



12.3 CR YVONNE TODD - TOWER ARTS CENTRE LAND 2021

I hereby give notice that I intend to move:

1. That an amount of UP TO \$20,000 be provided in the next budget round, to be used for consulting with local residents on the best future use of the land on the corner of Daws and Goodwood roads, in front of the Tower Arts centre.
2. That a consultation process asking for ideas for use of the land, be entered into as quickly as possible, so that the outcomes can be shared with Department of Infrastructure (DIT) as they progress the building of the intersection.
3. That a report be brought back to the Chamber as soon as possible, outlining consultation outcomes and indicating what might be possible, so that the Chamber can decide what the land will be used for.

RATIONALE:

The new intersection on the corner of Springbank, Daws and Goodwood roads, will move the roads away from the front of the Tower art centre and leave a large section of bare land. This land will be gifted/given by DIT to City of Mitcham Council to manage, once the intersection is completed.

I am moving this motion as I have made several enquires with relevant people about the idea of using the land purposefully and to seek funding for development. So far, I have not been able to get any traction.

I think it is important for Council as the long-term guardian of this land to make an informed decision and to do that, requires immediate community consultation.

The corner is a very busy one with many commuters passing by the corner and it has the growing Springbank Secondary College, the Basketball academy and the newly developed Repatriation Hospital site at the corner, as well as the historical Tower Arts centre. The current proposal is that the land be used for trees, which will create an ongoing maintenance and watering to cost to council.

While trees are worthwhile, the local community are much more interested in using that land to build something of long-term value, interest or purpose.

The Friends of Springbank community group and several other residents responded to my call for ideas and have already made good suggestions. The Friends of Springbank are currently having the conversation and collecting more ideas using Facebook and I want City of Mitcham to respond to this community enthusiasm.



CEO'S NOTE

The Department for Transport (DIT) have liaised with Council staff in the development of the project including proposals in relation to the areas of land outside the Tower Arts Centre (areas indicated in blue hatch on Figure 1 below).



Figure 1 – extract from DIT concept plan highlighting future areas of land outside Tower Arts Centre.

The majority of the area highlighted is currently Road Reserve (current footpath, verge, central median and road); at this stage staff are not aware of DIT plans in relation to the future classification of this area of land. It may be that the extent of road reserve will be modified with the area reverting to Councils care and control at the conclusion of the project.

Currently DIT proposals for this area incorporate tree plantings, a mulched garden bed, grassed area and perimeter and internal footpaths.



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MOVED Cr Todd

1. That an amount of UP TO \$5,000 be endorsed now, to be used for consulting with local residents on the best future use of the land on the corner of Daws and Goodwood roads, in front of the Tower Arts centre.
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SECONDED Cr Bange

CARRIED

8:22pm Cr McCarthy left the meeting and returned at 8:23pm during discussion of this item.

A DIVISION WAS CALLED BY CR TODD AND THE DECISION WAS SET ASIDE.

For the motion: Cr Bange, Cr Hockley, Cr Kruse, Cr McCarthy, Cr Moss, Cr Munro, Cr Sanderson, Cr Steele, Cr Todd

Against the motion: Cr Cheney, Cr Christopoulos, Cr Taeuber, Cr Tilley

THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MOTION

CARRIED



8:36pm The Mayor noted that Cr Tilley had a material conflict for this item and had vacated the chamber.