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Date:	3 rd August 2017	
Time:	Started at: 4:00pm	Closed at: 6.15pm
Chair:	Councillor Terry Perram	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	John Brown, Senior Coordinator - City Activation	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

To assist Council in the refinement and implementation of the Macquarie Park Master Plan vision and objectives to achieve sustainable growth in Macquarie Park.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	X	Clr Jerome Laxale	Council representative	City of Ryde (Chair)
X		Clr Terry Perram	Council representative	City of Ryde
		Clr Roy Maggio	Council representative	City of Ryde
X		Tony Abboud	Community representative	Ryde/Macquarie Chamber
X		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
X		Morrell Boyce	Community representative	Ryde Business Forum
		Andrew Parker	Community Representative	Optus
X		Penny Dillon	Community representative	Optus
	X	Mark Broomfield	Community representative	Macquarie University
	X	Kim Saxon	Community representative	Macquarie University
X		Ritchie Howitt	Community representative	Macquarie University
	X	Nathan Moulds	Community representative	Salvation Army – Ivanhoe Place
	X	Ben Matthews	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
X		Denys Bizinger	Community representative	Jones Laing LaSalle
	X	Gordon Hunt	Community representative	Transport for NSW
	X	Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
X		Craig Chung	Community representative	City of Sydney
X		Malcolm McDonald	Community representative	Department of Planning (DoP)
		Kate McDonald	Community representative	Ryde Business Forum
X		Zara Whitwell	Community representative	Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde
		Sue-Lyn Ung	Community representative	Goodman
	X	Ian Sutcliffe	Community representative	Stockland
	X	Trenton Brown	Community representative	Resident of Marsfield
X		Dyalan Govender	Acting Manager – Strategic City	City of Ryde
X		John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde
X		Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Grant Knoetze	Project Manager	Transport for NSW
Michael Lichtenberg	Director, Leasing and Development	Colliers International
David Cianci	Consultant	Artscape
Lexie MacDonald	Acting Manager – City Planning	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p>1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were recorded as above. Cllr Perram chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Perram advised that this would be the final meeting of the Forum prior to the local government election to be held on 9th September 2017.</p> <p>He advised that at the time of the election, all Advisory Committees are dissolved.</p> <p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th May 2017.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The minutes of 4th May 2017 were endorsed.</p>	
<p>2. Macquarie Park Public Art and Spaces Plan</p> <p>David Cianci from Artscape addressed the Committee.</p> <p>Currently, development proposals over 10,000m² are required to provide some form of public art. Many developers are seeking guidance from Council as to what is expected. As a result, a public art plan for the Macquarie Park corridor over the next 10 – 20 years is being developed which provides themes and principles to guide public art for Developers and Council.</p> <p>Three main areas are being studied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Macquarie University Station Precinct - Commercial Core - North Ryde Station Precinct <p>The “tagline” of the project is “an endless pursuit of the better”.</p> <p>It is noted that Lachlan’s Line is outside the study area.</p> <p>The vision for Macquarie Park is to become a destination for public art – themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experimentation - Risk taking - Collaboration - Provision of a legacy - Testing of boundaries - New concepts such as data art <p>It was noted that art displays should not be static; ever changing as people move in.</p> <p>Specific principles have been developed to create a destination and to inspire people who visit the precinct and to guide the delivery of Public art in the precinct.</p> <p>It was noted that Shrimptons Creek is considered a place of respite; this should be reflected in the art installations offered.</p> <p>Elouera Reserve could be revitalised as a space for children and adults to enjoy.</p> <p>Cottonwood Reserve is currently underutilised –bespoke exercise equipment could be installed with an ‘artistic element’.</p> <p>The Plan being prepared will also provide advice on how to engage</p>	<p>The advice provided was noted.</p> <p>Further details will be made available as the Plan progresses.</p>	

<p>public artists and steps in the EOI process.</p> <p>An integrated approach between developers, Council, parks staff is the goal.</p>		
<p>3. Development Update – Macquarie Park</p> <p>Dyalan Govender Acting Manager of City Planning provided an update on applications currently lodged with Council or proposed for the Macquarie Park area.</p> <p><u>Macquarie Shopping Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AMP is proposing a staged approach to its expansion of the shopping centre. - 4 residential towers and a new shopping podium are proposed. - A VPA will be exhibited soon. <p><u>120 – 126 Herring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction will commence at this site soon. <p><u>Macquarie University Incubator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This project is now complete. The first event will be held on 8th August 2017. <p><u>137 – 143 Herring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This site falls within the Urban Activation Precinct and a Development Application is currently being assessed by Council. <p><u>Central Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms are still being confirmed re the public park to be provided on land provided by the NSW government. - Development options for the surrounding site are under consideration. <p><u>80 Waterloo Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Development Application on this site is under assessment. <p><u>82 – 84 Waterloo Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A development application on this site has been approved. <p><u>101 – 107 Waterloo Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This matter is before the Sydney Regional Planning Committee next week. - A VPA has been submitted with the proposal to be exhibited Aug/Sept. <p><u>25 – 27 Epping Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This matter is under assessment and will be determined by the Sydney Regional Planning Committee. <p><u>Stamford Site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that this development is progressing and that 	<p>Future Development Upgrade to include the increase in parking spaces associated with the developments listed. This will be provided at the next meeting of the Forum.</p>	

