

NOTES

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017

Notes of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group Meeting

held on Thursday 16 February 2017

in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why

Commencing at 5.00pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Jean Hay (Chair)	Social Local Representative Committee
Duncan Kerr	Social Local Representative Committee
Bob Giltinan	Social Local Representative Committee
Stephen Beatty	Manly Warringah District Cricket Club
Jim Buda	Manly Warringah Cycle Club
James Channon	Tennis Northern Beaches
Lynne Czinner	Warriewood Residents Association
Brent Manieri	Surf Life Saving NSW/Surf Life Saving Services
Lisa Matthews	Manly Rugby Football Club
Steve McInnes	Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.
Antony Pecar	Northern Beaches Cricket Council
Chris Stead	Resident – Pittwater Ward
Wayne Stevenson	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Matthew Ward	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Julie Whitfield	Resident – Narrabeen Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Reserves
Lynne Jess	Secretariat – Governance Support

Visitors

Damian Ham	Recreation Management Manager
Christine Deaner	Senior Recreational Service Planner
Louise Hardy	Community Engagement Officer

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Caroline Ghatt, Marissa Gidall and Paul Smith.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 NOTES OF OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 3 NOVEMBER 2016

DECISION

That the Notes of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group held 3 November 2016, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - 40 MINS

DISCUSSION

Louise Hardy, Community Engagement Officer, gave a presentation to the group, defining what the CSP actually was, and what it meant to the group and the community. Louise followed this with a PowerPoint presentation, looking back, where we were in September 2016 and what we did (Stage 1), advising the group that Council is now in Stage 2. Council wants to test the framework with the SRG prior to taking it to the community.

Stage 1 outcomes:

- Vision statement
- Well defined priorities
- Good community participation
- Overall support

Priority areas within the following areas:

- Environment
- Social
- Economic

Members participated in a workshop to consider the goals and strategic considerations and to suggest any additional goals that should be considered.

NOTE: There was nothing that related to recreation or sports - If support life style there needs to be more strategies about quality and area to participate in sporting facilities

- More walking trails and pathways
- Transport State Gov resp. Where is the transport plan, - sustainable transport are starting work on this next week
- Getting a shift away from transport and being able to walk to school
- Explicate mentions of transport – pick up specifics
- 16 talking about structured and unstructured recreations
- Ensuring there is sports amongst the Culture is stimulated through
- Places for people – ensure that new areas have space, sense of belonging – need for strategies for safety be design issues
- Equal assets for elderly
- Make sure people have opportunities to volunteer.
- Preserving open spaces in residential areas.

DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop to assist in the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

4.2 NORTHERN BEACHES SPORTSGROUNDS STRATEGY

Christine Deaner, Councils Senior Recreation Planner - circulated a and discussed copy of the Sports Ground Structure presentation for the members.

The following topics were discussed

- Current Status of the Sportsground Strategy project
- Discussion paper and key issues - Do we have enough sports fields for our community?
- The shortfall in supply and what are Council's options
- Review of golf course
- Strategic Directions

C Deaner highlighted the shortfall in supply of sports fields and outlined the options available to Council.

Options: 1 – do nothing

Options: 2 – Better use of existing sports grounds

For example: improve capacity of fields by installing / upgrading lighting and drainage, maximise use by improving allocation of sports fields and work with schools to have more community use.

Options: 3 – Convert existing sports fields to synthetic

This action increases sustainable capacity from 35 to 54 hours a week as they can be used for longer hours and in wet weather without negatively impacting on surface quality.

Options: 4a Acquiring additional land as part of new developments

Options: 4b Convert existing open space to sports fields e.g. golf course land

Options: 4c Acquire and additional land

Listed below are some other suggestions members put forward that would make more grounds available for the community.

- More lights on sports fields and more night time play
- Work on a strategic way to reduce playing hours for training and sport competition
- Synthetic sports fields

C Deaner – advised that Council were looking at all open spaces, not just golf courses to meet the shortfall in land for sportsgrounds. Members were also asked for ideas for the next meeting.

DECISION OF SENIOR RECREATIONAL SERVICE PLAN

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group note the Sportsgrounds Strategy project update and participate in a discussion to inform the Strategy.

4.3 RECREATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK PROJECT

DISCUSSION

Damian Ham, Manager Open Space Planning and Management, provided an overview of the Recreation Planning Framework project. Sport and recreation assets of the three former Councils are currently being identified and mapped and sport and recreation strategic documents of the three former Councils are being review. Based on the outcomes of the review a prioritised 4 year program of sport and recreation planning projects will be developed. Future sport and recreation strategic documents will bring together the work of the tree former Councils and a single strategic approach will be developed for the Northern Beaches.

DECISION OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT MANAGER

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group note the overview of the Recreation Planning Framework Project and participate in a discussion about priorities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 5.00pm at Dee Why Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why **Thursday 27 April 2017.**

The meeting concluded at 7.10pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages numbered 1 to 5 of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2017 and confirmed on Thursday 6 April 2017