

Minutes of CITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7am on 16th March 2010

Newcastle Leagues Club

Edward Duc, Committee Chair, chaired the meeting

Meeting opened 7.15am

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	COUNCILLORS	OTHER
Edward Duc	Cr Sharon Claydon	Evelyn King (Infinitus)
Claire Williams		Cheryl Crichton (Infinitus)
Bronwyn Law		Petra Hilsen (Infinitus)
Peter Zygadlo		Barbara Heaton
Grant Keene		Christine Bramble NCC
Christine Gregson		Simon McArthur
Ron Brown		John Pastor
Russell Richardson		
Suzie Darling		

1. APOLOGIES

Drew Pannowitz
Paul Murphy
Catherine Henry

Motion: *“That apologies be accepted”*

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

2. WELCOME

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declaration of Conflict of Pecuniary Interest

4. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES

Ron Brown raised item 5.2 in the February draft minutes.

Procedural Motion: *“That the Motion be put to accept February minutes.”*

Moved: Claire Williams **Seconded:** Grant Keene **Carried**

Amend point 5.2: to read

“Referral to Ron Brown’s letter outlining his comments as recorded in the November minutes.”

Motion: *“That the amended minutes for February be accepted as a true record.”*

Moved: Claire Williams **Seconded:** Christine Gregson **Carried**

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 To date no response has been received from GPT or HDC on plans for placing posters around town that show a visual concept of the "Future Newcastle"

5.3 Steve Edmonds, Director, City Assets will be asked to report on dilapidated buildings at a later meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

6.1 Letter to P Hilsen from: Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

6.2 Letter informing of King St Footpath Rehabilitation.

Re: the letter tabled from Council to Petra Hilsen informing of her successful application as an individual member of the new Safety Committee. It was noted that she will not represent the Newcastle City Centre Committee but may relate information.

CIRCULATION FOLDER-

Letter on Evening Economy to:

- Sharon Grierson
- Jodi McKay

Letter on posters depicting key sites and streetscapes to:

- Hunter Development Corporation
- Newcastle City Council
- GPT

Motion: *"That the Correspondence for February be accepted"*

Moved: Bronwyn Law

Seconded: Christine Gregson

Carried

7. STATUS REPORT (As circulated)

7.1 Matters arising from the report covered concerns around Marketown/ Little Birdwood Park area where safety issues are becoming a serious problem. It was suggested that the construction of a new bus shelter be held off until the problems are addressed. Ms King will relate the issues to Frank Cordingley, in the hope of convening a meeting between Police, bus transport and education representatives, to plan a strategy to successfully deal with the issue.

7.2 Beautification of Railway Stations by adopting a Community Art project would require a redirection of funds from projected savings. Ms King sought approval to discuss options on a partnered program basis with stakeholders. Ms King noted that an amount of up to \$50,000 could be identified from 2009-2011 for redirection should an appropriate project and partnership be determined.

Motion: *"That the Committee support in principle a project for Urban Design around railway stations by setting out a plan and initiating a way forward."*

Moved: Bronwyn Law

Seconded: Peter Zygadlo

Carried

7.3 Banners were displayed for the Committee and should be produced for installation next month.

7.4 Draft Evening Economy and Branding Reports have been provided to the Newcastle Herald.

8. FINANCIALS

Motion: *“That the Financial Report for February be accepted.”*

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

9. PRESENTATION DISCUSSIONS

9.1 COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms Heaton reported on “Newcastle by Night” which was attended by a broad community base. Minutes taken from her table will be available to interested parties.

The Hunter St revitalisation plan is evolving with an interactive communication strategy, a 3D model and bar licences being considered.

Motion: *“That the Reports for February be accepted.”*

Moved: Christine Gregson **Seconded:** Peter Zygadlo **Carried**

9.2 Simon McArthur gave a presentation on his portfolio: Tourism & Economic Development Services.

A discussion ensued about funding support for events.

9.3 Christine Bramble presented a series of images of Geelong, a city that has faced similar problems to Newcastle.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

It was suggested that the commencement time for meetings be changed from 7.00am to 7.30am for winter. All members will be sent an e-mail seeking their approval.

The E.O. asked members to forward any issues relating to the Lamien St Figs or the Safety Audit.

11. OPPORTUNITIES for MEMBERS of the GALLERY

No registrants

13. CLOSURE: Meeting closed 9.00am

Next Meeting

Date: **20 April 2010**

Time: **7.30 am**

Venue: **Newcastle Leagues Club**

Signature of Chair