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## 100 NOT OUT

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of my Notes which I started way back in **March of 2008**. It has been quite a challenge to keep the lines of communication open but I have always considered that opening up the workings of Council to the community we serve is an important role of elected members. I have been encouraged by the many words of support I have received from my readers. **At the time of that first issue I had been an Adelaide City Councillor Council for just 4 months**; Council had just returned to 6 Ward and 5 Area Councillors; Council had begun the task of preparing our Strategic Plan for the City - 2008-2010 and in that first issue I set out my priorities for the Strategic Planning of the city.

**It makes interesting reading (extract reproduced below) to revisit those priorities 5 ½ years on.....**

### STRATEGIC PLAN 2008 - 2010

*These are my priorities and may or may not form part of the Council's long-term vision – Your comments and suggestions will be very welcome.*

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

- Reduce energy consumption of Council's vehicle fleet by 50% over 3 years.
- Increase amount of Green Power purchased by Council by 50% over 3 years.
- Retrofit 3 levels of Colonel Light Centre to 5 Star Green Star rating standard.
- Adopt Bicycle Policy of 2003 and implement top 2 'on-road' construction priorities.
- Extend bicycle hire scheme to 2 additional outlets within 3 years.
- Adopt Gehl Report as Policy and commence phase-in of recommendations within 2 years.
- Complete Master Plan for Victoria Square within 1 year and commence implementation in 2009.
- Complete Master Plan for Victoria Park within 1 year and achieve remediation of SAJC degraded areas in 2009
- Introduce 3-bin waste and recycling program by the end of 2008 and improve city cleansing standards in the public realm.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

- Negotiate with the State for review of public transport and long-term parking strategies.
- Advocate for 'no-charge' public transport within the city (as per the tram service)
- Increase Connector Service or negotiate for rationalisation of Connector and City Loop services to improve frequency, capacity and reach of service particularly into North Adelaide.
- Provide for U-Parks to locate all-day and parking at the upper levels of car parks.
- Increase charges for all-day parking and provide discounts for smaller cars and cars with more than 1 occupant.
- Reduce extent of 'all-day' commuter parking within the Park Lands by 10% per year.

#### SOCIAL ISSUES

- Review Reconciliation policies and work more effectively with State and Federal Governments to better respond to the needs of our indigenous people.
- Develop policies and programs for Healthy Ageing and Ageing in Place in the City.
- Establish a Community Centre to serve the needs of the people of the SE corner of the city (?Box Factory)

#### LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Reduce number of meetings held 'in camera' and seek change of LGA to reduce reasons for agenda items to be classified confidential.
- Work with adjoining Councils to develop complimentary policies in areas such as residential and commercial developments, storm water management and transport and parking policies.
- Develop ways to assess major events on qualitative as well as quantitative measures.
- Assist events and activities held on Council land and properties to be carbon neutral within 3 years and move towards zero waste outcomes.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Complete design of Victoria Square and commence construction within 2 years.
- Complete master plan for Riverfront Precinct
- Finalise planning and design work for Riverside Park extension west of Morphett Street.
- Cooperate with Adelaide Zoo to enhance visitor attraction.
- Establish one N/S pedestrian-friendly link west of king William Street (Market to Torrens) using Topham Mall, Leigh Street and Bank Street as the basis of the route.
- Commence wetlands development in South Park Lands.
- Complete reticulation of Glenelg pipeline.
- Continue involvement in SA Urban Forests Million Trees Program in the Park Lands.
- Build partnerships to develop Riverfront and construct pedestrian bridge over the Torrens.



**Council Meeting- held 22 October 2013 (Next Ordinary Mtg 12 November 2013 6pm) – Gp 1 Cées – 5 Nov. at 5.30pm)**  
Agenda Items 1 to 3 are standard items which include the Acknowledgment of Country and the other usual formalities.

