



Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee (HAAC)

Monday, 9 September 2019 meeting

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield 2131

Meeting summary

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm.

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
David Collins-White (DC-W - Chair)	Jon Atkins (JA - Convenor)	
Hazel Blunden (HB - Deputy Chair)	David Birds (DB - group Manager Strategic Planning)	
Paul Adabie (PA)		
Rachael Haggett (RH)		
Ashvin Parameswaran (AP)		
Michael Zanardo (MZ)		

2. Chairperson

DC-W

3. Acknowledgment of Country

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

4. Apologies

Julia Murray

5. Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

6. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions (1st July and 15th July 2019)

- It was noted that events associated with Sydney Architecture Festival (Item 10 in Minutes for 15 July 2019) would not be held in the new Marrickville Library.
- Minutes for 1st July and amended Minutes for 15th July 2019 were adopted unanimously.
- All actions in both sets of Minutes had been addressed.
- It was noted that the group's 'Statement on establishing an Affordable Housing Fund' was emailed to Ian Naylor (Civic Governance Manager) on 31 July 2019. It was not known if the statement was distributed to the CEO and Councillors as intended.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations/actions	Council response
Item 8 Update on Draft Housing Strategy and Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)	HAAC's submission on the draft Housing Strategy was submitted to Council via the Your Say Inner West webpage on 25 July 2019. The deadline for submissions was 28 July 2019. The proposed public exhibition period for the LSPS is 23 September to 27 October 2019.		
Item 9 Local Democracy Groups	A new Terms of Reference template and guidelines were circulated to Convenors on 5 August 2019. A key element of the guidelines is the following: <i>Within 2 weeks of the LDG meeting:</i> ▫ <i>Obtain Manager or Group Manager approval for meeting summary</i>	That Ian Naylor be asked if the 'Statement on establishing an Affordable Housing Fund' was distributed to the CEO and Councillors.	A response from Ian Naylor has been requested.

	<p><i>including table of recommendations/actions;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Distribute meeting summary including table to members and post on website; and</i> ▫ <i>Send copy of meeting summary to Civic Governance Manager (Ian Naylor) and copy Engagement Manager (Annie Coulthard-acting) for distribution to Councillors from the CEO.</i> <p>It was assumed that that statements or correspondence attached to the minutes would be distributed to the CEO and Councillors.</p>	<i>Action adopted unanimously.</i>	
<p>Item 10 Review of Boarding Houses Act 2012</p>	<p><i>Council's submission and consultations:</i> It was noted that Council is preparing a submission on the review of <i>Boarding Houses Act 2012</i>. The deadline for submissions is COB 8 October 2019.</p> <p><i>Decision on HAAC submission:</i> Following discussion, members decided that feedback to Council's draft submission would be preferable to developing a separate HAAC submission. It was noted that individual members could also lodge submissions during the public consultation period if desired.</p> <p><i>Report on Boarding House Roundtable meeting held 3 Sep 2019:</i> A report was provided on the Roundtable meeting. A summary of issues to be addressed by the Roundtable's submission to the review was also provided.</p> <p><i>Report to Minister from the Council Boarding House Working Group –</i> Recommendations contained in the Council Boarding House Working Group's report to the Minister on <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP)</i>, dated August 2019, were outlined and discussed. The key recommendation was to "amend the definition of boarding houses in the ARHSEPP to ensure that boarding house rooms are affordable".</p>		
<p>Item 11 Sale of Chester Street carpark</p>	<p>Council's resolution on the Chester Street Carpark (C0819(1) Item 3, Land and Property Strategy Initiatives, 13 August 2019) was read to the meeting: "Endorse the sale of the Chester Street Petersham carpark by public tender including provision of increased car spaces, cash and/or affordable housing and report back to Council on the outcomes of the</p>	<p>That HB draft a statement for the CEO and Councillors expressing HAAC's disappointment with its decision and to recommend that the preferred tender includes a</p>	<p>Completed</p>

	<p>tender process.”</p> <p>It was noted that rear lane access and an increase to car parking was mandatory while reference to affordable housing was preferred but not mandatory.</p> <p>An amendment to the motion to include “at least 30% affordable housing with these units to be transferred into Council’s ownership for management in accordance with Council’s Affordable Housing Policy” was lost.</p> <p>Members expressed disappointment at Council’s decision to sell the carpark by tender without a strong affordable housing element stipulation in line with its policy.</p>	<p>stipulated percentage of affordable housing that would be transferred to Council ownership and managed by Council’s preferred Community Housing Provider. Members to endorse the draft statement via email correspondence.</p> <p><i>Action adopted unanimously.</i></p>	
<p>Item 12 Sydney Architecture Festival</p>	<p>It was reported that a talk on ‘Civic architecture in developing a sense of community’ will take place in the new Marrickville Library on Wednesday 18 September 2019 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Details here.</p>		
<p>Item 13 Upcoming Presentations and Meetings</p>	<p>A presentation to members of Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee and HAAC on the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is to be held on 30 September 2019 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Details TBA.</p>		
<p>Item 14 Other Business</p>	<p>It was noted that Shelter NSW has prepared a Discussion Paper on developing a shared contemporary vision and narrative that defines a sustainable and effective housing system for NSW.</p>	<p>MZ to email Discussion Paper’s link to members.</p> <p><i>Action adopted unanimously</i></p>	<p>Completed</p>

Next meeting

A HAAC meeting will be held immediately after the presentation on the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) on 30 September 2019 starting at 7.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the LSPS and the review of the *Affordable Housing Policy*.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.