

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT- COMMUNITY HUB POLICY

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POLICY OBJECTIVES

To ensure a consistent approach to Neighbourhood Development to gain the greatest community benefit through the facilitation or provision of:

- Appropriately located community facilities owned by the City.
- Facilities consolidated into identified community hubs – which aim to provide:
 - effective and efficient service coordination and delivery;
 - place making;
 - community building; and
 - a localised approach to the delivery of services.
 - a financially sustainable community asset
- Provision of services to support and develop community groups.

POLICY SCOPE

This Policy applies to community facilities owned or under the control of the City.

DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS USED IN POLICY

Community Hub: A conveniently located public space that is recognised and valued in the local community as a gathering place for people and an access point for a range of community activities, programs, services and events.

Place Making: Not just the act of building or fixing up a space, but a whole process that fosters the creation of vital public destinations: the kind of places where people feel a strong stake in their communities and a commitment to making things better. Simply put, place making capitalises on a local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, ultimately creating good public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and wellbeing.

(Project for Public Spaces http://www.pps.org/info/bulletin/what_is_placemaking)

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD):

Focuses on the resources, capacities and aspirations of a community and its residents, instead of dwelling on their needs, problems and deficiencies believing that meaningful and lasting community change originates from within, and local residents in that community are best experts on how to activate that change.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Melville believes that community facilities are important in helping to build strong communities. They provide resources and meeting places that are available to the local community. They are one of the ways that the City meets its strategic outcomes of:

- enabling a vibrant and connected community; and
- providing high quality public places.

The City of Melville supports community facilities which are:

- accessible;
- multi-functional; and
- well utilised.

The City recognises that community hubs best delivers this outcome.

Community hubs are multipurpose places and spaces where a variety of activities occur, a range of goals are addressed and different objectives can be pursued. The key to the hub concept is integration and adaptability to enable transitions as community requirements evolve. This can mean both integration of services, programs and activities within a multipurpose community facility or an integration of a range of activity generating various uses including community, sporting and cultural facilities/places, shops, transport, public parks and plazas.

The facilitation of community hubs is guided by a community facilities evaluation matrix that considers:

- social sustainability and wellbeing;
- current / predicted facility users; and
- place making.

The City of Melville works with the community in a collaborative and inclusive manner to enhance community hubs utilising an asset based community development approach that has a focus at the local neighbourhood level.

A community hub model for the City provides the opportunity to expand and contract community activity/focus around the hub as required and provides more flexibility for service delivery options. This has built on the neighbourhood focus as identified by the community through extensive engagement processes for community planning and individual projects within the neighbourhoods.



References that may be applicable to this Policy

Legislative Requirements:

Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984

Local Government Act 1995

Disability Discrimination Act 1992

Procedure, Process Maps, Work Instructions:

Community Partnership and Youth Funding Procedure

City of Melville Disability Access & Inclusion Plan

Event Management Procedure

Asset Management Procedure

Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:

Stakeholder Relationship Framework

CP -002 Stakeholder Engagement Policy

CP-005 Land and Property Retention Disposal and Acquisition Policy

People Places Participation – City of Melville Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022

Neighbourhood Plans

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