

Councillor Couros - QoN - Civic Recognition Working Group

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Can the administration advise if they believe the decisions of the Civic Recognition Working Group align with the council decision of 10 March 2020(?) to hang six women in the council chamber?

REPLY

1. The Council resolution of the 10 March 2020 was

11. Item 12.5 – Honouring Female Leaders in the City of Adelaide [2009/00789] Presented to Committee 3/3/2020 [C]

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde),
Moved by Councillor Couros,

That Council:

1. Approves the development of an ongoing Civic Collection curation program in the Council Chamber, that facilitates the recognition and celebration of female leaders with historical significance to the State and City of Adelaide.
2. Approves the commissioning of a female local artist to produce a framed portrait painting of Adelaide's first female Lord Mayor, Wendy Chapman AM.
3. Approves the commissioning of a female local artist to produce framed portrait paintings of the following five female leaders (or for Administration to enter into long-term loan agreements for suitable existing portrait paintings)
 - 3.1 Dame Roma Mitchell AC, DBE, CVO, QC
 - 3.2 Aunty Shirley Peisley AM
 - 3.3 Mary Lee
 - 3.4 Catherine Helen Spence
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4. Notes that the commissioning costs will be funded from the Public Art capital budget and that re-curation costs of up to \$15,000 over two years will be considered in the FY2020/21 and FY2021/22 budgets.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

2. On 19 September 2023 the Civic Recognition Working Group (CRWG) received an update on the project and approved the following:

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- 2.1. Selection of framing for the commissioned portraits of Mary Lee and Catherine Helen Spence.
- 2.2. A date for the unveiling ceremony of the portraits of Mary Lee and Catherine Helen Spence is confirmed for Friday 8 March 2024 to coincide with International Women’s Day. All Councillors will be invited to attend this event.
- 2.3. A re-curation of the portraits in the Council Chamber which will result in:
 - 2.3.1. the portrait of Aunty Shirley Peisley AM being installed in the Chamber – this follows its unveiling in March 2023
 - 2.3.2. the portrait of Catherine Helen Spence being installed above the public gallery - upon its unveiling in March 2024
 - 2.3.3. the portrait of Wendy Chapman AM being installed in a place of prominence in the Lord Mayor’s Walk.
3. The CRWG in the coming months will consider the preferred approach to realise the final portrait in this project, of Kurna Elder Iparityi.
4. It is noted that the Civic Areas are regularly re-curated in consultation with the CRWG Group (consistent with Sections 283 and 285 of the City of Adelaide Standing Orders).

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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