

Date: 4 February 2020	Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Venue: 12 Stewart Avenue, L3 – 3.2 & 3.3
Meeting No: 4	Meeting Objective: Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

1. Welcome

1.1 Attendance

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

1.2 Apologies

Rachel Cogger – Urban Development Institute of Australia

1.3 Guests

Sarah Horan – Project Planning Coordinator
Karenne Jurd – Assets Coordinator Environment

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 David Moir declared that he has some dealings with Llewellyn Street, Merewether.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

3.1 Minutes of the third Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting of 2 December 2019 were moved by Cr Church and seconded by David Moir.

3.2 The minutes will be placed on City of Newcastle's (CN) website.

3.3 The actions arising are confirmed.

4. Local Centres Public Domain Presentation

4.1 A presentation on City of Newcastle's Local Centres Public Domain Program was given by Sarah Horan.

4.2 The purpose of the program is driven by the need to efficiently deliver a large capital work program and creates a framework replacing previous ad-hoc approach which slowed progress.

- 4.3 Objectives are strategic and equitable city-wide approach to infrastructure renewal, ensure renewal works are coordinated within local areas for a holistic approach and achieve sustainable outcomes and assist in the revitalisation of the centres.
- 4.4 Members discussed opportunities for cycling infrastructure at local centres when constructing upgrades.
- 4.5 ACTION – The public domain plans for the Beresfield and Orchardtown Road, New Lambton local centres to be put onto the agenda for the Cycling Working Party meeting for a discussion regarding how cycling needs and opportunities are considered in the hierarchy of priorities.
- 4.6 ACTION – Present Pedestrian Access Management Plans (PAMP) to a future Liveable Cities Advisory Committee meeting to highlight how liveability is taken into consideration when planning pedestrian and traffic needs.

5. Urban Forest Policy

- 5.1 A presentation on City of Newcastle's Urban Forest Policy was given by Karenne Jurd.
- 5.2 Over the next 20 years the Newcastle community wants a greater connection with nature, which includes a maintained and connected urban forest, and an increase in our canopy cover.
- 5.3 Members discussed the drought and risks of branches falling off. Karenne Jurd indicated high use areas such as schools, pools, parks are inspected annually.
- 5.4 ACTION – City of Newcastle to consider how to further integrate urban forestry into existing developments and new subdivisions.

6. Local Strategic Planning Strategy

- 6.1 A presentation on the Local Strategic Planning Strategy was given by David Clarke.
- 6.2 The land use planning vision statements have been revised following comments from Liveable Cities Advisory Committee members.
- 6.3 A new section called Our Planning Priorities provides an improved link between the vision and planning priorities.
- 6.4 An action has been added to investigate the use of liveability indicators to track progress in achieving our community's vision to be a smart, liveable, and sustainable global city.
- 6.5 Public exhibition is from 10 February 2020 to 9 March 2020 followed by a councillor workshop and then a report to Council in May 2020 for adoption. The Local Strategic Planning Strategy is to be in place by July 2020.

7. Working Parties Update

Affordable Living Working Party

- 7.1 First meeting was held on 28 January 2020.
- 7.2 Investigating an Affordable Housing Contribution Plan and an Affordable Housing Policy.
- 7.3 Members suggested community consultation and information campaign will be required regarding affordable housing to address existing stigma.

- 7.4 Alternative affordable housing models (boarding houses, co-operative housing) and partnerships (HCCDC, community housing providers, Housing all Australians) should also be investigated.
- 7.5 ACTION – Kristi Jorgensen to circulate the Landcom presentation to members.

Heritage Working Party

- 7.6 Latest meeting was held on 30 January 2020. The working party has met 4 times between September 2019 and January 2020.
- 7.7 Updated Heritage Strategy prepared with strengthened content for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and archaeology and updated Action Plan.
- 7.8 The draft of the updated Heritage Strategy will be reported for endorsement for public exhibition at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 24 March 2020.
- 7.9 No further Heritage Working Party meetings have been scheduled. Instead, members suggested the Hunter Heritage Network for heritage professionals be resurrected to encourage collaboration and share information to progress heritage issues in the Hunter Region.
- 7.10 ACTION – Circulate the draft Heritage Strategy to members.

Cycling Working Party

- 7.11 Latest meeting was held on 27 November 2020.
- 7.12 Discussed changes made by Transport for NSW in the Newcastle light rail mixed running zone.
- 7.13 Outcomes of the road safety review in October 2019 are detailed in the Newcastle Light Rail document which can be downloaded from Transport for NSW.
- 7.14 Most recommendations have been or are being implemented.
- 7.15 Next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2020.

8. General Business

- 8.1 Cr MacKenzie asked members to send any other general business items via email.

9. Closing

- 9.1 Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 5.30pm and venue to be confirmed.
- 9.2 Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Minutes confirmed and approved
on 4 August 2020

Chairperson
Cr MacKenzie