

Housing & Affordability Advisory Committee (HAAC)

Monday, 1 July 2019

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131

Minutes

Meeting started at 6:35pm

1. Members Present

- Paul Adabie (A), Jon Atkins (JA - Convenor), David Collins-White (DC-W), Julia Murray (JM) and Michael Zanardo (MZ).

2. Urban Strategy Staff Present

Terri Southwell (TS - Team Leader Urban Strategy) and Barbara Becker (BB - Senior Engagement Officer).

3. Councillors Present

Tom Kiat (TK)

4. Chairperson

- DC-W.

5. Acknowledgment of Country

- DC-W welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING

Presentation on Draft Local Affordable Housing Strategy (6.35pm to 7.45pm)

- A presentation of the Draft Local Housing Strategy was given by TS.
- Refer to 'Comments on the Draft Local Housing Strategy' document attached by those present during the presentation and the Q& A session that followed.
- DC-W thanked TS for her presentation and BB was also thanked for her input.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

6. Apologies

- Hazel Blunden (Deputy Chair), Rachael Haggett and Ashvin Parameswaran.

7. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

- A quorum was achieved.

8. Disclosure of Interest

- There were no disclosures of interest.

9. Previous Minutes (8 April 2019)

- The Minutes of the 8 April 2019 meeting were endorsed by consensus.

10. Actions Arising

- JA referred to the five motions endorsed by members on 11 April 2019 and indicated that these motions were forwarded to relevant Council officers for feedback.
- JA summarised the responses received from staff.

11. Further comments on Draft Local Housing Strategy

- Those present continued to comment on the Draft Housing Strategy. Refer to these comments in the document entitled 'Initial Comments on the Draft Local Housing Strategy' attached.

12. HAAC Submission During Public Exhibition Period

- JA reported that the public exhibition period for the Draft Local Housing Strategy opened on 1 July and would close on 28 July 2019.
- JA indicated that members could fill out the Draft Local Housing Strategy survey online and that they could also lodge a group submission by 28 July 2019 if desired.

Action: Members resolved unanimously to prepare a group submission informed by comments made during this meeting and at a workshop to be held on 15 July 2019.

13. Council Resolution on Establishing an Affordable Housing Fund

- JA reported that Council had rejected an amendment to establish an Affordable Housing Fund at the Council meeting on 25 June 2019. The amendment was proposed during discussion of C0619(2) Item 1: Adoption of Operational Plan and Budget 2019/20, Fees and Charges 2019/20, Long-Term Financial Plan 2019-29 and Delivery Program 2018-22.

Action: Members resolved unanimously to prepare a statement indicating their disappointment at the amendment being voted down and to circulate this statement to relevant Council officers.

14. Other Business

- JA reported that a review of Council's adopted *Affordable Housing Policy* is to be undertaken. The start and ends dates for this review have yet to be determined. It was noted that it would be advantageous for HAAC members to be consulted during the review process.
- JA reported that inquiries had been made about Council's possible participation in the Sydney Architecture Festival. The festival is to be held on 16 and 17 November 2019 at the new Marrickville Library. The theme of this year's festival is Affordable Housing. Festival organisers were planning to hold a meeting in late June to discuss the Festival's program.

Action: The program to be distributed to members when available.

15. Next Meeting

- JA noted that the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Employment and Retail Lands Strategy were being drafted.
- A combined 6 week public exhibition period has been proposed and is likely to start in September and end in October 2019. Dates still to be determined.
- JA recommended that the next meeting coincide with the start of this 6 week combined exhibition period.

Action: Date of next HAAC meeting to be decided once the public exhibition period has been determined by Council.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

ACTIONS ARISING

Section	Actions	Responsible	Deadline
12	That a group submission on the Draft Local Housing Strategy be prepared that is informed by comments made during 1 July meeting and a workshop scheduled for 15 July 2019. Draft to be circulated to members on Wednesday 24 July 2019 for feedback. A final version of the group submission is to be lodged via the Your Say inner West webpage by 28 July 2019 - https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategy .	TBD	28 Jul 2019
13	That (a) a statement be prepared indicating members' disappointment with the Affordable Housing Fund amendment being voted down at the 25 June Council meeting and that (b) this statement be circulated to relevant Council officers.	JM & JA	30 Jul 2019
14	Sydney Architecture Festival is schedule to place on 16 and 17 November 2019 at the new Marrickville Library. The festival's program to be distributed to members when available.	JA	TBD
15	The date of next HAAC meeting to be decided once the combined public exhibition period for the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Employment and Retail Lands Strategy has been determined by Council.	JA	TBD

