

Minutes of CITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7.00 am on 15TH June 2010

Switchpoint Centre

Edward Duc, Committee Chair, chaired the meeting

Meeting opened 7.11am

PRESENT:

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | COUNCILLORS | OTHER |
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| <i>Edward Duc</i> | <i>Cr Brad Luke</i> | <i>Evelyn King (Infinitus)</i> |
| <i>Drew Pannowitz</i> | | <i>Cheryl Crichton (Infinitus)</i> |
| <i>Suzie Darling</i> | | <i>Petra Hilsen (Infinitus)</i> |
| <i>Peter Zygodlo</i> | | <i>Barbara Heaton</i> |
| <i>Paul Murphy</i> | | <i>Christine Bramble NCC</i> |
| <i>Christine Gregson</i> | | <i>Ian Rhodes</i> |
| <i>Bronwyn Law</i> | | <i>Frank Cordingley</i> |
| <i>Ron Brown</i> | | |
| <i>Grant Keene</i> | | |
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1. APOLOGIES

Claire Williams
Catherine Henry

2. WELCOME

Visitors were welcomed

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES

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

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

5. MATTERS ARISING held over - Await more arrivals in case a quorum is required.

Motion: *“That the amended Agenda be accepted.”*

Moved: Paul Murphy **Seconded:** Suzie Darling **Carried**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence dealt with.

7. MAINSTREETS OPTION PAPER (As circulated)

This report was tabled for discussion. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of communication and that some members were unaware of changes already underway to the structure of Mainstreet Committee's. Members requested that Councillor's be made aware of committee's stance.

Motion:

"That Newcastle City Councillors not adopt recommendations 2A & 2B of the Mainstreets Option Paper, but work with item 2C being the Consultation and Communication proposal."

Moved: Paul Murphy **Seconded:** Peter Zygadlo **Carried**

Note:

This was e-mailed to Ian Rhodes to pass on to Councillors before tonight's Council meeting.

8. PRESENTATION DISCUSSIONS

- Ian Rhodes was then invited to speak on 2030 Workshops of various topics and times will continue next week and committee members were reminded of the value of their input and invited to contribute where possible and by so doing aid Council and State Government in shaping the future of our city.

- Christine Bramble presented her report on Streetscape project with statistics showing ups and downs in the general activity within the city and once again showing slides of sites throughout the city depicting the progress that is occurring.

9. FINANCIALS

Motion: ***"That the Committee accept the Financial Report tabled."***

Moved: Grant Keene **Seconded:** Peter Zygadlo **Carried**

10. STATUS REPORT

Ms Heaton – Council Liaison Officer

The options for future Mainstreet Committee's goes before Council tonight. Also discussing the 5 projects listed on the Hunter St Master Plan will be completed by 31st December. These are: Crown St, Civic Stn, Bridal Cluster, Clarendon Bus Stop, Public toilet at Perkins St.

Christine Gregson expressed her appreciation of Council's practice of contacting stakeholders when any works are due to impact on businesses.

Public Domain - Christine Gregson

Covered items discussed at Public Domain sub committee meeting. Outcomes from PD meeting resolved that the future of Cluster Development be taken on by CAVA.

Hunter St Master Plan - Edward Duc

Sub committee's continue to work in cohesion with Council. Reference to EO report – leftover funds from Mall re-opening could be used on the Crown & Darby Sts. footpath upgrades by proposing additional lighting and tree planting. Council will supply costs for Committee to review for decision.

Development Strategies - Paul Murphy

Concerns were raised regarding the strategy Council may have to cover the withdrawal of DJ's next year. Mr Pannowitz responded by saying while he can't speak for DJ's, GPT will continue to negotiate for a positive outcome.

Also raised was the issue of parking in the CBD on a public holiday. Discussion resolved that the Committee should write to Council in regards to a full disclosure of policy and revenue from parking fines.

Motion: “That the Committee write to Council requesting an explanation of revenue from Parking Fines”

Moved: Paul Murphy

Seconded: Christine Gregson

Carried

11. OPPORTUNITIES for MEMBERS of the GALLERY

No registrants

13. CLOSURE: Meeting closed 9.00 am

Set Date: 20th July

Time: 7.00 am

Venue: Switchpoint Centre

Signature of Chair