

Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority

2021 Kadaltilla Community Forum – Consultation Report

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Board Meeting

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority with an analysis of the feedback regarding the Adelaide Park Lands received during both the Community Forum held on Saturday 23 October 2021 and the associated on-line Your Say community consultation conducted between 1 October and 8 November 2021.

Recommendation

That the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority:

1. Notes the Consultation Report – Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority Community Forum 23 October 2021, provided as Attachment A to Item 5.2 on the Agenda of the Board Meeting of Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority held on 24 March 2022.
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Implications

<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy 2015-2025 The findings from the Community Forum and Your Say consultation may be used inform the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy which is intended to be progressed in 2022/2023.</p>
<p>APLA 2020-2025 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Alignment – Culture The Annual Community Forum is a requirement of the Authority’s Charter and Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>Policy</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Resource</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Risk / Legal / Legislative</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Where relevant, the findings may be used to inform the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy which is intended to be progressed in 2022/2023.</p>
<p>City of Adelaide Budget Allocation</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset</p>	<p>The Community Forum is intended to be an annual event.</p>
<p>Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>
<p>Other Funding Sources</p>	<p>Not as a result of this report</p>

Discussion

1. A Community Forum took place on Saturday 23 October 2021, between 10.00am and 3.00pm, at the Adelaide Pavilion in Veale Gardens, South Terrace, Adelaide in accordance with the Authority's Charter which requires:
 - 1.1. A Community Forum must be held each year by the end of October at a place and time determined by the board.
 - 1.2. A notice of the Forum must be given to Board Members and accessible to the public at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date.
 - 1.3. The Forum must be conducted in a place accessible to the public.
 - 1.4. The purpose of the Forum is to discuss business of a general nature aimed at reviewing the progress and direction of the Authority.
2. In 2022, it is proposed to hold a Community Forum prior to the local government caretaker period in September 2022.
 - 2.1. A Community Forum in 2022 is an opportunity to inform the review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy as one element of a broader strategy to engage on the many values associated with the Park Lands.
 - 2.2. A place and time for the Community Forum in 2022 will be subject to a separate report to the Board.
3. The purpose of this report is to provide Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority with the outcomes of the Community Forum held on Saturday 23 October 2021.
4. The purpose of the Forum was to seek community feedback about the Adelaide Park Lands, with the theme being '*connect with and to the Park Lands*'. The intention was to gather input and ideas on three contemporary issues:
 - 4.1. Current use(s) of the Park Lands
 - 4.2. The community vision for each park and for the Park Lands
 - 4.3. Meanings and values of the Park Lands as depicted through personal stories, perceptions and experiences.
5. The supporting online survey was open between 1 October to 8 November 2021 for those unable to attend the one-day event.
6. Approximately 100 people attended the event in Veale Gardens and a further 83 completed the on-line survey (614 visits were recorded to the Your Say page).
7. A brief summary of the results of the Community Forum was included in a presentation to the Board at its meeting on 25 November 2021. **Attachment A** to this report provides a comprehensive analysis of the feedback provided at both the one-day Community Forum and the five week on-line Your Say survey.

Methods

8. The Forum was publicised from early October 2021, via:
 - 8.1. A dedicated Your Say Adelaide project webpage
 - 8.2. Emails to key stakeholder groups
 - 8.3. Notices via CoA Rates Notices and newsletters
 - 8.4. Social media posts on CoA channels
 - 8.5. Physical signage across the Park Lands
 - 8.6. Digital screens in the CoA Customer Centre
 - 8.7. Posters in CoA libraries and community centres
 - 8.8. A public notice on the CoA website was also published prior to the open date and large banners were installed across the Park Lands; each banner included date, time, the venue and a direct link to the YourSay page and survey.
9. Of the 83 people who completed the online survey via the Your Say webpage:
 - 9.1. 48% lived in the City of Adelaide, including 13 people in North Adelaide.

- 9.2. 52% came from surrounding suburbs namely Burnside, Unley and Mitcham, West Torrens, Charles Sturt, and Norwood Payneham and St. Peters.
- 9.3. The age ranged between 21 and 80 years with an average of 57 years old.
- 9.4. The majority of respondents came to the city for play (eg, leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining).
10. Most of the Community Forum participants came from the City and nearby suburbs.
11. The Community Forum was held in a comfortable and attractive setting, with refreshments provided and free potted plants gifted. Five interactive stations were established to facilitate feedback on:
 - 11.1. Favourite places in the Park Lands
 - 11.2. Landscape preferences
 - 11.3. How to re-design the Park Lands
 - 11.4. A 'vox pop' opportunity (short informal interviews with members of the public)
 - 11.5. General feedback.
12. The Your Say site was designed to emulate the same structure and engagement methods used at the forum. The survey included 4 open-ended questions:
 - 12.1. What do you value or love about the Adelaide Park Lands?
 - 12.2. What does - or - would inspire you to spend more time in the Adelaide Park Lands?
 - 12.3. What is your vision for the Adelaide Park Lands?
 - 12.4. Do you have any further feedback in regard to the Adelaide Park Lands?
13. Participants were then prompted to rate their preferences for 20 different Park Lands landscapes as they were presented at the forum.
14. Finally, respondents were offered an interactive design exercise using digital drop-pins to indicate their favourite places in the Park Lands and provide comments as to what makes these places valuable and important.

Key Findings based on the following questions

15. **What do you love or value about the Adelaide Park Lands?**
 - 15.1. A majority of respondents valued/loved the open character and green spaces of the Park Lands.
16. **What does or would inspire you to spend more time in the Adelaide Park Lands?**
 - 16.1. A majority of respondents were inspired by trees/vegetation, open spaces, outdoor events, and recreation or passive activities (picnicking, walking, cycling, community gardening).
17. **What is your vision for the Adelaide Park Lands?**
 - 17.1. A majority of feedback revolved around less change and development in the Park Lands, more protection of green open natural assets, introduction of more nature and biodiversity areas, better park amenities and more community involvement.
18. The issues highlighted by respondents included:
 - 18.1. Dissatisfaction with the then proposed Riverbank Precinct Planning Code amendments.
 - 18.2. More support for protection of natural/native and open character of the Park Lands.
 - 18.3. More dog parks, more facilities (ie, seating, sheds for sports and informal activities).
 - 18.4. More community involvement in the management of the Park Lands.
19. The most preferred Park Lands environments were, in order, native trees, natural landscapes and grasslands, tree promenades and avenues, and public art (forum) or wetlands (online).
20. The most preferred places in the Park Lands were:
 - 20.1. Bonython Park/Tulya Wardli (Park 27)
 - 20.2. Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16)
 - 20.3. Veale Park/Walyu Yarta (Park 21)
 - 20.4. G S Kingston Park/Wirraminithi (Park 23)

20.5. River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari (Park 12)

20.6. Adelaide Oval/Tarntanya Wama (Park 26).

21. The 2021 Forum was undertaken at a time when significant changes were proposed to the Park Lands and respondents (forum and online) were drawn into the consultation to discuss the State Government Riverbank Precinct Planning Code amendment proposals. The timing of the forum may have influenced some of the responses.
22. Forum participants were concerned by new development projects in the Park Lands. Content analysis of open responses showed that while new developments were rejected, nature, passive recreation, community engagement and better management of shared paths in the Park Lands were frequently mentioned and appreciated.
23. The findings of the 2021 Forum may assist the Authority in its review of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and can be supplemented with a range of other engagement approaches as part of the review process in 2022.

Attachments

Attachment A – Consultation Report – Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority Annual Community Forum
23 October 2021