

**Minutes of
CITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**
Held at 7am on 18th August 2009
at Newcastle Leagues Club, National Park St, Newcastle

The meeting was chaired by, Edward Duc Chair
Meeting opened 7.00am

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	COUNCILLORS	OTHER
Edward Duc (Chair)	Cr. Sharon Claydon	Evelyn King (Infinitus)
Peter Zygadlo (Deputy Chair)	Cr. Graham Boyd	Cheryl Crichton (Infinitus)
Bronwyn Law		Annette Baker (Infinitus)
Claire Williams		Petra Hilsen (Infinitus)
Christine Gregson		Barbara Heaton NCC
Grant Keene		Christine Bramble NCC
Drew Pannowitz		Mathew Brewster NCC
Paul Murphy		
Ron Brown		
Katherine Frasca		
Suzanne Jones		
Suzanne Darling		
Catherine Henry		

1. APOLOGIES

Cr. Brad Luke
Cr. Bob Cook
Cr. Scott Sharpe

2. WELCOME

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declaration of Conflict of Pecuniary Interest

4. CONFIRMATION OF CHANGE IN AGENDA

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Drew Pannowitz –GPT Retail Strategy for its Hunter Street Properties

- GPT will fill empty shops with Outlet Stores in an endeavour to maintain retail movement in the CBD. A copy of the presentation will be made available.

5.2 Matthew Brewster – NCC Liveability Survey

- Matthew presented the outcomes of Council's research and outlined future actions. The report is available for review at the City Centre Office.

6. MATTERS RELATING TO PRESENTATIONS

Motion: "That the Committee approve the appointment of an external consultant to develop a city-centre branding exercise to inform discussions on marketing, façade improvements, visual merchandising and relevant public domain characterization in line with the recent HDC specified zones and Council's research."

Moved: Paul Murphy

Seconded: Peter Zygadlo

Carried

Motion: *"That an area of Hunter St beginning at Civic Station and running west to Union St be proposed as the initial City West project area."*

Moved: Ron Brown **Seconded:** Claire Williams **Carried**

Noted: That future reference to specific retailers or shopping centres be avoided.

Motion: *"That an amount of \$100,000 be earmarked for public domain/placemaking activities in City West linking West King St to West Hunter St and the public transport corridors/connections and that funds be made available from reserve funds to undertake a concept study."*

Moved: Grant Keene **Seconded:** Paul Murphy **Carried**

Noted: *The Committee confirmed the previously approved budget of \$15,000 to assist in the upgrade of the space referred to as Pocket Park.*

Motion: *"That the Committee approve a budget of up to \$20,000 to commission a consultant's report on the current status of the City Centre's late-night economy, the potential for a regeneration of activity and jobs with maintenance of safety levels, and recommendations as to specific strategies that the Committee might follow to support the growth of new ventures."*

Moved: Paul Murphy **Seconded:** Catherine Henry **Carried**

Chair excused himself and handed meeting to Deputy Chair Clair Williams

Edward Duc left meeting

Motion: *"That the Committee confirm the longer-term project budget for Watt St "convict walk" concept to allow us to seek matched funding from heritage grants for future work."*

Moved: Paul Murphy **Seconded:** Christine Gregson **Carried**

Motion: *"King Street Lights to be maintained."*

Moved: Ron Brown **Seconded:** Christine Gregson **Carried**

7. REPORTS and/or DISCUSSION

7.1 Financial Report- Held over

7.2 EO Report / Project Report

- Submitted in print and discussed
- AGM set for September.
- Elections will be held for Executive positions.

Recommend Position of Chair & 3 Deputy Chairs that represent each Sub-committee.

9. OPPORTUNITIES for MEMBERS of the GALLERY

- No registrants

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Information was sought regarding the Newcastle Alliance. The discussion suggested that it would be appropriate for individuals to contact the Chair of the Newcastle Alliance direct. It was noted that historical references on the Alliance website should be removed.

11. CLOSURE: Meeting closed 9.05 am.

Next Precinct Meeting

Date: Tuesday 21 September, 2009
Time: 7.00am
Venue: Newcastle Leagues Club

Signature of Chair