

FLOWERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2012, 7.30AM – 8.00AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Flower's Advisory Committee Members

Geoff Maguire – Chairman
John Boon
Greg Duffy
Adrian Parsons

DBI Representatives

Jane Niall
Mary Baker

MMA Representatives

Allan Crosthwaite – CEO
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker

Apologies

Philip Mays – Member, Flower Advisory Committee
Gisela Marven – Board Member

Meeting opened at 7.35am.

DBI noted the following:

- The Minister's statement on allocation of flower market stands accepts the majority of views put forward by the Flowers Advisory Committee.
- The Minister supports the ballot system for flower market stands as it is open and transparent.

The committee noted;

- That they disagree with the ballot process and would have preferred to work with flower market businesses to agree the locations of businesses in the new market but understand the methodology behind the ballot system which is the Minister's preferred method for allocation.
- That, if a flower grower has a cool room and a stand in the current market, that flower grower should not be forced to take up 2 stands with a cool room at Epping.
 - The committee suggested that it may be possible for cool rooms to be run length ways to keep 1 stand. The committee were advised to put this suggestion in a submission to the Minister.
 - DBI agreed to consider this option for a limited number of stands.
- The committee noted that the centre walkway in the current flower market should have barriers placed around it to prevent flower growers putting their stock over the lines thereby gaining free space.
 - It was noted that the MMA will investigate this issue and consider for Epping.

Date of Next Meeting

- To be advised. - MMA

ACTIONS ARISING

- Organise meeting to discuss and compile rent options submissions - MMA

Meeting closed at 8.00am