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Places for People
Strategic Reference Group

NOTES OF THE MEETING

PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held online via remote audio visual link on

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021

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Commencing at 6:06pm

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Ian White (Chair)	Councillor
Jim Koopman	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Merinda Rose	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Les Irwig	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Miranda Korzy	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Maryann Novakovic	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Richard Michell	Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society

Council Officer Contacts

Louise Kerr	Director Place and Planning
Andrew Pigott	Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Recreation
Ximena Von Oven	Governance Officer
Lea King	Manager Service Improvement (<i>item 6.2</i>)
Michael Spikmans	Digital Service Manager (<i>item 6.2</i>)
Damian Ham	Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning (<i>item 6.3</i>)
Jessica Currie	Coordinator Recreation Planning (<i>item 6.3</i>)
Phil Jemison	Manager Strategic and Place Planning (<i>item 6.4</i>)

NOTE: The Chair advised that the meeting would proceed as an informal meeting due to a lack of quorum. as per the Strategic Reference Group Terms of Reference.

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 Bingham, Cr Regan, S Cairns, C Ghatt and S Pearson.

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 5 AUGUST 2021

As no quorum was achieved the Minutes of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held 5 August 2021 were not confirmed.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 SRG SUMMARY OF TERM - ANDREW PIGOTT

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

Andrew Pigott, Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning briefed the group on this topic.

SRG members were thanked for their valuable contribution, expertise and enthusiasm at the SRG meetings.

The following points were discussed:

- SRG members were appointed in February 2018. The term is for 4 years which was due to expire in February 2022. However, due to the Local Government Elections, November meeting will be the last meeting of the current SRG members and councillors.
- There will be no SRG meeting in February due to Councillors induction being held in February.

- An SRG review was undertaken in 2019. SRG members provided feedback and the outcome of the review will be forwarded to the new Councillors. This will provide an opportunity for Councillors to consider the feedback received and determine the committee framework.
- The Places for People SRG aligns to goals 7,8, 9 and 12 of the Community Strategic Plan.
- Key projects that SRG members participated in include the Local Strategic Planning Statement workshop, Frenchs Forest Structure Plan, Housing Strategy, Open Space Strategy amongst others.

SRG members thanked Council staff for their contribution and effort in organising the meetings, preparing reports and presentations for the Places for People SRG. Members also acknowledged that it has been great working with people who are passionate and bring a great amount of expertise to the group.

6.2 LIBRARY STRATEGY WORKSHOP

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

Lea King, Manager Service Improvement and Michael Spikmans Digital Services Manager, briefed the group on this topic. Northern Beaches Council is developing a five year Library Strategy to guide decision making and ensure library services continue to be enhanced in line with community needs and expectations.

SRG members were requested to participate in a workshop to provide input for the Library Strategy currently being developed.

A presentation on this topic was provided to the group.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

The following questions were workshopped:

It is 2026 what are the top things that our community values most about Northern Beaches Library Service?

- High school certificate programs (HSC lock ins)
- Audio books
- Use of the study corner in the library
- Canteen in the library
- Individual and study groups spaces
- E-books
- Reading of children's book (story time for preschool children)
- Book club kits
- Professional librarian at Avalon Library
- Reading lists, readers advisory and professional library staff available at libraries
- Story time (rhyme time)

- Access safe space environment
- Make libraries an enjoyable space
- Teaching to parents how to read to their kids
- Access to technology

What should we be facing out or stopping as we move out towards 2026?

- Newspapers

It would be awesome if the library could

- Be rebuilt (Manly Library)
- Turn the library into a media centre where people can learn podcasting, how to make movies. Transform it into a centre where people can go to acquire skills in video technology, podcasting etc.
- Workshop spaces for different types of activities (like video technology, podcasting etc.)
- Have spaces where kids can rest, sleep, and just feel safe.
- Stay up to date with emerging technologies
- Have a sustainable space (gardens)

6.3 DRAFT OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION STRATEGY

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

Damian Ham, Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning and Jessica Currie, Coordinator Recreation Planning briefed the group on this topic.

Play spaces are an important element of the Northern Beaches open space network that provide essential spaces for children, families and carers to socialise and be active.

A detailed analysis of the distribution and condition of Council's 217 public playground was undertaken. The result of the analysis found that Northern Beaches Council is well supplied when compared to other metropolitan Sydney Councils.

A presentation on this topic was provided to the group.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Playground benchmarks
- Gap analysis
- Playground distribution
- Playground diversity and condition
- Recreation facilities used by children and youth
- Potential new playgrounds (by 2036)
- Next Steps

6.4 FRENCHS FOREST HOSPITAL PRECINCT UPDATE

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

Phil Jemison, Manager Strategic and Place Planning provide an update to the SRG group on this topic.

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) exhibited the draft Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy, draft Planning Controls and associated technical studies.

The draft Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy outlines how the NSW Government would deliver the first phase of the town centre which includes 2000 new homes, approximately 250 affordable dwellings, 2000 new jobs, public open spaces and easier walking and cycling connections.

Council staff prepared a submission in response to the Department's draft documents and this was presented at the 28 September Council meeting for endorsement.

A presentation on this topic was provided to the group.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

While the proposed development is supported in principle, Council's Submission identifies nine matters requiring resolution, prior to the finalisation of the rezoning. These issues are:

1. Transport infrastructure provision
2. Cost and funding of infrastructure
3. Town centre open space and Police Station site dedication
4. Delivery of the community hub
5. Elevating the role of sustainability as a key feature to create a flagship precinct
6. Statutory planning framework
7. State Government coordination
8. Support for affordable rental housing contribution
9. Development feasibility

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting concluded at 8:14pm

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 4 November 2021.