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Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday, 16 December 2010	
Time:	5.00pm – 6.45pm	
Chair:	Councillor Jeff Salvestro-Martin	
Meeting Support (MS):	Amanda Janvrin	
Staff Convenor:	Meryl Bishop	
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Participants

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor J Salvestro-Martin	Chair	City of Ryde
✓		Councillor A Etmekdjian	Deputy Chair	City of Ryde
✓		Mr B Chan	Director, Eastwood Centre Developments	
✓		Mr P Sullivan	President, Eastwood Chamber of Commerce	
✓		Mr T Abboud	Chairman, Ryde Chamber of Commerce	
	✓	Mr M Nelson	President, West Ryde Chamber of Commerce	
✓		Mr S Sojka	Director/Producer, CyriusMediaGroup	
✓		Mr M Boyce	Resident on Macquarie Park Forum	
✓		Mr D Johnson	Group Manager – Environment and Planning	City of Ryde
✓		Ms M Bishop	Manager – Urban Planning	City of Ryde
✓		Ms M Burne	Strategic Planner	City of Ryde

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1.	Present: As outlined above.	Noted.
2.	Apologies: As outlined above.	Noted.
3.	<p>Welcome from the Chair and Deputy Chair</p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Salvestro-Martin acknowledged the work undertaken by Dominic Johnson, Meryl Bishop and Amanda Janvrin and thanked them on behalf of all Committee members for their efforts associated with the Economic Development Advisory Committee.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from 30 September 2010: Confirmed and endorsed.</p> <p>Matters Arising: - Events Calender (January to June 2011)</p> <p>Ms Bishop circulated a copy of the City of Ryde Calendar of Events for the period January to June 2011 and advised that she will arrange for the Manager, Community Relations and Events to attend the next Committee. Mr Chan raised the issue that events could be held close to or in centres to provide opportunities for local businesses.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he and the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian put forward a Notice of Motion to Council to hold a street fair in Church Street which was unanimously endorsed by Council. Mr Johnson advised that this resolution will go back to Council in the new year to determine exactly what the event will be and when it will be held.</p>	<p>Noted – Council's Manager, Community Relations and Events be invited to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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5.	<p>Agenda Item 1 – <u>Footway Activity Policy</u></p> <p>A powerpoint presentation on Council's Footway Activity Policy was given to the Committee by Ms Melissa Burne, Strategic Planner from Council's Urban Planning Unit.</p> <p>Ms Burne provided the Committee members with some background regarding the policy and an explanation of why the policy was reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Ms Burne advised that the draft policy was on exhibition from 10 November to 10 December 2010 and confirmed that a report regarding the exhibition and any submissions received will go to Council in early 2011.</p>	Noted.
6.	<p>Agenda Item 2 – <u>High Temperature Industrial Furnace Closure Plans – CSIRO</u></p> <p>The Chair provided the Committee members with an update regarding CSIRO's plans to close the high temperature industrial furnace located within the City of Ryde. The Chair showed some photographs of the machine and the companies that have utilised the facility. The Chair confirmed that this facility is very unique as it is in the only one in the Southern Hemisphere and performs the function of temperature testing up to 1350°C. The Chair confirmed that this facility is very important to the City of Ryde as during the testing phase, manufacturers and industrial companies come to Ryde and utilise the City's facilities such as accommodation, restaurants, taxis and local businesses and it would be a loss if the facility was shut down.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he arranged a meeting with Senator Kim Carr so that industry representatives could put forward their concerns with regards to the closure of the facility and confirmed that Senator Carr has agreed to defer any decision regarding the closure of the facility until the end of March 2011.</p> <p>Mr Abboud advised that if CSIRO were to close down the facility, he suggested that through this Committee, we could establish if there was a company or organisation who would be interested in taking on this facility as part of their core business and look at a strategy to relocate the facility to keep it within the City of Ryde.</p> <p>The Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian suggested that we need to seek more information to determine whether the facility is economically viable prior to developing options for its relocation, including the facility being taken on by another organisation.</p> <p>ACTION:- The Committee resolved the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council resolve for the Mayor to write to the appropriate Minister seeking the opportunity to pursue the retention of this unique facility within the City of Ryde. 2. To seek more information regarding the facility to be brought back to this Committee and to Council. 3. The Group Manager, Environment and Planning to contact Mr Lorenzo Fazzini (industry representative) and invite him to present at the next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting. 	Noted – the Committee resolved to undertake further action on this item as listed.

