Government's 1/3 share of estimated project cost. No further announcements or commitments have been forthcoming from either the State or Federal Governments at this point.</p> <p><i>Update Note: The State Government formally announced 50% funding for the Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan on 27 February 2017. The five partner Councils will now commence implementation of the project in accord with the approved Stormwater Management Plan. The five councils and the State Government will continue to lobby the Federal Government for a contribution towards the cost of the project.</i></p>	

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Scott Berry	<i>Mortlock Park and the accompanying oval and bike track is such a wonderful space for families to go and play – when will a public toilet be installed there to make it more friendly for families use?</i>	Corporate Services & Innovation
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council has an endorsed Master Plan for Mortlock Park which among other things flags a public toilet facility, however the implementation of the plan has to date, not been funded by Council.</p> <p>Council will soon be considering and consulting on its revised Building Asset Management Plan and as part of this plan one of the scenarios will propose that instead of replacing the scouts/guides halls as they are, that these old structures are demolished and a replacement hall, incorporating a public toilet facility, is put in its place in line with the Master Plan.</p> <p>If these works are endorsed as part of the Building Asset Management Plan, which is currently under development, they will be included in the forward budgets and could likely occur in 2018 or 2019.</p>		
Robert Lawton	<i>Would you please erect no standing signs on the eastern side of Gladys Paech Court for the 12 to 15 metres north of the junction with Eli St, up to the point opposite the northern edge of the driveway servicing 15 Brook Street? It is not possible to turn right into Gladys Paech Court with safety in a motor vehicle from the rear entrance of 15 Brook Street. The street is not wide enough to execute the manoeuvre.</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Under the current <i>Australian Road Rules 1999</i>, it is an offence to park a vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection. Council can reinforce this rule through the installation of a yellow line, which will be arranged in due course.</p> <p>To install a No Stopping zone on the eastern side of Gladys Paech Court from Eli Street to the northern side of the rear entrance to 15 Brook Street, an overall distance of around 27m, requires a more complex process. The request has therefore been referred to Council's Traffic department for further investigation. Should a greater extent of parking restriction be deemed necessary, consultation will need to be undertaken with locally affected residents and a report provided to Council for approval for any changes prior to their being undertaken. This request has been added to Council's Traffic Priorities List as priority 4, which means it is likely to be investigated within 6 months.</p> <p>In the meantime, a yellow line will be implemented to 10 metres of the intersection consistent with the Australian Road Rules.</p>		
Colonel Light Gardens resident	<i>According to the CLG Walk brochure provided by Council, principle 15: "Street trees: The principle that trees should be planted along roads wherever possible – the same variety on both sides until a break occurs was adopted throughout the suburb's early development". Model Garden suburbs are meant to express unity and harmony, random tree plantings in the avenues</i>	Engineering & Horticulture

