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Places for People
Strategic Reference Group

MINUTES

PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held online via TEAMS on:

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes of the Places for People

Strategic Reference Group

held online via TEAMS on:

Commencing at 6:05pm

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Ian White (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Candy Bingham	Councillor
Cr Stuart Sprott	Councillor
Jim Koopman	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Sita Mason	Youth Representative
Mark Lowe	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Miranda Korzy	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Maryann Novakovic	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Suzanne Cairns	Manly Dogs
Richard Michell	Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society
Kelvin Milsom	Northern Beaches Junior AFL Association, Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union

Council Officer Contacts

Andrew Pigott	Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Recreation
Russell Peake	Manager Social Planning and Services (<i>item 6.1</i>)
Briana Davis	Social Planning & Strategy Coordinator (<i>item 6.1</i>)
Jessica Currie	Coordinator Recreation Planning (<i>item 6.2</i>)
Ximena Von Oven	Governance Officer

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Regan, C Ghatt, L Irwig, S Pearse and M Rose.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 6 AUGUST 2020

R Michell / K Milsom

That the Minutes of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held 6 August 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

R Peake, Manager Social Planning and Services and B Davis, Social Planning and Strategy Coordinator updated the SRG members on the status and approach to develop the Better Together, Social Sustainability Strategy 2041 (the Strategy). The aim of the Strategy is to set a long-term social direction for building skills and knowledge in the community that enables wellbeing and resilience. The Strategy will be a key mechanism for Northern Beaches Council to achieve its commitment to the community: "To deliver a safe, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with the extraordinary coastal and bushland environment (Shape 2028 Community Vision)". A presentation on this topic was provided.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Community engagement has been undertaken with internal and external stakeholders.
- Feedback and input has been gathered from a workshop held with the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group (SRG) in August.
- All SRGs will be engaged individually at the November SRG meetings.
- Timeframe for delivery of a Social Sustainability Strategy is June 2021.

Consultation approach for Phase 2 and 3

SRG members suggested it would be useful to have more detail about who were included as key stakeholders to allow them to provide more meaningful input as to any suggestions for inclusion.

SRG members highlighted that the following could be useful additions to consult with:

- Community & resident groups (especially the dog owners group)
- School P&C committees
- Raise Foundation
- Save Mona Vale Hospital group

It was also suggested that transport be more closely considered within the context of safety as a key enabler of achieving Safe Communities.

Workshop

SRG members were invited to participate in a workshop in order to explore the strengths, challenges and opportunities between Place Planning and Social Sustainability. The following points were highlighted:

Strengths

- Members urged the Project Team to challenge “thriving social and sporting opportunities” and also consider the shortage of sporting fields and ongoing struggle to secure grounds and facilities. This was balanced with discussion around the need to closely consider the impact of the general public losing the ability to access open space. In general the creation of sporting fields shouldn’t be at the expense of open space being available to the general public.
- Ensure that the beaches and waterways and associated organised and passive sport and recreation uses of these areas are included in consideration.
- Review sports as they change over time.

Challenges

- Mental Health is a key issue to engage with to address Social Sustainability.

Opportunities

- Using public areas for building social sustainability, eg the public square at the Lighthouse in Dee Why and Redman Road Plaza, Dee Why. Council is to be commended having this infrastructure built, however a plan must be undertaken on how to use it.

6.2 PARKS AND RECREATION - KEY PROJECT UPDATES

DISCUSSION

J Currie, Coordinator Recreation Planning briefed SRG members on this topic. The following points were discussed:

Crown Land Reform – Land Categories

Community engagement for proposed land categories for 35 Crown reserves has been undertaken. The outcomes of this engagement will be reported to Council in December.

Open Space and Recreation Strategy

The draft strategy is under preparation and will be reported to Council at the December Council meeting. Council has engaged with riders in order to understand the need for off-road cycling facilities for a variety of age groups, skill levels and different disciplines.

A trail consultant has been engaged to assist with the auditing of unauthorised trails in North Narrabeen, Forestville and Terry Hills. The consultant will also assist with the review of the state of the mountain bike trail at Manly Dam.

The outcome of the audit will be a key element with the development and management of the outdoor cycling facilities.

Plans of Management

There are over 140 Plans of Management which provide strategic planning and governance for the management and use of Council land. These plans are reviewed and updated accordingly. The Governor Phillip Park (Palm Beach) Plan of Management will not be updated in the 2020/21 period as planned.

New Plans of Management for Ivanhoe Park and Manly Oval are currently being developed.

6.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ZONES REVIEW - FOCUS GROUP PRESENTATION

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

A Pigott, Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning briefed the SRG members on this topic. Meridian Urban Planning Consultants have been engaged to undertake review of the Environmental Zones in Council's Local Environmental Plans (LEPs). The first stage of the review included focus groups held with community members. The purpose of the focus groups was to engage with a broader group of landowners and community members across the local government area to obtain a better understanding of the values, issues and concerns that could influence the design and application of Environmental Zones across the Northern Beaches.

The aim of this update is to inform the SRG members on the process undertaken to date and the next steps in preparing the overall zoning framework. The framework will consider objectives and permitted land uses for rural, residential, business, industrial, infrastructure, recreation and waterway zones.

A presentation on this topic was provided.

DISCUSSION

The following points were discussed:

- Definition of a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Definition of Environmental Zones (E Zones)
- Purpose of the E Zones review
- E Zones review process
- Coastal communities
- Land uses (categories)
- Coastal corridors
- Project timeline.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 5 November 2020 and confirmed on Thursday 4 February 2021