



## **Sydney City Farm Annual General Meeting MINUTES**

Saturday October 22, 2011 Surry Hills Library

### **Attendance**

#### Committee Members:

Vanessa Pilla, Andrew Jackson, Carolin Wenzel, Carla Thackrah, Anthony Sheedy, Nicola Cameron, David Gilligan, Sam Lipovac

#### Ordinary Members:

Stella Calomeris, Susan Winesmith, Andrew James, Jeanette Cudmore, Kathy Downs, Gwilym Griffiths, Julianne Hilbers, Chris Jinga

Non members - Jan McLelland,

10:00 Members arrive

10:10 Chair welcomes members

Welcome to country – acknowledge traditional owners, Gadigal people of the Eora nation and elders past and present.

#### Intro of Committee Members

Special acknowledgement of Liesje and all her work coordinating the committee and City Farm organisation. She could not attend because her mother passed away this week.

10.13 Confirm minutes of last AGM

Mover Carla Thackrah

Seconder Anthony Sheedy

10.16 Chair Introduce President Andrew Jackson

10.25 SHOW LONE DANCING NUT VIDEO

10.30 Andrew gives President's report – significant developments of previous year Leichhardt Council adoption of Callan Park Master Plan.

Council now has the lease for the site and is building sporting fields and skateboard park.

But initiatives in the plan like the City Farm would need support for implementing the plan by the State Govt.

In February City of Sydney Council accepted recs of Feasibility Study for establishing City Farm

SCF quoted in SMH article 2/12/10 and ABC 702 interview  
4/12/10

The Environment & Heritage Committee will decide on adopting the recs on Mon 31 October Their endorsed recommendations will then go to a full Council meeting Mon Nov 7.

Great events coming up:

Green Ups night Sustainably Connecting the City to the Farm Nov 1  
2-8 Parsons St, Rozelle 6-10pm

As people who support green and sustainable living, it's important to acknowledge how hard it is to get change. We just need to look at how hard it's been for the City to introduce the cycle ways and how much opposition there's been.

People who don't identify as green are the ones that need to shift. A key role of the city farm is for non-environmentalists to be attracted to come, because it's fun and welcoming. They will then be exposed to all the activities the farm will promote – cycling, growing vegies, environmental education - and see that it's normal.

10.27 Chair introduces Treasurer David Gilligan

10.28 David presents audited statement (Handout 1)

Explains main income was \$5000 grant from council to develop and update the website. This grant has been spent and reconciled.

We have \$2000 in the bank.

Accept Financial Report

Move Andrew

Second Anthony

10.35 Announce resignations and vacancies

Brandon Saul, Rod Simpson, Elsa Evers, Anthony Sheedy

Rod will continue to support SCF as an advisor to the committee

Elsa will continue to support SCF with her communication skills

Announce nominations for committee members:  
Gwilym Griffiths, Julianne Hilbers, Anthony Sheedy

"In accordance with the rules of association – these committee members are considered to be elected, and join Andrew Jackson, Vanessa Pilla, Liesje Clement, David Gilligan, Carolin Wenzel, Carla Thackrah, Sam Lipovac, Nicola Cameron.

As the number of nominations for office bearers equals the number of vacancies to be filled, the people nominated are taken to be elected.

Motion to accept all positions have been filled

Move Vanessa Pilla

Secunder Carolin Wenzel

Voted by acclamation

*Explanatory Note: Both Rod Simpson and Brandon Saul agreed to step down from the Committee, however they have agreed to the Committee's request that they stay involved as Ex Officio Advisors. This will be discussed formally at the first meeting of the new committee and the resolution minuted.*

## **Questions and open discussion**

How the SCF organisation will work with Council and delineation of roles?

This will be ongoing negotiation between us and City of Sydney Council. We have a separate identity as a community organisation, and we advocate more city farms in Sydney, not tied to just one. Our main value is the ability to gain widespread community support and engagement in the city farm.

Vanessa thanks Susan and all the volunteers who stepped forward to help organise the Picnic.

10.55 Chair calls for any other Business or questions for clarifications

Chair thanks all and

11.00am declares AGM closed