Agenda Item 9.6
Report No: 82/14ts

TO: **TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – MONDAY 12 MAY 2014**

SUBJECT: **GOSSE STREET VERGE**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with an update on the proposed upgrade to the Gosse Street Verge in consultation with Gosse Street Friends of the Park Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That this report is seeking direction from Council.

REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

Residents of Gosse Street requested a meeting with Council Officers after unauthorised BMX jumps where removed. It must be noted that The Gosse Street Verge is Crown Land and permission would need to be obtained to commence works onsite.

2. DISCUSSION

Two meetings have been conducted with the Gosse Street Friends of the Park Group. Meeting have discussed resident's priorities list:

1. Bollards – installation of bollards (plastic recycled bollards or rocks) to reduce vehicular access through the area
2. Car Park Area – construction of a car parking area in conjunction with bollards to reduce unauthorised vehicular park usage
3. Extend Bike Path – continuation of current footpath area to encourage bicycle participation in the park
4. Bmx Jumps – reconstruction of BMX jumps to promote bicycle participation within the park. BMX Jumps to be built and monitored by Council

5. (A) Garden Bed Irrigation – installation of irrigation infrastructure to promote plant growth
   (B) Storm Water Harvesting – construction of swails to harvest stormwater for the garden areas
   (C)Garden Beds – construction of garden beds to reduce vehicular access through the area. Garden beds to be planted with native species only
6. National Tree Planting Day 2014 – Gosse Street Verge to be nominated as the location for the 2014 National Tree Planting Day
7. Playscape Pieces – small playscape pieces to stimulate children participation and encourage park participation

Adopt A Park – Gosse Street Verge to become the first Adopt A Park in Alice Springs. A MOU with residents will need to be configured to determine roles and responsibilities of Gosse Street Resident and Council. Items that need to be considered and assigned responsibility include:

i. Commence consultation process
ii. Ongoing maintenance program
    a. Weed spraying
    b. Mulching garden beds
    c. Mulching trees
    d. Garden plantings
iii. Roles and responsibilities of park
iv. Works priorities list
v. Budget costings
vi. National Tree Planting Day 2014
vii. Verge Master Plan
viii. Design plans
ix. Continuation of park desert theme

3. POLICY IMPACTS

Other residential groups may enter into a similar Adopt-A-Park MOU with Council

4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

1. Bollards
   - Bollards - $12,500
   - Installation Costs - $5,000

2. Car Park Area
   - Car Park Construction Costs - $4,500
   - Bollards - $4,500
   - Installation Costs - $3,500

3. Extend Bike Path
   - Footpath Installation Cost - $30,000 (2.5 metres wide)

4. BMX Jumps
   - Construction Costs - $15,000

5. (A) Garden Bed Irrigation
   - Installation of Irrigation Infrastructure - $2,500
   - Irrigation Components - $2,000

   (B) Storm Water Harvesting
   - Construction Costs- $5,500
   - Surveying Costs - $1,500

   (C)Garden Beds
   - Construction Costs - $4,500

6. National Tree Planting Day 2014
   - National Tree Planting Day Costs - $12,500

7. Playscape Pieces
   - Playscape Pieces - $2,000 to $5,000 (dependent upon item)

Total: $108500.00

5. SOCIAL IMPACTS

More user friendly space that would encourage greater participation within the open space.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Increase in native vegetation within the open space.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS

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8. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Friends of Gosse Street Park Meeting #2

Attachment B: Gosse Street Verge – Priorities List (Version 2)

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MANAGER WORKS

Greg Buxton
DIRECTOR – TECHNICAL SERVICES

Friends of Gosse Street Park Meeting #2

(Thursday 6 March 2014 @ 1.10pm)

MEETING ATTENDEES: Greg Buxton, Elliat Rich, Linx Macpherson, Tara Kurragong, Chris Perry, Scott Allen, Cindy Savage, Golda Rich

LOCATION: Council Civic Centre – Technical Services Meeting Room

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
PRIORITIES LIST	• Changes made to priorities list (see attached document) 1. Bollards - dust reduction, plastic recycled bollards (140 metres) • On curve only to sacred tree • North of park, dust reduction 2. Car Park Area - unsealed car park for approximately 10 car, plastic recycled bollards (60 metres) • Car park unsealed • Off street car park 3. Extend Bike Path - concrete path (approximately 75 metres) 4. BMX Jumps - replace old jump, not above 1.2 metres in height (4 - 5 jumps) 5. Garden Beds, Garden Bed Irrigation & Storm Water Harvesting - as per park design, irrigation v water truck, swails to collect water 6. National Tree Planting Day 2014 - date to be advised 7. Playscape Pieces and seating areas - encourage children participation on natural and playground pieces • Cindy Savage - email playground pieces (natural colours only)	ASTC to prepare a priorities list that will be returned to [redacted] of Gose [redacted] Park for [redacted]
COUNCIL REPORT	• April Meeting • Costings report • Draft plan to complete proposal • Prioritisation list (to be updated) • Council decision • Follow up meeting with residents group	

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RESIDENTS CONCERNS	• BMX Jumps removals • Native v weeds • Removing mulch / native plants • Mulch to stay • Whipper snip • Spraying native grass	
ADOPT A PARK PROPOSAL	[redacted]	DRAFT ADOPT A PLAN TO ELLIAT
LANDCARE	[redacted]	
WINNECKE AVENUE	• Rocks to stop circle work (ASTC to investigate)	
GOSSE STREET VERGE AREA	[redacted]	
MEETINGS & CONTACT	• Scott Allen and Elliat Rich to be points of contact	
NEXT MEETING	**Minutes and Prioirites List to be forwarded to Elliat. Meeting to be called if major discrepancies are discovered in the document**	

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