Environment Strategic Reference Group
Meeting
9 February 2017

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Petersham Service Centre 6.30 – 8.30pm

Attendees:

MEMBERS: Justine Langford, Angela Michaelis, David Eckstein, Emily Prentice, Diego Bonetto, Gavin Gilchrist, Jacinta Green, Nicole Boyd, Pablo Berutti, Patrick Medley Scott Wilson, D'Arcy Roche,

STAFF: Jan Orton, Kate Napier, Jon Stiebel, Janene Harris

Apologies:

MEMBERS: Kim Santarossa, Jo Blackman, Gordon Weiss, Rick Walters

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Frank Breen, Vera Anne Hanaford,

STAFF: Peter Gainsford

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

Janene Harris

2. Introductions

Attendees gave a quick introduction of their skills, interests and experience

3. Apologies

Kim Santarossa, Jo Blackman, Gordon Weiss, Rick Walters

4. Elect the Chairperson

Nominations were called for a Chairperson. Justine Langford self-nominated and her nomination was seconded by Jacinta Green and accepted by the committee.

5. Review and adopt the Terms of Reference (ToR)

Jan Orton presented her thoughts on the ToR. Members discussed the draft and suggested amendments to the media section. Gavin Gilchrist offered a suggestion.

ACTION: Council facilitators to consider the comments raised, update the draft TOR and circulate the updated TOR to the Members.

ACTION: Members to review ToR and respond with any comments to Kate Napier by 10 March 2017.

6. IWC Vision and Priorities and Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

Statement of Vision and Priorities

Jon Stiebel addressed the members and introduced the IWC Statement of Vision and Priorities (SVP). All members present had made submissions to the Your Say Inner West online engagement process.

David Eckstein presented his ideas for changes to the SVP. Members expressed general support for his comments.

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Summary of discussion:

Members suggested the word 'priority' combined with a number infers a ranking of the priorities from most important to least. The members suggested a non-numerical system of referring to the priorities would be better.

Generally members thought the words were fluffy and repetitive. One comment was that the expression was simplistic and repetitive and not reflective of the maturity or levels in the former council's documents. One member thought the Vision Statement was lovely and elicited pride to live in that place.

The members made the following revision to the Vision Statement:

We are Inner West, land of the Gadigal and Wangal peoples, whose rich cultures, heritage and history we acknowledge and respect. Together we are an inclusive, passionate, creative, vibrant community united in our desire commitment to build a great and sustainable future for all who live and do business here.

ACTION: Kate Napier to feedback the ESRG's response to the IWC Statement of Vision and Priorities to the Community Engagement Team

Community Strategic Plan

Jon Stiebel addressed the members and highlighted the importance of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) in setting the strategic direction for IWC, and how it sits within the Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

The members discussed the engagement timeline of the CSP and how best to get involved.

ACTION: Kate Napier to through links to former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville CSP's as well as relevant strategic environmental strategies.

A suggestion was made to align the CSP to the Greater Sydney Commission's Draft District Plan, and that the members might like to view and/or comment on the draft. The value of the exercise and the time commitment required of the members was queried.

ACTION: Kate Napier to send out links to District Plan

Set priorities for the SRG for 2017 – Activity Why are you participating? At the end of this year what would success look like?

The members split into two groups to work on the two questions:

Why are you here?

At the end of this year what would success look like for the ESRG?

The results of the group's comments were collected on butcher's paper and will be used to inform agendas and direction of future meetings.



ACTION: Notes from butcher's paper to be transcribed. Kate Napier to circulate prior to the next meeting.

7. Select Meeting dates for 2017

Next meeting $6.30 \mathrm{pm}$ - $8.30 \mathrm{pm}$, Thursday 30^{th} March, Level 3, Function Room, Petersham Service Centre.

ACTION: Kate Napier to email future meeting dates with agenda topics prior to the next meeting.

8. Draft Inclusion Action Plan Noted by the members

9. Any other Agenda Items

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item No.	Action	Responsible	Date Due
5	Council facilitators to incorporate comments raised at the meeting into the draft ToR and circulate the updated ToR to the group.	Council Facilitators	20 Feb
5	Members to review ToR and respond with any comments to Kate Napier by 10 March 2017.	Members	10 Mar
6	Council Facilitators to prepare report back to the Community Engagement Team on the members response to the IWC Statement of Vision and Priorities	Council Facilitators	10 Feb
6	Send through links to CSP's for the former Councils	Council Facilitators	20 Feb
6	Council facilitators to send out links to District Plan	Council Facilitators	20 Feb
6a	Transcription of group activity to be circulated.	Council Facilitators	23 March