



City of Nedlands

# MINUTES

## Public Art Committee Minutes

Monday, 27 May 2024



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### 1. Declaration of Opening

In Accordance with section 5.12 and schedule 2.3 division 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 5.30pm and drew attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed.

### 2. Appointment of Chair

This being the first meeting of the Public Art Committee following the Local Government Elections a Chair is required to be appointed at this meeting. Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations for the Chair.

**Keri Shannon, CEO, called for nominations for the Chair**

Nominations: Cr Youngman

No additional nominations.

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(Against: Nil)

**Councillor Youngman called for nominations for the Deputy**

Nominations: Cr Smyth

No additional nominations.

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(Against: Nil)

### 3. Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

#### Committee Members

Councillor B G Hodsdon	Hollywood Ward
Councillor K A Smyth	Coastal Ward
Councillor N R Youngman	Dalkeith Ward
Ms P Hoy	Community
Ms A Sharkey	Community

**Observer** Councillor F J O Bennett (Deputy) Dalkeith Ward

<b>Staff</b>	Ms K Shannon	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms S De Freitas	Acting Manager Community Development
	Ms L Macfarlane Reid	Coordinator Tresillian Arts Centre
	Ms L J Kania	Coordinator Governance & Risk
	Ms J Wright	Community Development Officer



**Public**            There were 0 members of the public present and 0 online.

**Press**            0

**Leave of Absence  
(Previously Approved)**            Nil.

**Apologies**            Mayor F E M Argyle (Presiding Member)

#### **4. Public Question Time**

Public questions submitted to be read at this point.

No public questions were submitted.

#### **5. Address by Members of the Public**

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Registration Forms to be made at this point.

Nil.

#### **6. Disclosures of Financial Interest**

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

Nil.

#### **7. Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality**

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

Pip Hoy, Disclosure of Impartiality as a Tresillian Arts Centre Tennant, stated that this relationship would not compromise her decision-making capacity as a member of this committee.



**8. Declaration by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers**

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.

**9. Confirmation of Minutes**

**9.1 Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes – 12 September 2022**

The Minutes of the Public Art Committee Meeting 12 September 2022 are to be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved Cr Smyth  
Seconded Cr Hodsdon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/-**

**9.2. Welcome to New Committee Members**

Community Members Pip Hoy and Aisling Sharkey have been approved by Council to be community representatives on the Public Art Committee. Pip Hoy holds the position of City of Nedlands resident community member. Aisling Sharkey holds the position of City of Nedlands resident Youth community member.



10. Items for Discussion

10.1. PAC22.05.24 Public Art Strategy Project Update

<b>Meeting &amp; Date</b>	Public Art Committee – 27 May 2024
<b>Applicant</b>	City of Nedlands
<b>Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995</b>	Nil.
<b>Report Author</b>	Lisa Macfarlane Reid, Tresillian Arts Centre Coordinator
<b>CEO</b>	Keri Shannon - Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

**Regulation 11(da) – Not Applicable – Revised Recommendation Adopted**

Moved – Councillor Smyth

Seconded – Councillor Hodsdon

Amendment

Moved – Councillor Smyth

Seconded – Councillor Hodsdon

**The Mover and Seconder agreed to modify the wording of the substantive motion.**

**That the revised Recommendation be adopted.**

(Printed below for ease of reference)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/-**



## Revised Recommendation / Council Resolution

That the Public Art Committee:

1. **Receives the update on the Public Art Strategy.**
2. **Requests amendments to the Public Art Policy and Administrative Procedure are presented to the Public Art Committee at the next meeting on Monday, 9 September 2024 at 5.30pm.**
3. **Requests the 2023/2024 financial year budget allocation of \$25000 is retained and supplemented with an additional allocation in the 2024/2025 financial year budget and**
4. **Requests a workshop and report on opportunities for public art that values and celebrates local culture, local heritage and the Nedlands natural environment is created and reported back to the committee by Monday, 9 September 2024.**

### Recommendation

That the Public Art Committee receives the update on the Public Art Strategy.

