

LATE ITEM CD20/8138 – PETITION TO THE CITY OF MELVILLE – BERT JEFFERY PARK (REC) (ATTACHMENT)

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- A petition signed by 250 residents was received by the City of Melville on Thursday 24 September 2020 requesting Council to reconsider the decision to construct an amenities building at Bert Jeffery Park and to move the Applecross Cricket Club to the Shirley Strickland Reserve. Additional signatures were received on 19 October 2020 from 80 residents and seven non-residents.
- At the 20 October 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved that the petition be acknowledged and a report be prepared and presented to the November 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- A previous petition signed by 105 residents of the City of Melville, and one non-resident, was received on 27 May 2020 requesting Council to stop the development of an amenity building at Bert Jeffery Park, Murdoch.
- This petition was presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 16 June 2020, where Council resolved to acknowledge the petition and requested a report be prepared (to report back to council).
- The report was presented to the August 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council where the Officers recommendation was carried unanimously by the Council. (Council were unanimous in noting the petition being received, noting that the building has been significantly reduced in size and directed the CEO to advise the lead petitioner of this outcome).
- Funding to construct the amenity building formed part of the 2019/2020 Annual Budget, and was partially carried forward to the 2020/2021 Annual Budget.
- A contractor has been appointed and construction works have commenced at Bert Jeffery Park.
- Bert Jeffery Park is well suited for the sport of cricket, other sports and activities and the basic amenities building is required to facilitate a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities that take place on the park.
- Shirley Strickland Reserve is not suitable for the turf cricket block infrastructure and therefore cannot be moved to Shirley Strickland Reserve as the petition suggests.
- To abandon the amenity building project at Bert Jeffery Park, relocate the turf wicket, all associated infrastructure and return the CSRFF grant is estimated to cost \$539,240. This cost does not include any ramifications of relocating cricket infrastructure to an alternate location.

BACKGROUND

At the August 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, a report, item CD20/8131 was presented by officers relating to a previous petition signed by 105 residents of the City of Melville, and one non-resident, received on 27 May 2020. This petition requested Council to stop the development of an amenity building at Bert Jeffery Park, Murdoch.

A reject and replace motion was tabled at this meeting which requested a referral to an Elected Members Information Session prior to returning to Council, this motion was lost (4/9) and the officer recommendation was resolved unanimously by Council (13/0) as follows:

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That the Council having considered the petitioners requests:

- 1. notes the petition received, requesting that the development at Bert Jeffery Park be stopped; and**
- 2. notes that the building has been significantly reduced in size over that which was previously planned and envisaged; and**
- 3. directs the CEO to advise the lead petitioner of the outcome.**

Since the Ordinary Meeting of Council, August 2020, officers have procured a contractor to deliver the Bert Jeffery Park Amenity Building and associated works and subsequently the contractor took possession of site on October 6 2020 and has commenced construction works.

Matters pertaining to the use and/or developments of and at Bert Jeffery Park have been tabled six times (including this item) before Council and on each occasion have been resolved to proceed. These reports have been referenced on the cover page for this item.

History of site

As per item CD20/8131 – Petition to the City of Melville – Bert Jeffery Park, 18 August 2020, the Murdoch sub-division commenced development in the late 1980's, at this time, in November 1985, a Reticulation and Development Plan for Bert Jeffery Park was created and adopted by Council. This plan had a minor revision in May 1987 (reticulation added, park renamed Bert Jeffery Park, from its original name, Murdoch Park). This plan includes a proposed 'Hall' along Johanson Promenade, depicted to be constructed at street level and be approximately 312m² in size. The plan also included a proposed internal car park of 29 bays, also located off Johanson Promenade.

8138 Bert Jeffery Park Technical Services Plan

Bert Jeffery Park has been used sporadically for sport over the years since its development into a park, varying uses have been both structured and unstructured and include, Dog Training, Soccer (Football), Australian Rules Football and Cricket.

A summary of use in recent years can be located in item CD18/8107 18 September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Petition – September 2020

The City of Melville received a petition on 24 September 2020, signed by 250 residents of the City of Melville. Additional signatures were received on 19 October 2020 from 80 residents and seven non-residents. The petition signed by a total of 330 residents and seven non-residents read as follows:

"We the undersigned, all being electors of the City of Melville, respectfully request that the Council:

The Council has determined Applecross Cricket Club (ACC) only require a smaller field with a 50 – 60 metre playing boundary, and not the 68 metre playing boundary as canvassed over the last four years by the ACC and the City of Melville.