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7.	<p>Agenda Item 3 – <u>Economic Development Manager – update on position</u></p> <p>Mr Johnson provided the Committee members with an update on the Economic Development Manager position. Mr Johnson advised the Committee that interviews were held and a preferred candidate was selected and a contract signed. Mr Johnson confirmed that the candidate then reneged on his contract and unfortunately in the meantime, the second preferred candidate subsequently retired.</p> <p>Mr Johnson provided the Committee members with a brief description of the skill set required and tasks involved with the position and advised that we will now be utilising a recruitment firm to fill the position, however if any Committee member know of a suitable candidate, they can email their details to either Mr Johnson or Ms Bishop to pass onto the recruitment firm.</p> <p>As one of the Economic Development Managers main tasks will be to hold a CEO Forum and as Council may not have filled the position until March/April next year, Mr Chan suggested the possibility of getting the Ryde Business Forum to run the CEO Forum. Mr Abboud advised that the Ryde Business Forum previously ran the CEO Forums.</p> <p>ACTION:- Mr Johnson to discuss with the Ryde Business Forum, the prospect of inviting CEO's to a joint event, potentially with the opening of the Ryde Planning and Business Centre.</p>	<p>Noted – Mr Johnson to discuss with the Ryde Business Forum, the prospect of running a joint event – CEO Forum together with the opening of the Ryde Planning and Business Centre.</p>
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<p>8. Agenda Item 4 – <u>General Business</u></p> <p><u>Future Events to be held close of town centres</u> Mr Chan suggested that if it was possible, could some future events be held closer to town centres so that some of the local businesses could also benefit from the event. Mr Johnson advised that he would raise the point with Council’s Community Relations and Events Department.</p> <p><u>Recent decisions of Council</u> Mr Johnson provided the Committee with an update on the following recent decisions of Council:-</p> <p>(i). With regards to the Civic Centre site, at its meeting on Tuesday, 14 December 2010, Council resolved to progress the redevelopment of this site by engaging designers and town planners to look at the potential yield for the Civic Centre site.</p> <p>(ii). With regards to the LEP and the controls for the City, Council resolved to move to the next stage of submitting the reports to the Department of Planning and seeking to go on exhibition.</p> <p><u>Part 3A Applications</u> Mr Johnson advised Committee members that there were a number of Part 3A applications currently in with the Department and some of these developments will have a major impact on the city if approved. Mr Johnson confirmed that regardless of what happens at the next election in March, all Part 3A applications that have been submitted to the Department will be honoured and determined.</p> <p><u>New Updated Metro Strategy</u> Mr Chan advised that the new updated Metro Strategy was released today. Mr Johnson confirmed that there is an increase in the housing targets with the new strategy and the next steps will be to release the sub-regional plans.</p> <p><u>Parking Provisions and Policy</u> Mr Abboud advised that he has had some discussions with Council’s Manager, Regulatory Services regarding parking provisions and Council’s Parking Policy and suggested that it would be beneficial for the Manager, Regulatory Services to come and present to this Committee regarding parking and how parking provisions and restrictions can actually benefit local businesses.</p> <p>ACTION:- Council’s Manager, Regulatory Services be invited to attend the next Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting to present Council’s Parking Policy and discuss how parking provisions can benefit businesses in Ryde.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Council’s Manager, Regulatory Services to be invited to present at next meeting regarding parking.</p>	
<p>9. Agenda Item 5 – <u>Ryde Planning and Business Centre – Tour of the Centre</u></p> <p>The Chair advised that the tour of the Ryde Planning and Business Centre will be postponed to a later date due to the small number of attendees at this evenings Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting: 31 March 2011</p> <p>Mr Johnson advised that a list of proposed dates for meetings to be held next year will be tabled at the next meeting to be held on 31 March 2011.</p>	<p>Confirmed – list of proposed dates for 2011 meetings to be tabled at next meeting.</p>	