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**MEMORIAL PARK GARDENS EMBELLISHMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 4:02 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Laurie Testoni (Chair), Councillor Jenny Ellis, Jenna Thomas (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Project Planner, Melanie Vella, Manager Parks & Gardens, Peter Craig and Minute Taker, Joanne Bollen

**1 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

Hendrik Veenhuizen (Community Representative) was absent.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Councillor Jenny Ellis that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2023, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

**Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 UPDATE ON MEMORIAL GARDENS TOILET BLOCK ARTWORK**

Project Planner, Melanie Vella and Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs advised that under the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014, the Banna Avenue Precinct is listed as a Heritage Conservation Area and therefore a Development Application (DA) would be needed to proceed with a mural on the toilet block in Memorial Park.

The Safer Cities: Her Way project will no longer be able to fund the mural due to the timeline of the funding agreement, timeline of lodging a DA, the DA being approved, community consultation and Council approval of an artist not coinciding.

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet informed the Committee that when a DA is approved the approval lasts for five (5) years. He suggested that it may be a good idea to commence the DA process and if an opportunity for grant funding becomes available we have the approval ready.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Councillor Jenny Ellis that the Development Application process for a mural on the Memorial Park toilet block commence.

### **CL02 SEATING IN MEMORIAL PARK**

Councillor Laurie Testoni queried when new seating will be activated in Memorial Park.

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst advised that the seating will be rolled out when the Memorial Park upgrade has been completed.

Councillor Testoni asked that Lake Wyangan and CWA Park be given preference if there is any surplus seating available after the new seating has been activated.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The report was noted.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 General Project Update**

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst provided an update and informed the Committee that a contractor has been engaged to undertake the works. Works are due to commence in April and should be completed end of May 2024.

### **7.2 Tree Lopping**

Councillor Testoni referred to tree lopping undertaken by Essential Energy in Memorial Park and made reference to one branch that was not removed during their maintenance. Manager Parks & Gardens, Peter Craig advised that Essential Energy will only remove branches required in their maintenance program. Mr Craig will organise for Council staff to remove the remaining branch.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Councillor Jenny Ellis that Council write to Essential Energy about the unsatisfactory lopping of trees in the City and invite a representative to address Councillors at a Council Workshop.

**8      **NEXT MEETING****

The next meeting of the Memorial Park Gardens Embellishment Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 4:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4:46pm.