

Minutes

Liveable Cities Advisory Committee

Date: 6 August 2019	Time: 5.30pm – 7.40pm	Venue: City Hall, Level 2 Lord Mayor's Reception Room
Meeting No: 1	Meeting Objective: Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

1. Welcome

1.1 Attendance

Cr John MacKenzie – Chairperson
Cr John Church
Cr Peta Winney-Baartz
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor
David Clarke – Director Governance
Michelle Bisson – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment
Kristi Jorgensen – Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation
Steve O'Connor – Planning Institute of Australia
Beth George – proxy for Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle
Dr Steven Fleming – community member
David Moir – community member
Kerry Edson – Executive Assistant to Director Governance - Minute Taker

1.2 Apologies

Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle
Rachel Cogger – Urban Development Institute of Australia

1.3 Guests

Patricia McCarthy – Urban Planning Coordinator
Keri Neveldsen – Interim Governance and Council Executive Support Coordinator

2. Minutes

2.1 Not applicable for this first meeting.

3. Governance

- 3.1 A presentation on the Advisory Committee governance was given by Keri Neveldsen.
- 3.2 Disclosures of Interests – all members to complete and return the declaration form which will be distributed by Keri Neveldsen in due course.

4. Declarations of Interests

4.1 None.

5. About Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC)

5.1 A presentation on the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee was given by David Clarke.

6. Liveable Cities Discussion

- 6.1 The Chair facilitated a discussion with members about the characteristics of liveable cities and the opportunities for the City of Newcastle (CN) (see appendix 1).
- 6.2 ACTION - David Clarke to send links to the Greater Sydney Commission's - Measuring What Matters and the Brisbane City Council's – Brisbane Future Blueprint and the City of Newcastle's Smart City Strategy.
- 6.3 ACTION – Invite the Smart City team to the next LCAC meeting to present on the Smart City Strategy and its relationship to Newcastle as a liveable city.

7. Local Strategic Planning Statement

- 7.1 A presentation on the Local Strategic Planning Statement was given by Patricia McCarthy.
- 7.2 Members discussed the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS):
 - How will the LSPS be translated into the LEP and DCP?
 - DCP focus vs character vs global city?
 - What will be different at DA stage?
 - Concerns about character can translate into form of NIMBYism and fear of change?
 - How best to engage youth – LSPS is about 2040 so need the next generation engaged?
- 7.3 ACTION – Brief LCAC on LSPS engagement outcomes at next meeting prior to Councillor workshop on 8 October 2019.
- 7.4 ACTION – David Clarke to send link to the City of Newcastle's – Local Strategic Planning Statement engagement.

8. Newcastle Heritage Working Party

- 8.1 The Committee:
 - a) Resolved to establish the Newcastle Heritage Working Party (NHWP) to provide strategic guidance on the implementation of the Newcastle Heritage Strategy (2013-2017) and input to its review.
 - b) Adopted the Terms of Reference.
 - c) Endorsed the following membership of the NHWP:
 - Working Party Chairperson – Cr Peta Winney-Baartz
 - Advisory Committee Member (1) – Kristi Jorgensen and Beth George
 - Coordinator – CN's Heritage Planner
 - CN Officers – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment (or delegate), Development Officer (Heritage) and Assets and Projects Officer
 - Representatives of each of the following stakeholder organisations:
 - Heritage, Community Engagement of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (formerly Office of Environment and Heritage)
 - Awabakal / Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Councils (one person from each Land Council)
 - The National Trust – Hunter Regional Committee (1)
 - Heritage Specialist (one person with archaeological experience)
 - Community representatives (up to 3 – via Expressions of Interest process)

- d) Disbands the NHWP at the earlier of:
 - The day prior to the Ordinary Council election in 2020
 - A date determined by the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee
- 8.2 ACTION – Consider options for adaptive reuse of heritage buildings as part of the Heritage Strategy review.
- 8.3 ACTION – Agendas, meeting papers and minutes of this Working Party are to be sent to the Secretary of the LCAC so that they can be sent to the members of the LCAC and other Councillors who may be interested in attending.
- 8.4 ACTION – Prepare a brief update report to be tabled at each LCAC meeting to outline what this Working Party has been doing / is planning.
- 8.5 ACTION - Consider when the work on the Heritage Strategy review needs to be brought back to the LCAC for input / endorsement – noting that the draft Heritage Strategy will need the LCAC endorsement prior to going to Council for endorsement.

