

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee

27 February 2023

Ashfield Service Centre, Ashfield

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:06pm and concluded 7:36pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Louise Steer - Chair	Jennifer Gavin – Team Leader, Specialist	
	Planning Team	
Darren Livings – Deputy Chair	Nigel Riley – Senior Strategic Planner	
Corey Allen		
Alex Attwood		
Elise Frost		
Heather Davie (via Teams)		
Rebecca Jones		
Rian Fergusson		

2. Acknowledgment of Country

Rebecca Jones welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Apologies Susan Jackson-Stepowski

4. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest



5. Quorum (minimum 4 members) A quorum was achieved

6. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the 28 November 2022 meeting were endorsed
- No actions outstanding

Discussion items

Items	Summary	Re	ecommendations / actions	Council's response
4.	 Overview of Strategic Planning Program 2023-24 An overview of key projects was provided to determine those the Committee would like to be briefed on and at an appropriate time provide a submission. The Committee expressed interest in further briefings for: Parramatta Road Corridor investigations: current stages as well as future Camperdown stage Heritage Program Planning Proposal: including summary of investigation stages (current and future Planning Proposals) Special Entertainment Precinct: clarification on extent of precinct Future Public Domain Masterplan investigations as they commence 	•	Action: If the Blue Green Grid Workshop is proposed before the next meeting, the convenors will advise the Committee via email.	To be actioned
5.	Streets Alive: Rozelle Town Centre Masterplan – Committee Submission The Committee discussed the item and identified a range of challenges and opportunities to overcome the issues.	•	Recommendation: the comments provided in the Summary column comprise the Committee Submission	Noted

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	 Activity 1 – What is the biggest challenge facing Rozelle? Darling Street has a very different character either side of Victoria Road (see tabled attachment – Rozelle Masterplan Improvements): Balmain side demonstrates good place-making: it feels safe, there is pedestrian priority, it functions as a street 	 Action: Committee Noted Member Rian Fergusson to circulate tabled attachment to Committee via email Action: the convenors will To be
	 rather than road, there are more trees, and there are places to eat and dine. Lilyfield side is the reverse of above; potentially being a State Road explains the disparity. Public transport is difficult in certain directions to and from Rozelle – lack of buses or other modes. Lack of connectivity between existing good cycleways outside the study area. Lack of signage and wayfinding – eastern end of Victoria Road near Western City Bypass (e.g. wayfinding to Rozelle Light Rail station is poor) 	provide the Committee's response to the Public Domain Team as a submission.
	 Balmain Leagues Club site is a blight on the area. Public domain improvements will be of limited benefit while the site's future is unresolved Victoria Road: Lack of street tree planting on Victoria Road – increases urban heat. Similar to Parramatta Road – graveyard of businesses. Callan Park attracts a lot of visitors for exercise from the south. They stop there and return rather than continue into the village. The area needs reinvigoration but also needs to retain its character – the streetscapes, built frontages, small shops. 	

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	 Activity 2 - What are the opportunities? Council should have more responsibility/authority over Darling Street - on the Lilyfield side of Victoria Road. Lack of control of this area is evident in how it differs from Darling Street on the Balmain side. One big opportunity: Turning lane from Darling Street to Victoria Road - divert to Waterloo Street - which people do today. Subsequently, elevate pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Darling and Waterloo Streets, similar to outside the Rozelle Primary School. This will slow traffic and make more pedestrian friendly. Make Rozelle more accessible by a variety of public transport modes/routes and this will reduce vehicles. Join the existing cycleways through the Rozelle study area. 		
	 Improve the connectivity from Callan Park to Rozelle Village. To enhance signage and wayfinding, including to key landmarks outside study area (e.g. Light Rail). Victoria Road: Incorporate street treatments to encourage people to stop and wander, this will assist in reinvigorating the area. Encourage redevelopment of Balmain Leagues Club. This will help reinvigorate Victoria and Darling Streets. Possibly work with owners to introduce an interim use or solution. Prioritise assessment of the modification application. 		

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6.	 Planning Challenge Question Further to initial discussion on the Planning Challenge Question at the November Meeting. The Committee were asked to consider: What are some other possible methods for determining where new housing should go, while achieving sustainable outcomes? Large tree survey – this may identify areas where redevelopment would jeopardise sustainability, ecology/habitat, urban heat. Preserving these trees and identifying them in housing investigations should be a priority. Share the population across the Inner West – if everywhere has a little, nowhere needs to have a lot. Heritage – consider all current and proposed future identified heritage significance ANEF +25 Aircraft Noise – ensure new housing is not exposed to unacceptable aircraft noise levels Flooding – consider impacts of climate change Housing investigations should be more proactive in targeting sites likely to come forward for development and facilitating their delivery: e.g. Centrelink site on Illawarra Road, surplus sites following infrastructure development (Sydenham rail corridor land and WestConnex sites) 	•	Action: The convenors will take on comments to date and prepare further questions for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting Recommendation: the Chair requested more time be allocated at the next meeting. 20 minutes was proposed.	To be actioned Noted, to be considered at next meeting
7.	Next Meeting 1 May 2023	•	Action: the convenors will update the Corporate Calendar to advise of new meeting date.	To be actioned
8.	AOB1. Documents should be on the webpage or easily accessible.2. Upcoming Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee recruitment	1.	Action: the convenors will ensure documents are	To be actioned

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	 Bronze bas-relief sculpture – three service men and a service woman with background of map of Australia, from on the now demolished Marrickville RSL. Believed to be in a depot. 	2.	advise the Committee once recruitment begins.	To be actioned To be actioned

7. Distribution of minutes and actions

Minutes were distributed to members, uploaded to the website and emailed to Councillors via the Governance team on 6 March 2023. (Within 7 days of meeting).

Attachment: Rozelle Masterplan Improvements as prepared by Rian Fergusson.