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Due to the fact that there already are facilities at Shirley Strickland Reserve, the 50 – 60 metre playing field can be accommodated there and the ACC play at the venue, it is requested the City of Melville reconsider their decision to construct an amenities building at Bert Jeffery park and resolve to move ACC to the Shirley Strickland Reserve and not waste approximately half a million dollars of ratepayers funds for an amenity building at Bert Jeffery Park. It is in the best interests of the Club and the community to place the cricket turf for the ACC at the Shirley Strickland Reserve particularly as the ACC are already located at Shirley Strickland Reserve.”

A Council resolution regarding this petition was carried at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 October 2020, the wording for which is as follows:

“That the petition bearing 330 signatures of residents and 7 signatures of non-residents be acknowledged and report be prepared and presented to the November 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.”

Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy

The Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy (ARIS) has highlighted the importance of optimising the use of the City’s existing infrastructure for a range of sport, recreation and leisure uses to meet existing and future demand. This is particularly relevant at Bert Jeffery Park for the sports of Cricket and Soccer (football) that can seamlessly operate without each sport impacting the other (soccer fields can be located either side of the turf wicket and the sports operate in different seasons). Bert Jeffery Park is 3.31 hectares in area, of which 1.54 hectares (46.65%) is used, at times, for structured sport.

Throughout the ARIS engagement phase, feedback regarding additional infrastructure to facilitate more leisure opportunities for residents at Bert Jeffery Park was received. In seeking to maintain a balance between formal and informal recreation and leisure use the ARIS incorporated planning for outdoor fitness equipment and a shared use path on the southern side of the park (the only side without a footpath and to create a ‘loop’ around the park). This is planned for further engagement in the ARIS, for 2021/2022. Furthermore a drink fountain with a dog bowl at the base will be installed along with the amenity building development, which is currently under construction.

In the medium to longer term, and as the population of the municipality increases, a number of locations have been identified for additional sporting field development that will assist in meeting the future needs for all.

DETAIL

The City of Melville’s Corporate Business Plan, unanimously adopted by Council in September 2020, outlines the strategic direction for the organisation. Council prioritises the support of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing through “strategic investment in local infrastructure and built environments that support physical activity and healthy lifestyles.” Another key strategy to achieve this priority is the “empowerment of inclusive participation and support for sports and community groups.” The additional amenities at Bert Jeffery Park assist in achieving this priority for the community.

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Current use of Bert Jeffery Park over the year includes:

- Dog Walking.
- Playground use.
- Family Gatherings.
- General Recreation (running, exercising, use of Australian Rules football goal posts, etc.)
- Soccer clinics.
- Informal soccer group.
- Cricket.

Future use of Bert Jeffery Park will incorporate some additional over flow training for the Murdoch University Melville Football Club who have sporadically used Bert Jeffery Park since at least 2012 as well as all uses listed above.

The amenity building and associated facilities will support current and future use.

Amenity Building and associated facilities

The amenity building, to be managed by the City, will be available for booking by residents and community sporting clubs and groups. It will be composed of two change rooms, a kitchenette, a universally accessible toilet and a verandah facing the centre of the park. The building is 68m² and the verandah is 36m², a total of 104m².

To support the existing facilities and new amenity building an ACROD bay will be installed on Johanson Promenade with a fully accessible pathway to the playground, park furniture and amenity building, this will ensure equality of access to these facilities for all. Furthermore the City's Parks and Natural Areas team will install a drink fountain with dog water bowl at the base utilising the services brought to the area through the development of the amenity building.

The original Reticulation and Development Plan for Bert Jeffery Park (see item CD20/8131), from 1985, depicted a proposed hall of approximately 312m², furthermore, the independent consultant procured to assist in developing the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy (2020) recommended, based on the size, function and capacity of the space that a building of 250m² with an outdoor covered area of 50m² was appropriate.

In listening to some residents concerns regarding the installation of a facility at Bert Jeffery Park and balancing the need for a basic level of supporting infrastructure required on active reserves to facilitate use, the amenity building to be delivered, including all components listed in the first paragraph is 104m².

[8138 Bert Jeffery Park Amenity Building – Floor Plan](#)
[8138 Bert Jeffery Park Amenity Building – Site Plan](#)

Relocation of the Turf Wicket**Shirley Strickland Reserve**

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The matter of considering the option of housing a turf wicket at Shirley Strickland Reserve, as well as a number of other reserves, has previously been addressed in item CD18/8107 18 September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council. This item was an attachment to the previous item presented to Council, CD20/8131 – Petition to the City of Melville – Bert Jeffery Park, 18 August 2020.

