



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Minutes of Social Strategy Advisory Committee held at Ashfield Civic Centre on Thursday 7th February 2019

The meeting commenced at 18:50 in Activity Room 2.

Members:

Anne Southwell (AS), William Lee (WL), Nova Franklin (NF), Hanna Duker (HD), Stephen Cohen (SC), Chrissie McIntyre (CM), Sandra Triulzi (ST), Yash Viswanathan (YV), Stephanie Colls (SC)

Other Attendees:

Simon Watts (SW), Johanne Gallagher (JG, Convenor)

1. Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country
2. Introductions & Apologies: Jennifer Allison (JA).
3. Disclosures of Interest: HD works for an organisation that is a Senior provider in the Inner West. Not sure if that is a conflict of interest at this point.
4. Items for consideration

Item 4 – Election of a Chairperson

Action: The motion was proposed that Sandra Triulzi be Chairperson. She was elected by show of hands as the Chair. Nova Franklin elected in the same way as the Deputy Chair.

moved/ seconded

Item 5 – Adopting the Draft Terms of Reference

Action: The terms of reference were adopted with the provision to a minor change to the word Commonwealth. The quorum was decided to be 50% of membership plus one. The timing of meetings is four times a year and the dates have been sent out in advance.

moved/ seconded

Item 6 – Wellbeing Survey Discussion

Action: Simon presented the high level results of the Wellbeing Survey at the joint meeting and the group discussed the highlights from the point of enhancing ways for social connection. Ideas were shared about how to improve connection between people in their neighbourhood. CM talked about the Garden Help project, an initiative in Rozelle she is involved with that offer a free gardening service to people, mostly the Senior citizens in the neighbourhood. AS talked about how standalone commercial business located in a building in the middle of a neighbourhood is divisive by nature towards social connection and spoils the neighbourhood character. NF suggested a “get to know your neighbourhood’ day as an idea to connect people. Perhaps organise some prior online engagement around that concept with a competition for the best ideas on how to implement. ST mentioned a sculpture garden that she visited in Japan where people talked to each other while sitting to soak their feet. She also suggested using a Hackathon as an engagement method to generate ideas for healthy ageing.

moved/ seconded



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Item 7 – Healthy Ageing and Direct Services Review

Action: Johanne provided the memo that Erla distributed on 6th February to all staff as background information. She explained that this is a project that the group can focus on to make the best use of the upcoming meetings in May, August of this year. NF asked what the specific purpose of the Social Strategy group is and no one responded. JG answered by suggesting that the group focus on the priorities identified for the current year by IWC. This suggestion was appreciated as the group wants to have impact so important to have a specific focus. For the Healthy Ageing and Direct Services Review they agreed to think about who the main stakeholder or experts are in this field that could help to advise the project team. Johanne will engage with the Social Strategy Advisory Committee for advice as the project moves forward.

moved/ seconded

Item 8 – Social and Cultural Planning Framework

Action: Simon shared a handout with the group explaining the framework and a short discussion followed where Simon gave some examples of how Council uses the framework.

moved/ seconded

Item 9 – Other Business and Future Items

Actions: To do some background reading on the Commonwealth reform with respect to the information given in the Memo. To suggest experts in the field that could advise the project and continue to engage as the project develops.

Follow up information:

1. Simon referred to the Build to Rent Model for affordable housing. Links are provided below.
<http://www.quintain.co.uk/news-and-media/press-releases/2017/07-02-2017>
<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/sep/14/build-to-rent-the-solution-to-britains-housing-crisis>
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/wembley-housing-scheme-will-be-biggest-ever-buildto-rent-development-a3460221.html>
<https://theurbandevolver.com/articles/lendlease-posts-full-year-profit>
<https://theurbandevolver.com/articles/the-reality-of-bringing-build-to-rent-to-australia>

moved/ seconded

2. A link to a paper on the Cultural Creation and Production in the Inner West Paper is provided below.

Cultural Creation and Production in the Inner West LGA: a case-study needs analysis

<https://researchdirect.westernsydney.edu.au/islandora/object/uws:49239>

3. The Town Hall Master Planning Scoping document is attached.

4. The presentation from Barbara can be obtained by writing to her at barbara.becker@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or preferably ring her to give your feedback (she said that she prefers a chat) at Ph 9392 5201

Attachments: Terms of Reference adopted on 7th February 2019.

The meeting concluded at 20:15pm. The next meeting is on the 2nd May at 6pm.