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	<p><i>directly contradicts this principle. (Reference page 50 of Colonel Light Gardens – Model Garden Suburb, by Christine Garnaut). Why has this principle been abandoned by Council in favour of random species of trees being planted in Colonel Light Gardens streets? For example: West Parkway near Lancaster Street – Robinia and Japanese Elm mixed up with other species. In Windsor Avenue, Elms of various species mixed in the Robinia, Scarlet Ash, and Sapporo.</i></p>	
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Whilst Council is endeavouring to maintain the principle you have outlined above and to replicate the planting style through Colonel Light Gardens. However due to climate change impacts and susceptibility to disease, it is not sustainable to replant with the same species that are in many streets. Council is therefore seeking opportunities to plant disease resistant species using trees of a similar form, but of a different species.</p> <p>Many trees in Colonel Light Gardens are getting close to the end of life and Council has developed a program to progressively replace older trees over a longer period so that new trees can establish with minimum impact on the streetscape. As this inter-planting and street tree regeneration planting progresses, it will take some time before we again have a uniform and mature streetscape. The alternative is to remove all existing trees and replant, which would not be desirable from a community perspective but would give a more uniform streetscape.</p> <p>I have asked our arborist to inspect the areas that you have indicated to ensure that there are no community planted trees and to ensure that future planting programs follow the Colonel Light Gardens streetscape principles.</p>		
Colonel Light Gardens resident	<p><i>What is Mitcham Council doing to celebrate and preserve the heritage of Colonel Light Gardens as a Model Garden Suburb as the planning 100 year anniversary arrives? What is Mitcham council doing to celebrate and preserve the heritage of Colonel Light Gardens as a Model Garden Suburb as the planning 100 year anniversary arrives?</i></p>	Organisational & Community Development
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The planning of a model garden suburb for Adelaide took many years and there are many milestones which should be acknowledged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1915 State Government purchased the 300 acre Grange farm (now Colonel Light Gardens) to establish a model garden suburb. Planning put on hold due to WW1. Army training camp for all SA enlistees commenced 1 April 1915 and operated until 1920. • October 1917 Charles Reade's preliminary design for the Mitcham Garden suburb released at the First Town Planning and Housing Conference and Exhibition in Adelaide • 1919 Parliament passed the Garden Suburb Act. Unprecedented legislation as the administration was to be controlled by a Garden Suburbs Commissioner, not the local Council. • April 1921 Garden suburb officially named Colonel Light Gardens • August 1921 First blocks released for sale (NE part of Colonel Light Gardens) 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1922 • 1924 	<p>Additional land releases Additional land releases: Colonel Light Gardens selected for 700 home sites under the State Government's returned serviceman's low cost housing scheme: "Thousand Homes"</p> <p>At this stage there are no definite plans to celebrate the October 1917 milestone.</p> <p>With regards to preserving Colonel Light Gardens – it already has legislative heritage protection as the whole suburb is listed as a state heritage place. Development is very tightly controlled and must be approved by the State Heritage Unit. There have been a number of submissions for national heritage listing over the years but to date, these have been unsuccessful.</p>	
Colonel Light Gardens resident	<i>What is Mitcham Council doing to encourage use of Colonel Light Gardens parks and reserves by residents, specifically when will a public toilet be made available in Mortlock Park? And when will the residents be given allocated time for safely using Mortlock Park in an informal way after work and on the weekends?</i>	Organisational & Community Development and Corporate Services & Innovation.
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Refer to question and answer above regarding when a toilet will be made available in Mortlock Park.</p> <p>The City of Mitcham encourages use of Mortlock Park for both formal and informal recreation uses. Informal community use of Mortlock Park is currently (during 2016/17 baseball and 2017 football seasons) provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of at least one grassed recreation space (playing field) two nights per week during the baseball season • Use of at least one grassed recreation space (playing field) five nights per week during the football season • Use of the grassed recreation spaces on weekends when the clubs are playing "away " matches and as such are not using the grounds for formal sports • Use of the playground area at all times. <p>The current times of use allocated for informal community use of the grassed recreation spaces is an increase from previous years, and was decided by Council following significant community consultation in 2016.</p>	
Chris Adcock	<p><i>The ALDI site has taken over the section of the footpath to the North as well as about 30% of the footpath immediately to the East.....</i> <i>What authority does Council have over building sites, particularly in relation to occupying footpaths adjacent to the site?</i></p>	Development & Compliance and Engineering & Horticulture

