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CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION REFERENDUM PROMISED

Cr Geoff Lake, President of the Australian Local Government Association, met last week with the Leader of the Greens, **Senator Bob Brown**, and their Spokesperson for Local Government, **Senator Scott Ludlam**, to discuss how a referendum might be progressed. Senator Brown noted that the hard work of local government in developing its position on the preferred form of change and said that this effort had been the major reason why the Greens had sought to include this item as part of the **ALP-Greens Agreement** for which we are grateful.

Tony Abbott, Warren Truss, Malcolm Turnbull, Andrew Robb and George Brandis have all indicated their support for the inclusion of Local Government in the Constitution. However, Local Government needs to make sure that there is no political incentive for the Opposition to oppose the referendum as occurred in 1974 and 1988!

Local Government has a guarantee of continuance in the SA Constitution (Sec 64A) but under certain extreme circumstances a Council can be sacked and the whole system of Local Government dismantled.

THE POWER OF 10

The Power of 10 is a concept the organisation “**Projects for Public Spaces**” uses to highlight principles of the **Placemaking Process**. The basic idea is that it's not enough to have just one great place in a neighborhood—you need a number of them to create a truly lively neighborhood. And it's not enough to have only one top-notch neighborhood in a city—you need to provide people all over town with close-to-home opportunities to take pleasure in public life. And then it's not enough to have a single livable community in a region—you need a collection of interesting cities and towns to offer a high quality of life the wider area. We need to be creating Great Places. (such as our laneways !)



Any Great Place itself needs to offer at least 10 things to do or 10 reasons to be there. These could include a place to sit, playgrounds to enjoy, art to touch, music to hear, food to eat, history to experience, and people to meet. Ideally, some of these activities are unique to that spot and are interesting enough to keep people coming back. Local people who use the space most regularly are the best source of ideas for what uses will work best.

**How many quality places are located in the City, and how are they connected?
Are there other places that should be more meaningful but aren't?**

Answering these questions can help residents, businesses and stakeholders determine -both individually and collectively- where they need to focus their energies. **The Power of 10** offers an easy framework that motivates stakeholders to revitalize urban life, and shows that by starting efforts at the smallest scale you can accomplish big things. The concept also provides people something tangible to strive for and helps them visualize how to make their community great. For details go to: <http://www.pps.org/the-power-of-10>



It's the Placemakers' role to encourage everyone to think about what's special in their communities and it will be a challenge for the new Council to make Places happen. In my opinion, we have to unlock our creative skills and get behind the dead-hand of the Development Plan. This is what I hope and believe will be the most rewarding outcome of the Integrated Design approach to the future form of Adelaide.

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

As we move into Council election mode - Ballot papers go out late in October – we will have to make choices about who to elect to be our **Lord Mayor and Councillors** for the next 4 years. Mayors can offer a vision for their community but at the end of the day a Mayor, to achieve a vision, has to gain the support of a disparate group of Councillors about whom we may only have the barest idea of what (or who) they represent and why they stood.

As voters we need to be more demanding of candidates that they make clear their views on key issues such as the credibility of our Development Plan, strategies for residential and business growth, social justice programs, heritage protection, Park Lands usage and the place of cars and public transport in the city. We need leaders with vision, strength, energy, creativity and above all team-leadership and commitment to the city; people who can preserve their integrity under duress and can listen and respond to the aspirations of the citizens, not only of the city but of the wider community served by the city.

FOR AREA COUNCILLOR VOTE 1 FOR DAVID PLUMRIDGE

Some recent meeting decisions (full details are available on the Council's website 5 days after the meeting)

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 20 September (next Mtg Tues 5 October at 5.30)

2. Non-Complying Application

- (2.1) **4/21 Gilles St (DA/464/2010)** It was agreed to **Proceed with Assessment** of proposals to construct partial 3rd level addition at rear of existing dwelling.

3. Applications for consideration on Merit



- (3.1) Development Plan Consent **was refused** for an application to demolish the existing Bernard Booth mansion and construct a 3-storey residential flat building at **321-325 Wakefield Street (DA/240/2009)**. The reasons for refusal included *inter alia* the proposal's failure to 'conserve and enhance the mansion character of East Terrace' ▶▶

- (3.2) Development Plan Consent **was granted** for the construction of a 2-storey detached dwelling on vacant ◀◀ land at **12-22 Tomsey Court (DA/578/2010)**



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held on 16 September.