### Purpose

This report is presented to the Public Art Committee for information only. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the Public Art Strategy call for EOI's and the outcomes of that process.

### Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

### Background

At the September 2022 Public Art Committee meeting, the Committee recommended the development of a Public Art Strategy be deferred. The November 2023 adopted Council Plan identified an Action to 'Develop a Public Art Strategy'. A budget of \$25,000 had been approved in the 23/24 budget for this action. To progress this action, in early 2024 administration went to market to engage a Public Art consultant for the creation of a Public Art Strategy for the City of Nedlands.





## Discussion

### Suitable Consultants

In Perth, there are six independent Public Art Consultants who are suitably qualified to work with Local Governments on the creation of Public Art Strategies. There are also five large consultant firms operating in Perth who provide similar services, at a significantly higher price point than the independent operators.

The six independent public art consultants were all invited to submit proposal for this service. No proposals were received. Three Consultants declined to respond; Three advised they did not currently have capacity for this project.

As the pool of independent consultants returned no proposals, administration researched other LG's who have engaged the larger consultant firms for Public Art Strategies:

- In 2024, the City of Joondalup engaged a consultant firm for close to \$60,000.
- In 2019-20, The City of Stirling engaged a consultant firm for \$40,000. Art administration at City of Stirling advise in the current market they would expect to pay \$60,000 - \$80,00.
- In 2017 The City of Melville engaged a consultant firm for more than \$80,000.

### Community Rating and Priorities

During Community Consultation for the 2023 Council Plan, the community rating for a public art strategy was relatively low, with an average rating of 1.3 out of 3, where 1 is low and 3 is high.

Considering the \$25,000 budget for this project and the low community rating for the need of a public art strategy, administration has not pursued quotes from the larger consultant firms.

However, the City does need to update its approach to public art. The current Public Art Policy was last reviewed in 2014. To address this need, administration are drafting a new Public Art Policy for council review and endorsement. To support an updated Public Art Policy, administration is also creating a new procedural manual for the administrative tasks associated with the public art collection. The draft revised Public Art Policy will be presented to Council for endorsement in the 24/25 financial year. The supporting procedure manual will be developed through internal consultation with all impacted business unites at the City.

Moving forward, in the absence of a Strategy, the updated Public Art Policy will support any public art initiatives at the City of Nedlands. The procedural manual will support administration to fulfill the tasks associated with the existing public art collection and any future projects.



## Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with Public Art Consultants, other Local Governments and internal staff.

## Strategic Implications

This item relates to the City’s Council Plan Strategic intent of ‘Outcome 1 - Art, culture and heritage are valued and celebrated.’

## Budget/Financial Implications

In the 2023/34 budget and the adopted 2023 Council Plan, \$25,000 was allocated to developing a Public Art Strategy. This amount has not been expended as no suitably qualified consultant submitted a proposal. This amount will not be sufficient to engage larger consultant firms who work in this space. Creating an updated Public Art Policy and Administrative Procedure can be undertaken by existing staff without further budget implications.

## Legislative and Policy Implications

[Public Art Council Policy](#)

## Conclusion

Following extensive research and engagement with qualified providers, the City did not receive any proposals for a Public Art Strategy. Current market conditions indicate that the approved budget won’t be sufficient to engage a larger consultant firm for this service. There is no approved budget for 2024/25 to seek a consultant for a Public Art Strategy. The Community rated the need for a Public Art Strategy relatively low, with a rating of 1.3 out of 3. The City needs to update the current

Public Art Policy and administration requires a comprehensive procedure for managing existing and future Public Art. To address the City’s needs for managing public art, without further financial impacts, the existing Public Art Policy will be revised and presented to Council for review and endorsement. Administration will create and implement an updated Public Art Administration Procedure for the legacy management of existing and future public art. These updates will take place in the 2024/25 financial year.

## Further Information

Nil.



**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Public Art Committee Meeting will be on Monday, 9 September 2024 at 5.30pm.

**12. Declaration of Closure**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.48pm.