

SIRA Committee Meeting – Community Hall

Sunday August 20th 2023 10:00am - 12:00pm



Minutes

Attending: Sharon Kinnison, Robert Fox, Deb Wood, Basil Daher, Boyd Attewell, Ian White, Mark Martin

Apologies: CB, Julie Velina Cooper, Georgina Orr, Robyn Iredale, Steve Seidman, Peta Jacobsen

Agenda Items	Time	Action
Chair: Sharon Kinnison Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome Apologies – as above Motion to accept past minutes – Boyd moved, Mark seconded. Sharon nominated Ian White to take over chairing the meeting.	10:00am	
<u>SIRAC BUSINESS</u> <u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SIRA is not an arm of the council. SIRA is guided by Studies and Planning. Snap decisions are very rare. Acknowledgement of SIRA achievement. Acknowledgement of RDE team long term. Appreciate commitment of the project. Can't lose sight of the big picture. Unregistered vehicles, buggies having access to parks. Landscape Plan - council has obligation to safety, special interest groups, mobility issues. Council can't say, only disability vehicles when they are not registered. Basil asks why were original green bollards put there? SIRA was aware that the council were going to put up the bollards. SIRA asked the council to let the public know what was going on. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SIRA Management Accounts and Treasurer's Report – July - good month for Sira - water up 18% More to come. <u>Secretary's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No report- Ian moved that the meeting move into Public Forum (summary at end of these minutes). <u>Subcommittees and Liaison Officer Reports</u> 1.Church Pt – As per Church Point of Plan of Management, meeting about outside of Pasadena, there is a draft plan coming, getting rid of a couple of trees and making ground flat to avoid tripping hazards. Second commuter wharf? SIRA could nudge it. Hook ups for electric vehicles - haven't heard anything yet. When the loan for the car park is paid off the car park will become available for Church Point stickers to park there. Ian moves that we defer all items to the next meeting, except items 3 and 6. Moved by Ian seconded by Basil. 2. Finance & Insurance – Julie Cooper – No report 3. Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment – Sharon K . Kayak issue - suggest registering kayaks and maybe a fee of \$50 for a rack	10:15am	

<p>spot. Racks are put there by Maritime. Status quo is untenable. Can we write a letter from comms to suggest this.</p> <p>4. Community Engagement, Recreation and Halls – Robyn Iredale (no report).</p> <p>5. Communications – CB (no report)</p> <p>6. Water and Wastewater – Basil Daher - Rory has said he would back Scotland Island to get water and wastewater connected. Need to get at least 60% of residents to agree to hook up to the water and wastewater and Rory will take it to the Minister. The CEO of Sydney Water wrote to say not interested. It's been on the Priority Sewage Plan for ever. It's important by the end of August that everybody does the survey.</p> <p>7. Waste – Peta (no report)</p> <p>8. Wharves and Watercraft– Steve Seidman John Marshall (no report)</p> <p>9. Governance, Vision and Strategy – Georgina Orr (no report)</p> <p>10. Emergency Water – Robert Fox/Tim Turpin (no report)</p> <p>11. Community Vehicle – Ian White (no report)</p>		
<p><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u> – all members are invited to contribute</p> <p>1. That the document entitled 'clarification of issues related to the placement of stone restrictions on the Catherine Park foreshore' be uploaded and available on the association website. Moved by Boyd Attwell. Seconded by Basil Daher.</p> <p>2. Notice of Motion: That at the next meeting of SIRAC a motion be put to bring the 2024 AGM forward to October to more closely align with the associations financial year. Moved: Boyd Attwell. Seconded: Ian White</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Forum</p> <p>Response to president's report - unregistered vehicles - access for those with mobility issues.</p> <p>It was pointed out that at this point there is no way that people with mobility issues are able to access the ferry. They have a legal right to access their homes. It was stated that SIRA has always supported those with a disability. It was stated that at part of the Road and Transport meeting of 2017, there was room for 6 buggies.</p> <p>Re the registration of buggies, the Minister of Transport said it was not transport but roads. Rory will present again via a friend. Great opportunity next week at the cafe. A council rep is coming to respond to questions.</p> <p>For SIRA to do the level of secretary work that people seem to expect and demand, it probably needs to be a paid role as the expectations are very high of a volunteer. Either that or people need to reduce their expectations and demands.</p> <p>Current placement of blocks was a response to a reported near miss of a child in the park? Can they be removed until a proper discussion with the community?</p> <p>First resolution proposed and voted on: "That SIRA forthwith request of Council the temporary removal or moving of the stone bollards to allow for the original area of parking and of vehicle turning". Moved Ian White, seconded Mark Martin.</p>	11:30am	

It was suggested that the Comms team push SIRA to respond. Try to present to next week's meeting a galvanised sentiment, opinion. We can do a survey and present it to the council.

It was stated that Council lobbied the State Government to have buggies registered under the act of Parliament : re Lord Howe Island. The Minister decided to withdraw his support.

SIRA will look at the vision going forward. Every issue we face we have to make a decision, is it good for the community? EG: People like convenience. It's convenient for a few but is it in the best interest of the larger community. People with mobility issues need to use Tennis. That's the bottom line.

Discussion focussed on: is it legal to deny people access? There needs to be access to the flat. How do we embrace diversity like this? People have a right to access their homes. Whether their disability is visible or not. What happens if we have a fire? It interferes with safety. Commonwealth legislation.

It was stated that the Commonwealth government told the council it had to be compliant with disability access and the council said, how? It's impossible.

Second Resolution re survey: "That the draft survey be shared to the Communications subcommittee for proofing, then circulated to the full committee for comment, then published to the Scotland Island community by Survey Monkey or equivalent service. The Comms team shall endeavour to have the survey out to the community as a matter of urgency". Moved Ian White, seconded by Boyd Attwell, Passed unanimously.

End of public forum