

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 06th December 2023

Present Brenda Proctor, Lyn Box. Ros Small, Dorothy Patton, Marg McCahon, Jo Hamilton and Janelle Patching

Apologies Dot Baldwin, Cr Eddy Ostarcevic, Dee Freeman, and Brenda Procter

Brenda Proctor-moved, seconded Lyn Box

Minutes from previous meeting – True and Correct,

Matters arising previous meeting

Sign to be removed – Railway hub sign removal, Cr Ostarcevic to talk to council staff for follow up of removal.

Major corner sign- Health Pohl has spoken with Jarryd Ezard, start day is Friday 9th Dec 2023.

True and correct, Lyn Box moved, Marg McCahon seconded .

Business arising

Children's play area-Brenda suggested to get dimensions and measure up so we know what space we are working with. Committee to do at next working bee in Feb. This year we will make the play area happen as a major committee goal.

Committee decided to remove gardeners report from the agenda going forward.

Friends meeting – plants to purchase for March planting, to fill gaps in long bed. Other spaces to focus on are near the rose arch and along to the paths where there are spaces to be filled, the plants need to be low maintenance and low growing. It was suggested could the Long Bed be extended, this is a discussion the committee would have to put to the gardeners to determine the extra work and watering.

There was a discussion of Carols by Candlelight not being held in the gardens.

Committee discussed compliance issues and will wait the outcome on what was decided from the NG Shire.

Moved Brenda Box and seconded Ros Small

Gardeners report

Nil gardeners report, Cr Ostarcevic advised Jason doesn't really need to attend advisory committee meeting as this was never an expectation, Jason will continue to be treasurer of the Friends of the Gardens. Cr Ostarcevic will discuss and request a written report from gardeners, for future meetings.

General Business

Rotary club has a new plaque they want to put in the gardens were the table and chairs are that they funded, the plaque would be fitted to a rock. They have presented the plaque to Jason Abbott to install from the Rotary St Arnaud.

Important dates

Next meeting 07th Feb- General Meeting

Meeting dates for the year, April 3rd, June 5th, Aug 7th, Oct 2nd and Dec 4th.

Next Gala Day 23rd March 2024

Meeting closed. 6.16pm