9. **Newcastle Cycling Working Party**

- 9.1 The Committee:
 - a) Resolved to establish the Newcastle Cycling Working Party (NCWP) to provide guidance on the implementation of the Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan and input to its review.
 - b) Adopted the Terms of Reference.
 - c) Endorsed the following membership of the NCWP:
 - Working Party Chairperson – Cr John MacKenzie
 - Advisory Committee Member (1) – Steven Fleming and David Moir
 - Coordinator – CN officer nominated by the Director Governance
 - CN Officers – Manager Transport and Compliance (or delegate) and Assets and Projects Officer
 - Representatives of each of the following stakeholder organisations:
 - Transport for NSW (2)
 - Newcastle Cycleways Movement (2)
 - University of Newcastle (1)
 - Heart Foundation (1)
 - Community representatives (up to 3 – invite previous representatives on the Cycling Advisory Committee)
 - d) Disbands the NCWP at the earlier of:
 - The day prior to the Ordinary Council election in 2020
 - A date determined by the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee
- 9.2 ACTION - Consider broadening the scope to include consideration of active transport, and if so, how to engage with CN's Disability Inclusion Strategy as part of the review process.
- 9.3 ACTION – Agendas, meeting papers and minutes of this Working Party are to be sent to the Secretary of the LCAC so that they can be sent to the members of the LCAC and other Councillors who may be interested in attending.
- 9.4 ACTION – Prepare a brief update report to be tabled at each LCAC meeting to outline what this Working Party has been doing / is planning.

- 9.5 ACTION - Consider when the work on the Cycling Strategy Review needs to be brought back to the LCAC for input / endorsement – noting that the draft Cycling Strategy will need the LCAC endorsement prior to going to Council for endorsement.


10. General Business

- 10.1 N/A.

11. Closing

- 11.1 Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 5.30pm in City Hall, Level 2, Lord Mayor's Reception Room.

- 11.2 Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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Chairperson
Cr MacKenzie

APPENDIX 1 – LIVEABLE CITIES – DISCUSSION POINTS

- Crisis of modern cities - lack of transport, poor people move out due to unaffordability
- Newcastle has become more liveable – but rapid growth will erode liveability
- Legacy aspect – decisions now will impact Newcastle's liveability in 50 years' time eg. Preservation of open space and public domain
- What decisions are we making now for it to be a liveable city in 50 years
- Recent positives for Newcastle – Bathers Way, Harbour Foreshore, Light Rail, proximity, affordable (relative to Sydney), good jobs, accessible, more food and recreation and shopping options
- Need to get the foundations right – roads and movement (hardware), buildings and their relationship to spaces, digital era (how do we add software ie. Smart City)
- Collaboration and partnerships important – lack of and working together, need cohesion and common goals
- Inclusion is important – University of Newcastle has made a great contribution to the City by bringing students into the centre
- Aged care struggle in City as they are put on the fringes
- Public transport needs to be where people are
- Liveable for whom? No singular notion. Includes residents and business and visitors and workers.
- Urbanism – build our liveability out of the distinctiveness of our place (not bring models in from elsewhere)
- We are different from other Cities
- Proximity to other places around the City – quite easy
- Housing affordability
- Post-industrial, mining, steel city – possibilities
- Water – lots around the City
- Lack of street trees and awnings in summer
- Using the existing, older building stock in CBD – more options to bring into play
- Liveable City = alive
- Only concentrating on City – what about the outer suburbs
- Outer suburbs very viable and people wanting to live there eg. Beresfield, Waratah. Need to make them liveable, town centres
- Building controls – are they an enabler or disabler of a liveable city? Eg. DCP and SEPP 65. How can they add value?
- A lot of heritage