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	<p><i>If the builder has obtained authority to encroach on these public areas, what restrictions exist? Does Council actually visit the site to ensure that all is in accordance with the approvals which were granted?</i></p>	
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> With respect to building sites occupying public footpaths, this cannot occur without prior approval from the Council pursuant to Section 221 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>. In this instance, given the size of the building being constructed, it was determined that the building is difficult (if not impossible) to construct with all work being undertaken from within the boundaries of the allotment, and hence Council granted a permit for the temporary use of the Council footpath. The permit has been granted subject to specific conditions for the site which must be adhered to. These conditions insist that the area in question is to be sufficient lit, advance warning signage in place, and any damage to Council infrastructure is to be reinstated. Council staff visit the site periodically or upon request to ensure that the permit conditions are being adhered too and to establish contact with the site foreman to enable any inconsistencies to be promptly addressed.</p> <p>With respect to your concerns regarding parking, it would be too early to implement any parking controls until the full effect of the Aldi development is known. Accordingly, a review of parking in the immediate vicinity will be undertaken upon completion of the development and after a period of operation to consider the implementation of timed parking or no parking areas to address your concerns.</p> <p>We acknowledge that there has been some inconvenience to normal pedestrian movements in and around the Aldi development site which had been put into place with ultimate pedestrian safety in mind. The current pedestrian restrictions are coming to a close with the pouring of concrete for the car parking area and driveway access/egress originally scheduled to be undertaken on Thursday 2 March 2017 (albeit now slightly delayed by virtue of inclement weather).</p> <p>On completion of the significant concrete pour and curing time, the existing site hut and amenities currently located on the Angas Road footpath will be relocated back onto the site and the footpath reinstatement will commence in readiness to be opened up to the public. In the interim period, Pike Constructions have been advised to review the current situation of the construction fencing on the south western corner of Belair and Angas Roads with the view to improving sight lines for approaching traffic so as to ensure safety for pedestrian users crossing Angas Road.</p>	
<p><i>Peter Carter</i></p>	<p><i>Several years ago, from memory, approximately \$750,000 was spent upgrading Balham Reserve. Included in this was money for irrigation, a new playground and grass replacement. A sum of money was also set aside for maintenance of the reserve; from memory it was for 0.5 FTE of a person.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to today when it was cut the grass was knee high in places. This is unacceptable from both an OH&S viewpoint and visually as a point of entry in the Mitcham Council area:</i></p> <p><i>Please advise:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How much was set aside for maintenance of the reserve;</i> • <i>How frequently should be grass be mowed; and</i> 	<p><i>Engineering & Horticulture</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What happens to unspent maintenance money – does it go into consolidated revenue or is it spent on other maintenance work?</i> 	
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>In January 2014 Council approved the removal court 10 and the reconstruction of courts 8 and 9 with a contribution from Mercedes College to assist in reconstruction of the courts. Additional works included fitness equipment, landscaping, renew play space. Total cost to Council was \$115,000 with \$4,200 per annum put aside to cover any additional maintenance cost and depreciation of new equipment.</p> <p>At this time staff have not been able to find any commitment of other capital expenditure on this facility nearing \$750,000 nor a commitment to dedicate .5 of a person to maintain this area.</p> <p>Maintenance cost vary from year to year depending on the weather, grass growth etc. The frequency of maintenance of this area will be monitored with a goal to improving the presentation and frequency of maintenance.</p> <p>Council manages over 220 open space Reserve areas with funding distributed across all open space areas depending on operational requirements. Funding for open space areas maintenance is carefully monitored each year to ensure that the budgets are managed within allocations set by Council.</p>		
<p><i>Peter Carter</i></p>	<p><i>The walkway along Balham Reserve is one of the most used footpaths in the Mitcham Council area. Not only is it used by walkers and people exercising their dogs, it is used by the many Unley High School Students who catch a bus to school. It is a poor state of repair:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The uneven surface presents trip hazards to people using it, especially to those who use it in the evenings when vision is poor; and</i> • <i>It floods during heavy rain.</i> <p><i>It was advised that money had been set aside in this year's budget to carry out the required repairs. Would you please advise me when this work will start?</i></p>	<p><i>Engineering & Horticulture</i></p>
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The following segments of the Balham Reserve footpath are included in the "DRAFT" Footpath Renewal Program for 2017/2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkway (Balham Reserve) 10 - Tutt Ave to Seafield Ave • Walkway (Balham Reserve) 30 - Halsbury Ave to Cross Road <p>The central asphalt section between Seafield Ave and Halsbury Ave was replaced in 2004 and is considered to be in good condition.</p>		