The Shirley Strickland Reserve is not suitable for a turf wicket for the following reasons:

- The Applecross Mount Pleasant Junior Football Club and Fremantle Rebels Softball Club would be displaced and significantly impacted. These two clubs have a current playing membership of 435 members.
 - If a turf wicket were at Shirley Strickland Reserve, winter sports would be played over the wicket. Given the clay based nature of turf wickets the infrastructure would be significantly damaged by the high traffic of studded footwear worn for winter sports and in combination with the increased rainfall and stagnant growth and recovery of turf in the winter months, the wicket block would quickly become a soaked muddy surface. This would be an unacceptable situation.
 - A result of this damage would be the need to close the reserve to these winter sports well prior to the end of the winter season to establish a suitable playing surface for cricket through an extensive and costly maintenance program.
 - The impact would be a significant increase in turf wicket maintenance costs for the Applecross Cricket Club, a not-for-profit community association, to add to the significant displacement of other clubs.
- A synthetic wicket would require removal to accommodate a turf block at Shirley Strickland Reserve which would displace junior cricketers of the Ardross Junior Cricket club.
- The Applecross Cricket Club would have one less ground to play at, meaning a lack of available facilities for at least two of their teams.
- A synthetic wicket would likely need to be installed at Bert Jeffery Park to accommodate displaced cricketers, further highlighting the need for the small amenity building, currently under construction.
- Field configurations are unable to be amended enough to resolve this matter at Shirley Strickland Reserve. Noting that touch rugby and Gaelic football utilise space at Shirley Strickland Reserve during the Winter season and touch rugby also use Shirley Strickland Reserve during the summer.

Tompkins Park

Some correspondence has been noted referring to Tompkins Park as a possible suitable venue for an additional turf wicket for the Applecross Cricket Club as the plans for the reserve have changed significantly since item CD18/8107 18 September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

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Tompkins Park is unable to accommodate this request for the following reasons:

- The existing three synthetic wickets are used every week by many of the cricket clubs in Melville, both junior and senior.
- Removing a synthetic wicket at Tompkins Park would require it to be replaced elsewhere, likely at Bert Jeffery Park to relocate the displaced cricketers, again, further highlighting the need for the small amenity building, currently under construction.
- Since previous reporting on the matter the Perth Saints Football Club, based at Tompkins Park, have evolved into a club that caters to juniors, as well as the senior teams they have historically fielded. This has seen a 513% increase to club membership in the past 4 seasons (2017, 65 members – 2020, 334 members).
- The additional members playing for Perth Saints Football Club at Tompkins Park has led to greater space requirements for the club. This means that the placement of an additional turf wicket at Tompkins Park may displace soccer players.

Bert Jeffery Park - Cricket

The sports peak body Cricket Australia (CA) has a document titled '2015 CA Community Facilities Guidelines' and within this document is "Guidance Note 01 Pitches and Playing Fields." This guidance note provides information on recommended cricket pitch and playing field dimensions, boundary lengths and sizes, ground and pitch orientation and preferred playing surfaces for cricket pitches, infields and outfields. This document can be found on Cricket Australia's website: <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/facilities/facilities-guidelines>

Relevant information for Bert Jeffery Park is as follows, in considering these guidelines:

- Cricket Australia have confirmed that Bert Jeffery Park is a suitable venue for Open Age Community Club Cricket, which is the level of competition the Applecross Cricket Club participate in at the park.
- This level of competition requires a minimum of a 50m boundary with a recommended boundary of 60m.
- The guidelines state the following:
 - "When designing and developing ovals, grounds and park precincts, buffer distances between cricket ground boundaries should be considered in relation to other park infrastructure including car parks, roadways, neighbouring properties, trails and playgrounds."
 - Buffer distances of between 20m to 40m from boundaries are preferable to reduce risk and increase park user and property safety. Additional design elements including mounding, vegetation planting and fencing and their appropriateness to local conditions, settings and aesthetics should all be considered during venue design stages to assist in reducing and alleviating potential risk.

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- A buffer zone distance is recorded in the above facility guideline as a preference. If this buffer zone was a requirement, it would mean that cricket is unable to be played at any Active Reserve in Melville as there is no field which has a 20m+ buffer to infrastructure.
- The competition that Applecross Cricket Club play in, Open Age (Community Club), requires a minimum boundary distance of 50m.
- The recommended boundary distance is 60m.
- At Bert Jeffery Park, it is 71m from the centre of the wicket block to the edge of the playground which is consistent in terms of infrastructure placement, not only in the City of Melville but across the Metropolitan area.
- There are many examples where infrastructure is located closer to a cricket wicket than at Bert Jeffery Park.
- The turf wicket block is capable of having 5 wickets prepared, the western most wicket at Bert Jeffery Park is used on up to 4 occasions per season, as use is spread across the turf wicket block (that has 5 wickets) each season.
- The City has received minimal safety concerns from the Sport of Cricket.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**I. COMMUNITY**

A summary of previous consultation regarding the Bert Jeffery Park Amenity Building can be located in item CD18/8107.