- 4. [Apologies and Leave of Absence](#) On leave: Cllr Abiad.
- 5. [Confirmation of Minutes](#) of the Council Meeting held on 11 June 2013 were taken as read and confirmed.
- 6. [Public Forum](#) There was no public forum presentations to this meeting.
- 7/8. [Deputations/Petitions](#) There were no deputations or petitions presented to this meeting.
- 9. [Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee](#) – 15 October (Presented by Chair: Cllr Henningsen)
  - 9.1 Council approved the removal of **3 Regulated Trees** (2 River Red Gums and 1 White Cedar) in **Ityamaitpinna (Park 15) and Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi**.
  - 9.2 Council, as lessor, approved a land and buildings lease over part of **Nantu Warna (Park 6)** to **Wilderness School Inc**. The lease will be for a period of 5 years (+4) at a rental of \$2030 p.a. with the school responsible for maintenance. The lease will be available for public consultation for a period of 4 weeks.
  - 9.3 Council approved a modified version of **CLMP for Tarntanya Wama (Park 26)** (Oval and Elder Park environs) to go out for **public consultation**. The Minister has directed that the plan should include a **stand for Oval No 2** and Council has responded by asking for further information of detail of design and timing of a suitable seating proposal.
  - 9.4 Council approved the removal of 24 trees as part of the landscape design for the **development of Park 27** - the area of Park Lands (former railway land) that Council has agreed to use for **parking for major events** in the Riverbank Precinct. *The committee also considered Victoria Park Grandstand DDA Access; place making in Ebenezer Place and Vardon Avenue; Selection of Architects for Council projects and the Monthly Update.*
- 10. [Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee](#) – 15 October (Presented by Dep. Chair: Cllr Moran)
  - 10.1 Council endorsed the CEO response to the LGA Consultation on the use of **Independent Consultants for Representation Reviews**. The submission **does not support** the mandatory use of such consultants.
  - 10.2 Council endorsed the **Draft Policy Considerations for Open Data**. The Digital Strategy 2012-2016 has 9 guiding principles which inform the Open Data strategy. They will be presented to Council for adoption at a later date.
  - 10.3. Council agreed to a request to allow **Pinky Flat** to be used for parking for a **Melbourne Cup Charity function** at the Adelaide Oval. It was noted that when the Oval is completed, Pinky Flat will no longer be made available for car parking.
  - 10.4 Council will advise the LGA that it does not support a change to Meeting Procedures Regulations which would enable the principal member (Lord Mayor) to reject certain Questions on Notice on the basis that they were 'vague, irrelevant, insulting or improper.'
  - 10.5 Council endorsed the **Annual Training and Development Programme** for Councillors for 2013-2014.
  - 10.6 Council adopted a revised **Treasury & Cash Investment Policy** subject to comments from the Council's Audit Cée. *The committee also considered the Monthly Update.*

**Reports from APLA and Other Committees**

- 11. [Report of Adelaide Park Lands Authority](#)
  - 11.1 APLA advice on **CLMP 26** was adopted at item 9.3 above.
  - 11.2 Noting and adopting the findings of the Park Lands **Wayfinding Strategy** and the first stage of implementation.
  - 11.3 **Wilderness School** lease – recommendations adopted at item 9.2 above.
  - 11.4 **Tree Removal in Park 27** – recommendation adopted at item 9.4 above.
- 12. [Report of the Adelaide City Council Audit Committee](#)
  - 12.1 The Committee endorsed the **Treasury and Cash Management Policy** – refer item 10.6 above.
  - 12.2 The Committee considered and endorsed the **Consolidated Financial Statements** for 2012-2013.
- 13/14. [Reports from the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors Clearihan, Malani, Plumridge AM, and Williamson](#) noting functions and activities undertaken on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Council, were received.

**Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**

- 15. Council supported the Minister's nomination of Mr **Roger Zubrinich** to replace the late Frank Blevins on the **Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority**, confirmed all earlier appointments and confirmed the sitting fee of \$51.50 per hour.
- 16. [Questions on Notice](#) were asked by Cllrs Williamson (Dry Zones) and Malani (Aquatic Centre – Business Operations)
- 17. [Questions without Notice](#) There were no Questions without Notice.
- 18. [Motions on Notice](#) were successfully moved by **Cllr Malani** on methods of community engagement/consultation and by **Cllr Henningsen** calling for a brief report detailing Council's annual expenditure on obtaining external legal advice and by **DLM Cllr Llewellyn-Smith AM** to revoke a previous decision related to Council support for the Adelaide Prize.
- 22. **Urgent Business**. There was no urgent business presented to this meeting.
- [23/27 Confidential Items](#) ■ 24.1 Torrens Weir Restaurant and Leasing Matter ■ 25.1 Property Transaction ■ 26 Electricity Supply, Award of Contract ■ 27 Cllr Henningsen – Property Assessment.

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