

Item

City Infrastructure & Public Works Committee on 21/01/2014

Status: Public

Wilderness School Inc – Consultation Results [2013/00874]

Strategic Outcome:

Outcome 1 - City of Great Places

Program & Value Proposition:

Infrastructure Management - The Infrastructure Management Program will ensure that Council's assets effectively deliver multiple place outcomes

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Approved:

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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Infrastructure & Public Works Committee:

- 1. Notes the public consultation process and is satisfied that no significant negative responses were received.**
- 2. Notes that this report will be considered by the Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority at its meeting 23 January 2014.**

1. At its meeting in October 2013 the City Infrastructure & Public Works Committee recommended that Council, as lessor, approves in principle to the terms and conditions of the proposed Park Lands Lease Agreement to the Wilderness School Incorporated (The School) and that the Administration undertake public consultation for a period of four weeks.
2. In accordance with Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 2005* and as per Council's resolution, the public consultation was undertaken over a four week period commencing Monday 4 November 2013 and concluded at 5:00 pm on Friday 29 November 2013.
3. Prior to the consultation commencing, key stakeholders were identified. They included current Park Lands lease holders and other interested parties such as Office for Recreation and Sport and the Park Lands Preservation Society.
4. An email was forwarded to the key stakeholders notifying them of the consultation and to also provide them with other information relevant to the public consultation.
5. Following the public consultation an Activity Report (**Attachment A**) was generated which contains all the information that was collated from the Your Say Adelaide website and reported that:
 - 5.1. In total there were 114 site visits to the project engagement website page.
 - 5.2. There were 6 surveys that were completed. Of that, 5 agreed with the proposed lease for the Wilderness School Inc and 1 disagreed with the proposed lease.
 - 5.3. Of the completed 6 surveys, 4 comments were also submitted (please also refer to **Attachment B**).
 - 5.3.1. *"For schools/colleges to make capital investments in the Parklands it makes sense to have longer leases that encourage capital expenditure."* Graham Brink
 - 5.3.2. *"Nantu Wama is one of Adelaide's hidden treasures. I say Hidden, because although there are many other parklands in the city, Nantu Wama has a unique diversity in scenery, use and wildlife. I have used the parklands on a regular basis for recreation, sport, dog walking etc. for 16 years. Wilderness have always looked after the playing surface and all other facilities which they are responsible for importantly without interfering with, or diminishing the tranquillity of the other areas of the park. I strongly support any and all continuation of the park's current usage."* Sam Knight
 - 5.3.3. *"School use of these facilities is ideal. There is limited use of these facilities by the public during school days. Wilderness School is adjacent the area and has no other open space for field sports."* Annette
 - 5.3.4. *"I think there is too much sporting open grassy paddocks in the parklands."* Garry

SUMMARY

6. There were 114 visitors to the Your Say Adelaide website and there were 5 surveys completed in support of the 5+4 year lease and one that does not support the lease.
7. It is, however, evident that the one comment that does not support the lease does not relate to the lease itself and it is fair to say that under these circumstances that there was no negative feedback received or associated with the proposed 5+4 year lease, nor is it perceived by the public that this lease will negatively impact on the building, licensed areas or the surrounding area.

IMPLICATIONS

Implication	Applicable	Comment
Policy	NO	
Business Plan Objectives / Outcomes or Services	NO	
Consultation	YES	Completed
Resource	NO	
Risk / Legal / Legislative	NO	

Budget / Financial Implications

13/14 Budget Allocation	13/14 Budget Reconsideration	Proposed 14/15 Budget Allocation	Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance)	Life of Project / Life Expectancy of Asset
NO	NO	NO	NO	5+4 years

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Activity Report

Attachment B – Public Consultation Comments