Recently, local residences have been informed by letter, of any milestone related to the design and construction of the amenity building project. A project page was also developed for the project to assist in informing local residents and the broader community.

The project page, letters to residents local to Bert Jeffery Park and related information can be located at the following link: <https://www.melvillecity.com.au/bertjefferyproject>

II. OTHER AGENCIES / CONSULTANTS

In September 2020, Cricket Australia and the West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association have both provided their written support for the use of Bert Jeffery Park as appropriate for Open Age – Community Club cricket, the level which Applecross Cricket Club participates in.

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The Department of Sport and Recreation (now known as the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI)) also provided grant funding, through their Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) of \$40,000 which was paid to the City of Melville on 16 October 2020.

Dave Lanfear Consulting was procured by the City of Melville to assist in producing the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy, their professional recommendation based on the size, function and capacity of the space was that a building of 250m² with an outdoor covered area of 50m² was appropriate. The amenity building, once completed and inclusive of the verandah, will be 104m².

STATUTORY AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total project budget is \$497,500 of which \$395,000 was carried forward to the 2020/2021 Annual Budget. The current actual costs and committed funding total \$465,129.53 and are for contracts with Slavin Architects, for architectural services, Porter Consulting Engineers, for design of utility services headworks and project superintendency and Candor Contractors for the construction and delivery of the amenity building project.

Should the project be abandoned, the City will be liable for costs related to services rendered, goods procured, and costs associated with re-establishing the site to its pre-construction condition, these costs are estimated at \$401,240.23.

The City has received \$40,000 in grant funding from the DLGSCI CSRFF which would be returned if the project was abandoned.

The Applecross Cricket Club, a not-for-profit community association, has expended \$109,625 of club funds on infrastructure and maintenance related to the turf wicket and out field at Bert Jeffery Park. The total cost of the infrastructure and maintenance related to the turf wicket and outfield to date is \$139,000, this cost has been offset by 2 grants from the West Australian Cricket Association and West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association totalling \$29,375. Should the project be abandoned and the Applecross Cricket Club be relocated there will be significant reestablishment costs for the club elsewhere as well as potential costs for relocating any displaced clubs.

The club's members also provide in-kind support through volunteers who assist at Bert Jeffery Park an estimated 5-10 hours per week.

Should the amenity building be abandoned and the cricket club infrastructure be relocated, there will be costs associated with removing/reconfiguring and re-establishing infrastructure at Bert Jeffery Park including the turf wicket, green keepers shed and retaining wall, irrigation changes, soil, turf, labour costs and disposal costs relating to the same. These are estimated at \$35,000.

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Though there are some unknown costs, the cost of the above mentioned is estimated at \$539,240.23, noting this does not include any costs for the relocation of displaced clubs that would occur if the turf wicket block / Applecross Cricket Club was relocated. Estimated costs are listed as below:

Candor Contractors	\$317,630.23
Porter Consulting Engineers	\$54,450.00
Slavin Architects	\$29,160.00
Cricket Infrastructure Relocation (including site reinstatement at Bert Jeffery Park)	\$63,000.00 relocation \$35,000.00 reinstatement
Return of CSRFF grant	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$539,240.23

STRATEGIC, RISK AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
Access to basic facilities to enable community use is not delivered at Bert Jeffery Park.	Major consequences which are almost certain, resulting in an Extreme level of risk.	Deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.
The amenity building construction is abandoned requiring CSRFF funding to be returned, leading to reputational damage and risk to future funding applications.	Moderate consequences which are almost certain, resulting in a High level of risk.	Deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.
The amenity building construction is abandoned, leading to reputational damage in the construction sector.	Moderate consequences which are possible, resulting in a Medium level of risk.	Deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.
Turf Wicket is relocated to another location leading to displacement of clubs and outrage	Major consequences which are almost certain, resulting in an Extreme level of risk.	Leave the turf wicket at Bert Jeffery Park and deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.
Turf Wicket is relocated to another location leading to additional costs both for the City and Club.	Minor consequences which are almost certain, resulting in a Medium level of risk	Retain the turf wicket at Bert Jeffery Park and deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.
The amenity building construction is abandoned and the turf wicket is relocated to another location rendering Bert Jeffery Park as unable to be used for structured sport leading to the overuse of other reserves.	Major consequences which are almost certain, resulting in an Extreme level of risk.	Leave the turf wicket at Bert Jeffery Park and deliver the amenity building, servicing basic community need, as planned.

