

**Minutes of Planning and Heritage Strategic Reference Group
Held in the Council Chambers at Marrickville Council on 9 February 2017**

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Members Attending:

Martin Turner, David Rollinson, Lily Wang, Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Nicole Cama, Roslyn Burge, Liz Bowra, Scott Macarthur, Yolanda Gil, Ray Stevens, Anne Bickford, David Springett,

Other Attendees:

Council Staff – Marcus Rowan, Jamie Erken, Kieren Lawson

LRAC Members - Jeanette Wang, John Stamolis, Simon Emsley

Apologies:

Members: Peter Hobbins (Peter sent a letter of apology and provided a written summary of his interest and aspirations for the reference group)

LRAC: Rosana Tyler, Frank Breen, John Jobling

- Item 1. Welcome**
- Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
- Item 3. Apologies**
- Item 4. Disclosures of Interest - none declared**

Items for consideration

- Item 5. Draft Terms of Reference**
Consensus on support for the Draft Terms of Reference

Recommendation:

The Reference Group agreed that regardless of meeting the quorum numbers any recommendations made by the Planning and Heritage Strategic Reference Group would be forwarded to the Group Manager for consideration.

Other Points:

- Confidentiality –any matters that are not to be disclosed would be identified on the agenda as being ‘confidential’. Decisions will be made via consensus and where this is not possible by voting.

- Item 6. Election of Chairperson**
Consensus on support for a rotating chair.
Yolanda Gil was chosen to Chair this meeting, followed by Nicole Cama for the next meeting.

Item 7. Inner West Council – Vision and Priorities**Recommendation:**

The Reference Group recommended changes to the Vision Statement in Draft Statement of Vision and Priorities as follows:

- *We are the Inner West, with rich cultures, heritage and history. We acknowledge and respect the land of the Cadigal and Wangal peoples. Together we are a diverse and inclusive community. We are a creative and vibrant community united in our desire to plan a great future for all who live and do business here.*

Recommendation:

The Reference Group agreed that the emphasis in Priority 1 needed to be on both industrial and employment generating lands, as follows:

- *“Retaining diversity of industrial lands and employment generating land uses” instead of “Retaining industrial land”*

Recommendation:

The Reference Group agreed that the final bullet point in Priority 4 required rewording to:

- *Conserve our historic places as integral to sustainability and resilience.*

Other Points:

- The Reference Group raised concern that Heritage is not one of the 8 high level priorities.
- The Reference Group considered Priority 5 of “one council” to be a bit of “window dressing” and shouldn’t mean we can’t tell the different stories of each former council areas.
- The Reference Group identified the need for a Vision statement to address Aboriginal heritage as well as post-settlement heritage and history.
- The Reference Group noted that the Vision Statement lacked a reference to the environment, however it was agreed that this matter was best addressed by the Environmental Strategic Reference Group.
- The Reference Group queried the selection of major projects in IWC area under Priority 7 - Yasmar Estate, WestConnex, Callan Park; why not Cooks River?

Item 8 Inner West Council – Draft Inclusion Action Plan

The Reference Group noted the report and the invitation to participate in the upcoming community workshop and public exhibition process.

Item 9 Update from Planning Staff**Recommendation:**

Planning staff to issue a circular to the Reference Group members prior to next meeting with a summary of the major strategic planning and heritage projects currently in progress.

Other Points:

- It was submitted that a State nomination should be pursued for the Haberfield Conservation Area and that this is supported for National listing. This was taken on notice - to be discussed with a representative from the former Ashfield Council prior to the next meeting.

Item 10 Scheduling of meetings and venues

Recommendation:

The Reference Group agreed to bi-monthly meetings, on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month, between the times of 6:30pm and 8pm. The next meeting to be held in April at Leichhardt or Ashfield.

Item 11 General Business**Recommendation:**

The Marrickville Medal should continue along with opportunities for additional medals in former Leichhardt and Ashfield LGAs. The Planning and Heritage Strategic Reference Group and the Marrickville Heritage Society should be consulted on any changes relating to the Marrickville Medal/Inner West Medal.

Recommendation:

That concerns relating to the organisation structure, in particular the separation into different divisions of the strategic planning and statutory planning sections be brought to the attention to the Administrator and the Interim GM

Other Points:**Heritage**

- John Stamolis (former Leichhardt Councillor) raised concern that heritage may be “overlooked” given this was primarily a planning reference group. It was noted that group members had a good mix of both heritage and planning expertise and that the issue be re-visited following a couple of meetings to ensure heritage was not being “overlooked”.

Built Environment Awards

- Council staff advised that the ‘Built Environment Awards’ (event formerly known as the ‘Marrickville Medal’) were seeking nominations for an additional judge for the panel as well as nominations for a guest speaker from the reference Group. Interested persons can email Marcus Rowan.
- Council staff to provide information on the process and outcomes concerning award categories etc. arising from the amalgamation.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.