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<i>Peter Carter</i>	<i>Why have two ward meetings been combined? A review of last year's minutes suggests that each ward meeting was well attended, about 22 or so in each, and that the meetings carried on until after 8:30 pm. Based on last year's performance it suggests that tonight's meeting will last until nearly 10:00 pm without any discussion about the Strategic Management Plan.</i>	<i>Organisational & Community Development</i>																																																
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>A report on Community Ward Forums for 2017 and 2018 was considered at the 11 October 2016 Council meeting and it was resolved that three Community Ward Forums be held in February 2017 and 2018 combining Babbage and Overton Wards; Boorman and Gault Wards, and Craighburn and The Park Wards. The Draft Strategic Management Plan was presented as a pop-up before each of the forums, as part of the Stage 2 Community Consultation, and the community had the opportunity to ask questions of their Elected Members on this issue at the forum, if they wished. Below are the attendance numbers at forums for the last few years, as reported at the 11 October 2016 meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="338 691 1192 956"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ward</th> <th>2016</th> <th>2015</th> <th>2014</th> <th>2013</th> <th>2012</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Babbage</td> <td>20</td> <td>15</td> <td>14</td> <td>9</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boorman</td> <td>23</td> <td>11</td> <td>8</td> <td>14</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craighburn and The Park</td> <td>-</td> <td>39</td> <td>15</td> <td>28</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craighburn</td> <td>28</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Park</td> <td>14</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gault</td> <td>22</td> <td>24</td> <td>23</td> <td>16</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overton</td> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> <td>8</td> <td>6</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Attendances at the forums this year were – Babbage and Overton – 47, Boorman and Gault – 45, and Craighburn and The Park – 44.</p> <p>The format for some time has been to have informal discussion around any questions and issues that the community may raise and for the meeting to close at 8:50 pm to allow opportunity for informal discussion between Elected Members and the community over tea, coffee and biscuits. The community are able to contact their Elected Member at any other time during the year and contact information can be found on our website: http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/yourrepresentatives</p>			Ward	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Babbage	20	15	14	9	14	Boorman	23	11	8	14	20	Craighburn and The Park	-	39	15	28	16	Craighburn	28	-	-	-	-	The Park	14	-	-	-	-	Gault	22	24	23	16	14	Overton	4	6	8	6	15
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<i>Peter Carter</i>	<i>During the course of the last Council it rejected a well-developed plan for a community garden at Blackwood in spite of the administration recommending that the garden be developed. As part of that plan there was also a recommendation that a community garden also be developed on the RAAF Bowling Green at Mitcham. This alternative was not put to Council at the time because of the parlous state of the Council's funds and also because members of Council believed there was an alternative use for the bowling greens. At the time the working party had names of over 100 people from both the Boorman and Gault Wards who were interested in participating in the project.</i>	<i>Organisational & Community Development</i>																																																

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	<p><i>The development plan for the Memorial Gardens suggests that the bowling greens will become a garden. Its use as a community garden is not in conflict with this plan. The location satisfies all the Council's criteria for a community garden which can be developed for a much smaller amount than was requested for the Blackwood site which was effectively virgin ground.</i></p> <p><i>Recent work completed on a community garden at Saint Therese's on Springbank Road indicates a garden can be developed for a relatively small amount of money using both volunteers and training organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Will the Elected Members for the Boorman and Gault Wards support a plan to convert the bowling greens into a community garden?</i></p>	
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The City of Mitcham recognises community garden activities contribute to the health and wellbeing of communities and local neighbourhoods achieve positive social interactions, community capacity building, environmental education, environmental sustainability and increased physical activity. Council supports the development of community gardens activities.</p> <p>There are a variety of ways in which council can support community garden activities.</p> <p>A description of Council's support and formal position is now expressed in a new council community gardens policy which can be found online at http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Community%20Gardens%20Policy.pdf.</p>		
<p><i>Peter Carter</i></p>	<p><i>The draft Strategic Plan lists many projects for consideration. In the business world the relative worth of projects is evaluated using a weighted average of generally five criteria such as impact on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• OH&S;</i> <i>• Short term financial criteria such as cash flow;</i> <i>• Impact on long term profits;</i> <i>• Customer relationships; and</i> <i>• Employees</i> <p><i>East of these criteria is rated differently and their weighting varies from project to project.</i></p> <p><i>Would you please explain how the Council rates projects and determines priorities?</i></p>	<p><i>Organisational & Community Development and Corporate Services & Innovation</i></p>
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The majority of Council's Capital Project expenditure is driven by Council's Asset Management Planning. Many factors go into the consideration and prioritisation of new expenditure, all of which is done within Council's Financial Sustainability Framework and subject to community consultation as part of the Annual Business Plan & Budget.</p>		

A number of questions were raised from the floor and discussion followed on the following topics (in addition to the above):

- Tree planting in median strips and along main roads and maintenance of median strips – Council staff to follow up with DPTI regarding mowing of median strips and pruning of trees.
- Planting of trees – City of Mitcham has increased the number of trees planted across the City from 1,000 to 1,800 per year.
- Routine maintenance work on some reserves has been delayed due to work being undertaken as a result of the storm events.
- Angas Road – this road is becoming increasingly difficult to cross especially with young children.
- Footpath replacement program – footpaths around schools and nursing homes, etc are given a higher priority on the replacement program
- Repairs to footpaths around sites being developed
- Stormwater issues
- Infill development and water sensitive urban design targets
- State Planning Reforms

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.