Deputations from **A. Bond** and **K. Henderson** were heard on the issue of remnant vegetation at **Victoria Park**

- **Item 5.** Council resolved to enter into an Agreement with the Minister for Environment and Conservation for management of the remnant vegetation with one further consultation with the Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Association before the boundaries of the management are finalised.
- **Item 1.** The Lord Mayor raised the matter of assistance to our Sister City Christchurch following the earthquake and it was resolved that Council express its concern and await further details before determining how to assist.
- **Item 13** This item dealing with a contract for **Physical Security Services** was dealt with in confidence.
- **Item 2** Council resolved to amend the **Development Plan** to deal with an anomaly relating to '**adult services**'
- **Item 3** It was agreed to reduce parking fees to \$5 for the **Little Heroes Foundation** Showdown XI at the Oval.
- **Item 4** Use of the Southern Car Park will be charged at \$740 per day for the **World Tennis Challenge Event**.
- **Items 6 to 8 and 10 to 12** were all dealt with in confidence and included ▪ EOI for **Sturt Living** ▪ Contract for **Victoria Park Grandstand** Precinct Landscaping ▪ **North Adelaide Post Office**.

COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 27 September (Next Council Meeting 25 October at 5.30pm)

(Note : Committee Meetings for October will be on 6th (Wed) and 12th - both groups starting at 5.30pm)

The **Public Forum** was addressed by Barry Salter on the Sister Cities Business Program and Mike Dunphy and Jim Hunwick spoke on the Japan Australia Friendship Association and bringing gifts from Sister City, Himeji.

8. Motions on Notice were moved by **Cr Clarke** calling on Australia Post to reverse its decision to close the **Post Office in Station Arcade**, by **Cr Wilkinson** on 1) 2012 Statutory Implementation of **Prohibited Land Fills** and 2) on Premature **Building Demolition** Site Clearance. All motions were passed without opposition.

9. Questions without Notice were asked by **Cr Clearihan** on 1) O'Connell St Safety Audit and bollards blocking taxi access to the Archer Hotel and 2) on maintenance of verges and by **Cr Wilkinson** on staff structure changes.

11. Items for Council determination (taken en bloc)

- **Item 11.1** Council agreed to sign a **Land Management Agreement** for heritage funding at **216 Jeffcott St. N.A.**
- **Item 11.2** The draft details for the **Integrated Movement Strategy Review Project** were endorsed by Council. The project will involve public consultation and the final report will dovetail in with the **Sustainability DPA**.
- **Item 11.3** The July-September Report of the **Adelaide City Council Reconciliation Committee** was noted.
- **Item 11.4** Council noted a report on the **Council for International Trade and Commerce South Australia (CITCSA)** which has been managing our **Sister City Relationships** very effectively since last November.

12. Items for Council

- **Item 12.1** Council deferred consideration of an encroachment into **Topham Mall** to facilitate the construction of a disabled access ramp associated with outdoor dining areas. This seeks to vary approval given in May 2009.
- **Item 12.2** Council agreed to allow **parking on the Park Lands** north of the Adelaide Oval for a charitable lunch to be held on Melbourne Cup Day and to require a gold coin donation. This use of the Park Lands is **contrary to policy** and whilst it is for a good cause I wonder how many other 'good causes' SACA will bring to the Oval?
- **Item 12.3** Council agreed to a variation to the **Special Purpose Lease with SACA** over Adelaide Oval No 2.
- **Item 12.4** Temporary licences were approved for events in Park Lands ▪ **Australian International 3 Day Event** in Rymill Park and Victoria Park 25 Oct – 19 Nov ▪ **Ashes Test Match** at the Oval 15-17 Nov ▪ **One Day International Cricket** at the Oval 15 – 28 Jan. ▪ **Tour Down Under** various locations Jan 2010 ▪ **Garden of Unearthly Delights (Ungodly to many)** Rundle Park 18 Feb to 13 Mar. ▪ **Adelaide Fringe** Rymill Pk/Light Sq. 18 Feb – 13 March ▪ **Circus Olympia** at Bonython Park 6 April to 8 May. (all dates include 'bump-in bump-out')
- **Item 12.5** Crs Frogley and Sanderson were nominated for election to the Board of the **L. G. Finance Authority**.
- **Item 12.6** Council determined required arrangements with the **Adelaide City Women's Soccer Club** for their rectification and completion of their building in **Park 18, by 31 Dec**. The half-finished building is a visual disgrace which amounts to abuse by the club of the privilege of being allowed to occupy such a position on Park Lands. The whole sorry saga also highlights the many poor leasing practices previous Councils have allowed to occur.

13. Confidential Items

- **Items 13/14** Council determined Contractual Arrangements for a **Communications Technology Panel**.

The views expressed herein are those of Cllr Plumridge and do not purport to be those of the Adelaide City Council. Authorised and written by D.A.Plumridge, 32 Dukes Lane Adelaide SA 5000