

**Minutes of Economic Development Strategic Reference Group
held on 24 May 2017**

The meeting commenced at 4pm.

Members Attending:

Angelo Angelopoulos, Jennifer Aaron, Kerrie Bush, John-Gang Cheng, Aaron Edwards, Chris Fitcher-Coles, Adrian Abrook, Stephen Meates, Howard Spreadbury, and James Bradey

Other Attendees:

Council Staff – Simon Manoski, Duncan Gilchrist, and Bernadette Selfe

LRAC Members – Vera- Anne Hannaford

Apologies

Members: Sarah Mandelson, Monica Brewer, Richie Hrovat, Andrew Fineran, Lyndal Gowland, Carolyn Croker and Morris Hanna

Minute Taker - Duncan Gilchrist

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

Items for consideration

- Item 5.** **Actions from 12 April February meeting**

Consensus: The strategic reference group noted the report and actions taken to date.

- Item 6.** **The Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy**

Consensus: The Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note the information provided in the presentation on the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy (SBURC).

Comment: Members noted that this project presented similar concerns that they raised about PRUTS at the last meeting.

Recommendation:

- a) That Council continue to maintain communication with group regarding developments in this area.
- b) That Council provide an update when new information on this proposal is released by the State Government

Item 7. Working Group's Feedback on Community Strategic Plan

Consensus: EDSRG noted the information prepared by the working group.

Recommendation: That the document be submitted to Council with the following additions

- a) Greater availability of creative space that council can control and influence
- b) More flexibility in planning so that commercial spaces are not restricted by size or use. For example new development has a mix of retail and commercial use on street level, second level providing office accommodation and the upper levels residential.

Item 8. Disability Employment Program

Consensus: The Economic Development Strategic Reference Group note the information provide in the presentation.

Comment: Members advised that kitchen hands are sought after all the time. It was important to align training with interest and skills of people specifically for those with an intellectual disability. It is expected that there will be lower outcomes for people with higher needs. The program will be screened but not clinically certified. Relationships have been established with a range of organisations to provide support.

Recommendations:

That Julia Phillips, Community Development Worker Seniors & Disability will:-

- a) Provide Economic Development Unit with details of the program and it will be circulated to business owners and advertised on Chamber web sites. (Includes a wage subsidy)
- b) Write to the Leichhardt/ Annandale Chamber
- c) Present at the next ASHBiz Chamber meeting

Item 9. Draft Community Engagement Framework

Consensus: The Group noted the process for the development of the Framework.

Comment: The Group had the following feedback on the Framework

Recommendation:

The Community Engagement Framework document should contain a clearer reference to the ability of a community member to speak at a council meeting in accordance with the new IWC code of meeting practice.

Item 10. Draft Food Truck Policy

Consensus: The EDSRG noted the information in the draft policy.

Comment: The Group had the following feedback on the Policy.

- Concern about the Darryl Jackson site been deemed as suitable due to closeness to Summer Hill Village and potential impact on cafes and restaurants
- At Leichhardt they may offer a cheaper meal option for families to enjoy in the park.
- Has Council considered allowing the City of Sydney food vans to operate in IWC LGA
- Businesses need to be aware well in advance when the food trucks will be introduced

Recommendation:

- a) Council have a requirement that a three month delay be applied to the commencement of the policy once adopted by council to enable existing operators to prepare for the introduction of food trucks, and
- b) Council to examine the planning process to remove the need for development consent on public land.

Item 11. General Business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 6.05 pm