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The policy objective is, “To increase opportunities for physical activity; leading to the improved health and wellbeing of the community.”

The amenity building at Bert Jeffery Park aligns to this policy and facilitates the basic requirements for use at the site.

CP-103 Improving Public Spaces Policy

The policy provides clear strategic direction and informs future decision making on the best way to improve public spaces in the City of Melville.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

An alternate option, which is not supported by officers, would be to support the petition and not build the basic amenity building together with the relocation of the turf wicket to another location. This would not support a range of uses at Bert Jeffery Park, further impacting other reserves throughout the City that are currently overused. This would also lead to the displacement of other clubs, leading to outrage and additional costs to the City to relocate these clubs, if indeed it is possible to relocate them.

Discounting Bert Jeffery Park as a place to host structured sporting activity would have broad ranging City wide ramifications.

As per A Strategic Community Plan for the City of Melville 2020-2030, the project links to supporting the aspiration of Healthy Lifestyles, the objective for which is, “Opportunities for healthy activities both indoors and out and about in local parks and suburbs walking, running, cycling and exercising individually or in groups. Not delivering the amenity building at Bert Jeffery Park, impacts the City’s ability to contribute to this aspiration.

Aligning to the Strategic Community Plan is the City of Melville Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024. Council prioritises the support of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing through “strategic investment in local infrastructure and built environments that support physical activity and healthy lifestyles.” Another key strategy to achieve this priority is the “empowerment of inclusive participation and support for sports and community groups.” The amenities under construction, as well as those planned Bert Jeffery Park assist in achieving this priority for the community.

Additionally, significant investment made by a not-for-profit community association, in the Applecross Cricket Club, would be redundant which would lead to a significant impact on the club’s future. It would be reasonably foreseeable that the club would seek a full cost recovery from the City or request that the City entirely funds the relocation of required infrastructure to a suitably alternate venue within the City, if this is possible.

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The City would be required to return the \$40,000 of funding received through the DLGSCI's CSRFF.

The City has committed funds towards contracts with Porter Consulting Engineers, Slavin Architects and Candor Contractors, which would require payment of services rendered, goods procured, and costs associated with re-establishing the site to its pre-construction condition, to date and by negotiation, should the alternate option be taken.

CONCLUSION

The amenity building and associated infrastructure aligns to the direction set by Council in the City of Melville Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024 and A Strategic Community Plan for the City of Melville 2020-2030.

A basic level of infrastructure is required on Active Reserves to facilitate a range of uses. That infrastructure, in the form of an amenity building, plus an accessible pathway, ACROD car bay and drink fountain with dog water bowl is currently under construction.

Other infrastructure for leisure activities as requested by residents is planned for further investigation in 2021/2022 as documented in the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy.

The Bert Jeffery Park is a suitable venue for structured sport, including Open Age – Community Club cricket which is presently played there. It can continue to accommodate other forms of sport, recreation and leisure.

The Shirley Strickland Reserve is not suitable for a turf wicket block due to a number of resulting impacts if it were to be installed.

Abandoning the construction of the amenity building and removing all cricket infrastructure from Bert Jeffery Park would have the following impacts:

- Discounting Bert Jeffery Park as a place to host structured sporting activity.
- Such a decision would have broad ranging City wide ramifications and would lead to displacement of clubs and wide spread outrage.
- It would impact relationships with DLGSCI – CSRFF as grant funding for the project would need to be returned.
- Confidence in the local construction sector would also likely be negatively impacted.
- There would be an associated cost to do so of an estimated \$539,240.23 (as well as a number of unknown costs), with overwhelmingly negative impacts as listed.

Council has, on a number of occasions provided direction and approval to proceed with minor developments at Bert Jeffery Park.

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Subsequently, funding for the project was requested and approved by Council and as a result officers have set about delivering the amenity building project.

A significantly reduced building size (over that which was previously planned or recommended) shows compromise for the concern some residents have shown whilst also servicing the basic needs of current and future use at Bert Jeffery Park.

The amenity building will be available for a range of uses, including current structured and unstructured sporting use and community use.

The construction of the amenity building is currently underway and should proceed to completion.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION (8138)**APPROVAL**

That the Council having considered the petitioners requests:

- 1. Notes the petition received; and**
- 2. Notes that the building is essential to facilitate a range of leisure, recreation and sport activities on site; and**
- 3. Notes the building is currently being constructed: and**
- 4. Directs the CEO to advise the lead petitioner of the above resolutions.**