



Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee

24 June 2024

Ashfield Service Centre, Ashfield and via Teams

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:04pm and concluded 7:26pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Elise Frost	Nigel Riley – Senior Strategic Planner (convenor)	
Rodney Aanensen	Daniel East – Manager Strategic Planning	
Heather Davie	William Truong – Program Manager	
Alex Atwood	Jyn Kim – Strategic Planner	
Arni Nadkarni		
Louise Steer (online)		
Cath Snelgrove (online)		
Dennis McCarthy (online)		
Susan Jackson-Stepowski (online)		
Rian Fergusson (online)		

2. Chairperson:

Louise Steer

3. Acknowledgment of Country

Elise Frost

4. Apologies:

Corey Allen, Stephen Powter, Rebecca Jones, Darren Livings

5. Disclosure of interest:

Nil



6. Quorum:

A quorum was achieved

7. Endorse previous meeting minutes:

Minutes for the 22 April meeting were endorsed. No actions were outstanding.

8. Discussion items

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5.	<p>Main Street Revitalisation Program Council's program manager provided a presentation on the Main Street Revitalisation Program.</p> <p>Committee members made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queried if the program was informed by community submissions received across LGA. Officers responded that categories of works presented were a summary of ideas from all responses received. • Concerns about proposed awning upgrades and size and height of business advertising signage in some areas in context of surrounding streetscape. Officers advised that signage is governed by Council's Development Control Plans, which take into account the streetscape. • Varied perspectives on fairy lights in street trees – some members expressed support for their use and character and safety improvements, while others raised concerns about tree integrity, interference with nocturnal fauna and electrical usage. Officers advised they are generally already located in well-lit, high-traffic precincts, and are powered from green energy sources. • Queried design of pedestrian paths and street furniture, whether these were informed by guidelines and bespoke to specific locations. Officers clarified that designs are customised and 	<p>Convenors to explore further site-specific updates for discussion at final meeting of term on 5 August</p>	<p>Convenors</p>	<p>By next meeting</p>

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	<p>assessed by Council's design staff based on various considerations such as location, context and orientation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested further updates on design for key community spaces. 			
6.	<p>NSW Housing Reforms and Council's response</p> <p>Council officers provided updates on NSW Government's housing reforms, including background, current status of reforms and new housing targets, as well as Council's response (Notice of Motion resolution of 21 May 2024). Officers also gave overview of early engagement on Council's investigation, including Your Say page which went live on 21 June. Committee members were invited to discuss Council's investigation and engagement and provide feedback, in particular on sample of questions from online survey.</p> <p>Committee members made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that questions are simplistic, may not properly capture views. Officers advised that detailed comments can be made to interactive map tool and end of survey. General agreement that interactive map was helpful tool to get community engaged and seek variety of location and topic-based opinions. Concerned some areas will be unsuitable for uplift. Officers explained map allows users to post any concerns about capacity or environmental constraints for a location. Concerned about survey question asking if 'high value heritage conservation areas' should be protected from upzoning. Queried whether Council had defined certain HCAs as 'high value'. Officers advised that question is based on Council's resolution and community is invited to provide range of opinions on HCAs. Queried if Council's target of 1,000 new public housing dwellings was above and beyond NSW Government housing target of 7,800. Officers will clarify this further at future meeting. 	<p>Convenors to provide progress update and clarifications on queries regarding the investigation at next meeting.</p>	Convenors	By next meeting

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queried how Croydon station precinct will be investigated, given half is in Burwood LGA, and status of HCAs in vicinity. Officers advised that both councils will work collaboratively on outcomes for Croydon station precinct. Treatment of HCAs in master plans will be a decision for both councils. Queried what kind of Council-owned land would be considered for use by public housing. Officers advised that this work is ongoing concurrently to housing investigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queried realism of delivering 7,800 new dwellings within 5 years. Officers clarified its responsibility is to deliver suitable capacity through controls and delivery remains up to development sector. Council a significant amount of certain housing types like boarding houses and secondary dwellings compared to other LGAs and its position is these should count towards Council's delivery of its dwelling target. Queried whether Parramatta Road Corridor Planning Proposal can form part of Council's response to housing reforms. Officers advised that it would unlock further capacity above current <i>Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 (IWLEP)</i> and, therefore, will form part of Council's response. Concerns over the Pattern Book concept and potential for generic, non place-based built form. Queried if upcoming Council election will factor into Council's investigations. Officers clarified that outcomes of investigation will be reported to new Council post-election. 			
7.	<p>Strategic Planning Projects update</p> <p>Council officers provided updates on current strategic planning projects. Presentation slides outlining these updates will be circulated and published online following the meeting.</p> <p>Committee members made the following comments:</p>	<p>Convenors to circulate Committee meeting presentation slides and upload to Committee's website.</p>	<p>Convenors</p>	<p>After meeting</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation on the proposed addition of Warren View to the current Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP). • Noted positive response to proposed SEPs, but concerned about dominant use of private vehicles, lack of car parking in Marrickville. • Queried whether Council is preparing a new LEP. Officers clarified that IWLEP will remain in place and that various investigations, carried out under Council's strategies, will amend it over time. 			
8.	<p>AOB Council officers advised that the term's final meeting will be held on 5 August 2024. Ideas were sought for further discussion topics. Committee members were also invited to suggest topics by email following the meeting.</p> <p>Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested update on Council's housing investigations and engagement. • Queried whether new term will comprise new Committee. Officers stated that new application process would occur for the new term. Will clarify at future meeting. 	Committee members to suggest discussion topics to convenors by email	Committee members	Before agenda for next meeting (to be issued by 29 July 2024)

Distribution of minutes and actions

Minutes were distributed to members, uploaded to the website and emailed to Councillors via the Governance Team by 1 July 2024.

Next Meeting

5 August 2024

Attachments to Minutes:

Meeting Presentation Slides