



Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee

10th May 2023

Learning Rooms – Level 1, Marrickville Pavilion

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:32pm and concluded at 8:26pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors	Guests
Laurel Draffen, Chair (LD) David Collins-White, D/Chair (DC-W) Yolanda Gil (YG)	Debjani Sarkar (DS) Queenie Tran (QT) Gisella Velasco (GV)	Jon Atkins (JA) Denise Bengler (DB)	Clr Dylan Griffiths (DG) Monica Barone, City of Sydney (MB)

2. Chairperson

LD chaired the meeting

3. Acknowledgment of Country

LD welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

4. Apologies

Hazel Blunden, Louise Crabtree-Hayes, Megan Grealy, Kirsten Gridley, and Ben McGowan.

5. Disclosures of Interest

QT disclosed an association with a company which plans to invest in social and affordable housing, including in the Inner West.

6. Quorum (minimum 6 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the 8 February 2023 meeting were endorsed.
- All actions have been completed.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
Presentation by Inner West Council	JA began a presentation on affordable housing in the Inner West. This was suspended when MB arrived at the meeting.		

MB arrived at the meeting at 6.40pm

Presentation by City of Sydney	MB discussed the City of Sydney's efforts to expand affordable housing for key workers and indicated her willingness to hold discussions with Council staff on developing specific affordable projects.		
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MB left the meeting at 7.16pm.

Presentation by Inner West Council (resumed)	JA finished his presentation on affordable housing in the Inner West.		
Feedback session	Members provided feedback relating to changes that Council could advocate for that would have the most impact on housing and affordability in the Inner West? Attachment 1 contains a list of suggestions and queries raised by members.	Feedback relating to changes that Council could advocate for to improve housing and affordability to be discussed at HAAC's August meeting.	Noted
General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Councillor briefing from chairpersons of Local Democracy Groups on 30th May 2023</i> LH indicated that she was not available for the Councillor briefing and that DC-W had agreed to represent HAAC in her place. <i>Affordable Housing Roundtable</i> DB indicated that Council's executive had not yet made a decision regarding the proposed Affordable Housing Roundtable. LH expressed members' dissatisfaction with the delay in receiving a response from Council. 	DC-W to relate HAAC's dissatisfaction at the delay in receiving a response on the proposal to hold an Affordable Housing Roundtable at the	Noted

	<p>DC-W proposed that members support him raising this issue at the Councillor briefing. This proposal was supported by members.</p> <p>DG indicated that he would contact Strategic Planning about the proposed Roundtable in time for HAAC's next meeting if no decision was forthcoming.</p>	Councillor briefing on 30 th May 2023.	
Future Meetings	<p>Future HAAC meetings are scheduled for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 August 2023 ▪ 8 November 2023 		

8. Distribution of minutes and actions

Minutes were distributed to members, uploaded to the website, and emailed to Councillors via the Governance team on 18 May 2023.

Attachment 1

Feedback from members

Question: What are some changes that Council could advocate for that would have the most impact on housing and affordability in the Inner West?

1. Would like to see a local government wide affordable housing levy for Inner West.
2. Council to advocate for the above, including through Resilient Sydney.
3. Advocate for 15% affordable housing on private land and 30% on government land
4. The existing 19 units in Council's affordable housing portfolio should be kept for affordable housing in perpetuity. If sold the proceeds should only be transferred to Council's Affordable Housing Fund.
5. Is there a strategy for how to grow investment in affordable housing?
6. Public transparency is needed for the Affordable Housing Fund. Policy on how Council manages fund needed. Should Council make periodic investments in affordable housing projects like the City of Sydney?
7. Is Council prepared to sell land to community housing providers rather than lease it?
8. Can council investigate other options of housing diversity such as co-housing or co-living?