

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) HELD ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 - ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCIL CHAMBER, 93 TODD STREET, ALICE SPRINGS AT 12 NOON

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson (Acting Chair)
 Councillor Marli Banks (*arrived at 12:18pm*)
 Councillor Eli Melky
 Dr Bruce Walker (via phone)
 Mr Aaron Blacker
 Ms Ann Jacobs
 Mr Anthony Murphy - NT Sport and Rec.
 Mr Jamie Orr
 Mr Tim Pearson
 Ms Bernadette Shields

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services
 Mr Ed Wlodraczyk - Acting Director Finance
 Mr Takudzwa Charlie - Manager Technical Services
 Ms Jodie Summers - Manager Governance (Observing)
 Ms Emma Kraft - Sports Officer
 Ms Stephanie Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Allison Huhs (Observing)

13 th Alice Springs Town Council Sport Facility Advisory Committee - Attendance List 2019/2020					
	29 Aug 19	12 Sept 19 Special Meeting	31 Oct 19	TBA 2020	TBA 2020
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	A			
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓			
Dr Bruce Walker	A	✓ Phone			
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓			
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓			
Mr Aaron Blacker	✓	✓			
Ms Sarah France	A	A			
Ms Ann Jacobs	✓	✓			
Mr Lachlan Modrzynski	✓	A			
Mr Anthony Murphy	✓	✓			
Mr Jamie Orr	✓	✓			
Mr Tim Pearson	✓	✓			
Mr Phillip Preece	✓	--			
Mr Jim Rebbechi	A	--			
Ms Bernadette Shields	✓	✓			

- ✓ Attended
- ✓ Proxy Proxy attended in place of committee member
- A Apology received
- No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 12:10 pm.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mayor Damien Ryan
Mr Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah France
Mr Lachlan Modrzyński

2. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Sports Officer acknowledged the *Draft Sport Facility Master Plan* feedback correspondence received via email from the following SFAC members:

- Aaron Blacker
- Ann Jacobs
- Bruce Walker
- Lachlan Modrzyński
- Tim Pearson, and
- Michael Crooks from Baseball Northern Territory

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 **Draft Sport Facility Master Plan (Draft Plan) - Feedback from SFAC Members**

The Director Technical Services encouraged SFAC Members to use the opportunity to provide feedback to shape the Draft Plan so it can eventually be forwarded to Council for endorsement.

Aaron Blacker commented that the Draft Plan identifies what Council is currently providing with regard to facilities and sporting opportunities and concepts in regard to field / court / car park relocation, but lacked direction on how the concepts could be successfully implemented (action list). He continued that if Council suddenly had money to spend on Sporting Facilities, the document lacks direction on what to do with it.

Councillor Melky encouraged the Committee to be bold and enthusiastic with requests when considering what is included in the report future planning, as this will provide justification for Elected Members to make decisions into the future.

The Chair noted he was not comfortable with the proposed 'user-pays' system inclusion in the Draft Plan and suggested this should be addressed. Bruce Walker suggested the system needs to be a consideration for Council as to whether sport is a cost to town or an investment into the town's future.

Ann Jacobs expressed concern regarding the concepts suggested by Otium in regard to soccer potentially moving to Desert Life Church space and the impact that would have on parking for netball. She noted the Draft Plan identified the netball clubrooms as old and dated, but didn't provide any solutions.

Bruce Walker encouraged the Committee to consider recommending to Council the following things:

- that a lighting sensitivity audit is undertaken to determine potential lighting locations,
- that a status report is established from the Draft Report,
- that an options paper is developed and reviewed by this Committee, and
- that this Committee recommended that if a resolution is achieved: what is the appetite of the community to spend rate payers money on land in the land that is owned by other people e.g.: CDU, CMS, Desert Life

In addition to email responses from Committee members, the Committee identified the following should be reviewed / addressed by Otium in the report:

- **Review of the ‘user pays’ system inclusion in the report to reflect the concerns of the Committee**
- **Options for improvement to Netball clubrooms**
- **Identify a status report from within the Draft Plan**
- **Create an Implementation plan for Otium’s proposed concepts with regard to facility relocations...**

4.2 Project Objectives / Deliverables - Otium Response

The Committee discussed the project objectives from the *2018 Consultancy Brief* and Otium’s responses to questions Aaron Blacker raised in the SFAC meeting from the 27 August 2019 about points in the project objectives that had not been sufficiently addressed.

Aaron Blacker expressed his dissatisfaction with Otium’s response to the project deliverables, noting the tender process that was undertaken to engage a suitable contractor who could meet the needs of the project, and suggested the needs had not been sufficiently met.

