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Adelaide City Council Draft 2012-13 Business Plan and Budget.

The South East City Residents Association (SECRA) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the ACC draft 2012-13 Business Plan and Budget.

In general SECRA supports the Council's Business Plan and Budget for 2012-13.

SECRA has the following comments on the Business Plan and Budget:

- We support funding for landscaping in Victoria Park between the two east-west bitumen paths. The two east west bitumen roadways that have been recently completed detract from what is one of the city's most attractive Park Lands. The proposed landscaping of this area will reduce the unattractiveness of what is essentially a traffic corridor through the park.
- We support further work on the Victoria Park heritage grandstand so that it can be used by schools and other community groups.
- We support the staged redevelopment of Victoria Square with the focus on providing attractive, shaded open space for residents, city workers and visitors to the city. The new Ministerial Development Plan Amendments are designed to increase the population of the city, in particular, the Capital City Zone. Under these circumstances it is considered that the State Government should contribute to the funding of the redevelopment of Victoria Square.
- Of the \$1.3M earmarked for unspecified climate change initiatives we would like to see window lighting grants to Hutt Street traders for street activation. We understand from the Hutt Street Precinct Association that Hutt Street Traders do not want to keep window display lights on at night because of the high electricity costs. The Integrated Movement Strategy supports 'street activation' and the lighting of traders' windows would contribute towards this strategy.
- \$20k is allocated in the budget to support planter boxes and it is requested that some of these funds be used in Hutt Street to replace damaged planter boxes and dead plants.
- We support the proposed allocation for Heritage Incentive Grants

- We believe there should be more money than the \$150k that is provided for undergrounding of power lines. Narrow streets with narrow footpaths (such as Vincent street/Vincent Lane/Surflen Street) should be a priority. People using these streets must walk on the road. However, lowering the speed limit to 40kmph as proposed under the Integrated Movement Strategy would help make these streets safer.
- We support continuation of the Connector bus.
- We support continued funding of the Box Factory Community Centre which provides an excellent service to our community in helping to support and create social capital.
- We would expect that sufficient funds are provided to keep our neighbourhoods clean, safe and attractive.
- We support Council funded remission of rates to eligible ratepayers and while we are disappointed that these are proposed to be phased out over a period of time we are pleased that Council proposes to retain the current 2011-12 level for 2012-13.
- We are of the view that the \$30k allocated for the replacement of street trees is insufficient.

We do not wish to address Council in support of our submission.

Yours sincerely,



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