

**Minutes of  
CITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Held at 7am on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
at Newcastle Leagues Club, National Park St, Newcastle

The meeting was chaired by Edward Duc, Committee Chair  
Meeting opened 7.06am

**PRESENT:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	COUNCILLORS	OTHER
Edward Duc	Cr. Brad Luke	Evelyn King (Infinitus)
Claire Williams	Cr. Aaron Buman	Cheryl Crichton (Infinitus)
Paul Murphy	Cr. Sharon Claydon	Petra Hilsen (Infinitus)
Peter Zygadlo		Christine Bramble NCC
Grant Keene		Brian Bird
Bronwyn Law	<b>SPEAKERS</b>	Frank Cordingley NCC
Susie Darling	Judy Jaeger NCC	Tony Brown
Ron Brown	John Montgomery	Dr. Jeremy Smillie
Christine Gregson	Kevin Fernandez NCC	Rolly de With
Suzanne Jones		Paul Tibbles
Catherine Henry		Simon McArthur

**1. APOLOGIES**

- Lord Mayor – John Tate
- Drew Pannowitz

**2. WELCOME**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No declaration of Conflict of Pecuniary Interest

**4. FINANCIALS**

**Motion:** *“That the Financial report be accepted.”*

**Moved:** Suzanne Jones                      **Seconded:** Paul Murphy                      **Carried**

**5. E.O. REPORT**

Held over

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 Judy Jaeger- Council Director of Future City**

**Discussed**

1. Master Plan
2. External Sustainability Review, due in December
3. Monthly status report on partnered programs

**6.2 Dr. John Montgomery, Urban Cultures**

Dr Montgomery presented the Committee with an overview of his report on the Evening Economy. This report resulted from several workshops held with stakeholders, material provided by the police and others, observations and desk research.

He suggested the range of issues to be addressed and some proposed intervention methods that might help to improve the activity mix along key streets within the CBD.

Questions on safety and security issues were addressed.

### **6.3 Kevin Fernandez – Council Officer for Customer Communications and Services.**

Mr Fernandez outlined the protocols on media policy, discussing the appropriate conduct of committee members taking into account ethical conduct expected of all councillors, staff and committee members.

### **6.4 Feedback from the Strategic Branding Review.**

Evelyn King notified the Committee that a Powerpoint presentation showing the branding concept for inner city will be available for the December meeting.

S. Jones left the meeting

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **INCOMING**

- Response from NCC re: Hunter St Markets
- Letter from NCC re: Meeting to discuss “Art Sounds”
- Katherine Frasca’s resignation
- Letter from R.Brown listing concerns in draft minutes 20/10/09

A notice of motion was distributed to all members by Ron Brown. A copy is attached. The matter was dealt with at a later point in the meeting.

### **Circulation Folder**

- Letter from NCC re: Kerb extensions
- Letter to Brian Bird re King St. Traders
- Letter to R. Brown re draft minutes
- Letter from Brent Rodgers – confirming HV Folk Club will host King St Fair
- Response to Brent Rodgers
- Letter from Dominic Herschel- objection to hotel licence Lee Wharf
- Letter of concern- from Evelyn King to Ron Brown
- Newspaper article on Night Time Economy – John Tate
- A guide to Liquor Laws for local Councils

**Motion:** *“That the Committee engage in discussion with Art Sounds on their future”*

**Moved:** Ron Brown    **Seconded:** Susie Darling    **Carried**

Cr. Claydon left the meeting

**Motion:** *“That a letter be sent to Katherine Frasca thanking her for her service”*

**Moved:** Paul Murphy    **Seconded:** Bronwyn Law    **Carried**

## **8. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES**

**Motion:** *“That an amendment be made to the October Minutes to add at the end of Point 1 of the Council Liaison Officer’s Report:*

**“Barbara Heaton advised that she had nothing to add to her previous responses to Mr. Brown, especially given the current stage of the review of the Guidelines.””**

**Moved:** Claire Williams    **Seconded:** Peter Zygodlo    **Carried**

**Motion:** *“That the minutes as amended be accepted”*

**Moved:** Claire Williams    **Seconded:** Peter Zygodlo    **Carried**

F.Cordingley left the meeting

**Motion: “That the Precinct Committee agree that the funds allocated toward the promotion of the King Street Fair also be available on a dollar for dollar basis against the wholesale value of contributions made by King Street Traders toward the Santa Sack Gift Box.”**

**Moved:** Ron Brown

**Seconded:** Claire Williams

The discussion opened with several people speaking against the motion with the point made that the funds were to be allocated for promotion of the Fair, not payment for goods. Evelyn King confirmed that she had sought advice from Council on the matter and understood that the Committee should not fund the Santa sack. She offered to seek additional clarification should the Committee so wish.

**A procedural motion was then moved: “That the motion be put”**

**Moved:** Claire Williams

**Seconded:** Paul Murphy

**Carried**

When debate continued, Ms Jaeger and Cr Luke advised that there can be no debate about procedural motions; they are put straight to the vote.

**The original motion was then put.**

**Not carried**

Chair Edward Duc notified Brian Bird that he would attend the following day’s meeting of the King St Traders to explain fully the Committee’s position. Claire Williams requested that Brian Bird convey the Committee’s support of the Fair and the traders, and our position that good business practice prevents us from providing funding for the “Santa Sack” initiative. Mr Bird expressed the view that the Traders would understand this.

Cr. Luke & Cr. Buman left the meeting

## **9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Tabled and discussed - see attached.

Matters arising from EO report

- Petra to e-mail Committee members as soon as New Year’s Eve road closures are confirmed.
- Staff to source a venue for the December meeting, possibly in the East End and in the evening to allow for an informal meeting.
- Infinitus’ answering machine to reflect Xmas closure.

## **10. PROJECT OFFICE’S REPORT**

Tabled and discussed – see attached

## **11. OPPORTUNITIES for MEMBERS of the GALLERY**

No registrants

## **12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Ron Brown asked how the allocated funds of \$35k for “Summer in Town” would be spent. Edward Duc responded. Claire Williams responded.
- Paul Murphy requested we invite the Police Liaison Officer to future meetings
- It was suggested that the circulation folder be distributed earlier to give everyone time to peruse the information.

**13. CLOSURE:** Meeting closed 9.20 am.

## **Next Precinct Meeting**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 5 pm

**Venue:** Shop 1, 137 King St

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**Signature of Chair**