Alice Springs Sport Facilities Master Plan – Consultancy Brief 2018 (excerpt)

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project requires the consultant to develop an Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan which will:

- *Enhance the quality of life for residents*
- *Review NT Government’s Sport and Recreation Master Plan*
- *Review ASTC Sport Master Plan*
- *Provide a vision, strategies, rationale and plan for sport and recreation development and use for the next ten years.*
- *Identify existing facilities and services, the usage of facilities and opportunities for improvement.*
- *Identify new facilities, programs and services which can be realistically provided to the community, ensuring they complement existing facilities.*
- *Identify the need to build the capacity of existing organisations or establish new sport and recreation clubs or organisations*
- *Identify the need for strategies to maximise the use of the location / facilities and participation of the community*
- *Develop cross government and community partnerships to assist in the development and delivery of the Sports Facilities Master Plan.*
- *Develop a priority list of actions and an implementation plan.*
- *Enhance funding opportunities*

Aaron noted the need for a framework and implementation plan on how the Council moves forward after the Master Plan is complete, and that this should have been included in the Draft Plan.

Action:

1. Sports Officer to provide feedback to Otium in regard to the lack of an implementation plan, and encourage inclusion of an implementation plan in the final draft of the Master Plan.

4.3 Draft Sports Facilities Master Plan - Additional Items

The Director Technical Services acknowledged that Council was not prepared with a clear plan when the \$6.2m Sport Facilities grant was introduced, and hoped to be prepared when future opportunities presented. He suggested the Committee identify the priorities, and key points to move forward to form a priority list at the forefront of the Master Plan, identifying the following suggestions:

- Upgrade of lights at Anzac Oval - \$1 million dollar investment

- Resurface netball courts - \$500 thousand dollar investment

The Committee provided the following suggestions:

- **Consultation with Northern Territory Government and Lhere Artepe to secure in principle support of future land development to address short term needs and to enable planning and budgeting for long term priorities.**
- **A round sporting oval with lights situated at Kilgariff**
- **Turf nursery to provide for the necessary maintenance of sporting ovals**
- **Catering for population growth, and creating facilities that help to attract further population (world class)**

Anthony Murphy noted that Sport Australia has produced a 30 year plan for the Australian Government, as a vision for Australia's sporting future. He summarized some key aspects in the report were: shared facilities with universities, schools and governments, lights, and encouraged the committee to consider that heat policies will become more seriously scrutinized moving forward by national sporting bodies and codes, and this should be considered in the event that local sports are keen to, or encouraged to, come into line with their national sporting bodies in regard to player safety:

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/nationalsportplan/home/featured/download/Sport_2030_-_National_Sport_Plan_-_2018.pdf

Bruce Walker suggested the vision statement in the draft plan is clumsy and suggested it should be aligned with Council's Strategic Plan.

The Director Technical Services noted the AFL NT have indicated they will provide a submission in regard to the Draft Plan. Bruce enquired if this submission would be made available to the Committee, the Director advised it would.

The Director Technical Services advised the feedback from this meeting and email submissions from Committee Members would be collated into a response for Otium to influence the final draft of the Sport Facilities Master Plan.

Action:

2. Sports Officer to collate all feedback from this Committee, and relevant stakeholders and provide to Otium to inform a further draft of the Sport Facilities Master Plan.
3. The final plan to be resubmitted to the SFAC meeting in the meeting papers for the meeting to be held on the 31 October 2019.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 **\$6.2M Facilities - Official Openings**

The Chair noted two sporting facilities have been completed in the \$6.2 million dollar Northern Territory Government and Council sporting infrastructure project. The Alice Springs Basketball Stadium and Flynn Drive Oval facilities would be officially opened on Monday 16 September 2019 at 11am and 11:30am respectively. The Hon. Lauren Moss - Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture is scheduled to attend the Flynn Drive Oval ribbon cutting and all Committee members are invited to attend both facilities, and participate in the promotion of the successful completion of these two projects.

5.2 SFAC October Meeting Date

Bruce Walker enquired if the Committee was in a position to consider moving the date of the next meeting one week forward, as he would be unable to attend on the 31 October 2019. The Director Technical Services responded, due to time constraints with getting a revised draft of the Sport Facilities Master Plan prepared, it would not be suitable to bring the meeting forward, in addition to all Committee members scheduling around pre-arranged meetings.

9. NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - Thursday 31 October 2019 - 12:15pm.

To be held in the Council Chamber - 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs

The meeting closed at 1:10 pm.