

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee, 05th June 2024

Present Lyn Box, Ros Small, Dot Baldwin, Marg McCahon, Dorothy Patton Deirdre Freeman, Jo Hamilton, Sharon Sheppard and Janelle Patching

Apologies Brenda Proctor and Cr Eddy Ostarcevic

Minutes from previous meeting – True and Correct,

Matters arising previous meeting

Palms planting updates and purchasing – Jo finding supplies difficult and too cold to plant all palms at present.

Planting budget carried over to next meeting.

True and correct, Lyn moved Janelle seconded

Business arising

Children's play space-The original plan mentioned a play space need to obtain the design. Janelle presented an email to committee with what Tony Dark has asked for discussion.

What is the budget? Do we have plans? Are we looking for input from the NG shire? Timeline for when project to be completed? Do we have any grant funds?

Committee advised it would be project managed through the council with liaising with Advisory Committee and Council.

Questions the committee decided to put forward to Tony Dark at NG Shire.

Has the funding from original project been exhausted? Advised the FOGardens obtained a grant for 17 mature trees and the Rotary donated chairs.

When a good day to meet I, proposed the date of 26th June time slot 9.30 to 11.00?

Janelle to send moduplay links to Tony.

Nominations for Advisory Committee & Terms of Reference - Dorothy had contacted Health Pohl in regards to Nominations and what the process would be for people nominating. As ad closed the 12th June.

Janelle emailed Health Pohl with nominations for all the current names of the committee and to see if what else was required in the nomination process. Health advised he was pleased to receive nominations and would get back to me as he was on leave.

Marg mentioned if there were new nominations she would be happy to stand aside, it was unanimous that Marg would be a continued valued committee member.

There was a discussion on the process of further nominations and who decides if there were. The current committee is x2 from CWA, x2 Community, x5 FOG, x2 Historical society, 1 Councillor, 1 garden staff, NG shire staff are non-voting members so currently have 11 voting members.

Was discussion to send invite letter to CWA to add numbers, this is pending the results of the new nominations.

Was noted a quorum is half the numbers plus 1.

Next Working bee 6th July

AGM planned for 7th Aug next meeting date, Last AGM 15.02.2023.5 so overdue. Janelle advised in advance she would stand down from secretary for somebody else to step up.

Room hire –Janelle advised of possible Scout Hall details but insurance would need to be obtained. Lyn advised Hayley Batters was getting back to her for options at the St Arnaud storage facility for a discounted rate. This was to store all the boxes from Lyn house but also the remaining items at the mechanics if possible.

Moved Dee and seconded Lyn

General Business

Nil

Important dates

Next meeting Aug 7th Annual General Meeting followed by General Meeting

Meeting dates for the year, Oct 2nd and Dec 4th.

Meeting closed. 6.39pm