<p>Council has recently taken possession of an affordable housing unit at this location as part of a VPA.</p> <p><u>66 Talavera Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This development is at concept plan stage only. <p>The above developments and others already under construction in the area will create approx. 12,000 new apartments.</p>		
<p>2. Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan Update</p> <p>Grant Knoetze from Transport for NSW provided an update on the Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan.</p> <p>Key information included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus priority works and the Epping Road upgrade near the stations will commence soon. • Transport NSW is working with Planning NSW and other groups to improve transport over the next 5 years whilst works are underway. • 120 extra bus services will be added during the rail shutdown. • The Gordon to Macquarie Park route will not proceed however direct buses from Epping Station to Macquarie University will be timetabled. • The need to have motorists use public transport was reiterated. • Stage 1 will create bus priority and bus jump lanes at the intersection of Herring and Epping Road. Bus priority works will also take place at the intersection of Lane Cove and Epping Roads. • The work to improve signalisation and road widening at Ivanhoe Place cannot proceed in Stage 1 due to the location of utilities. • Stage 2 will see a dedicated bus lane in Waterloo Road. • Interim shuttle services will take place during the rail shutdown but no confirmation of this starting prior to the shutdown. • There will be more trains on the northern line during 2017 and 2018. 	<p>The information provided was noted.</p>	
<p>4. Macquarie Park Strategic Review Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm McDonald from Department of Planning and Environment advised that the Macquarie Park Strategic Investigation is ongoing, with an urban design study to commence shortly. • The traffic modelling included in the Investigation is being used to understand the growth occurring in the Macquarie Park area. • The Plan indicated that the network is at near capacity. • 75% of users drive to Macquarie Park. • The constraints and opportunities of the Park are also being investigated and will be reported on. • The Investigation will ensure the importance of Macquarie Park is realised. • It was agreed that it is important not to undermine the employment potential of the precinct. The Department is considering a range of land use scenarios to support a vibrant, successful precinct. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is also being undertaken regarding the provision of both primary and high schools in the area. • Efforts are being made to identify open space sites and school sites including for vertical schools. • There are on-going discussions regarding whether Macquarie Park should be a stand-alone employment zone or if it should be a mixed use site with residential areas. 		
<p>6. Macquarie Park Special Levy Infrastructure Projects</p> <p>John Brown Senior Coordinator City Activation gave the following update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The short term parking trial in Giffnock Ave (40 spaces converted to 2 hours parking) has received positive support to date. A report to Council is planned later this year. • The all-day parking fee has been removed with parking charged at \$3 p/hr (which is the current fee). • This rate is less than that charged by Parramatta and North Sydney Councils. • Additional funds raised from increases to parking fees will be used to support transport initiatives. • The upgrade along Byfield Ave is complete. • The Macquarie Park Public Art and Spaces Plan is being funded by the Levy. • The Shrimptons Creek and Elouera Reserve projects are underway and will include public WiFi, public art and smart technologies. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>John Brown</p>
<p>7. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde Update</p> <p>The report was provided by Zara Whitwell of Connect.</p> <p>The update highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven new members have been signed to Connect during the past twelve months. • 46% of employees in the Macquarie Park Precinct are members of Connect. • 45% of members drive alone as opposed to 75% of non-members - this result has been achieved over the last four years. • 18% of students drive to the University. • 18% of workers in Macquarie Park live in CoR. • The number of employees coming from the Hills District is significant and will be positively impacted by the new train line. • The average travel time for all employees across the Park is 120mins per day. • This could be decreased by staggering working hours. • 1700 people are now “Cohoppers”. • The recent remote working trial undertaken at Rouse Hill was well received by workers and management. • There are now 480 extra bus services per week to Macquarie Park. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

<p>8. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan</p> <p>Ms Jan Bouhali advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council has applied for “smart city” funding in conjunction with Macquarie University. - If successful, the \$250,000 promised by both the Council and the University will be matched by the Federal Government; resulting in funding of \$1,000,000. - A hackathon investigating problems in the local area will be held soon lead by MPID. - A STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) event with over 250 participants is scheduled for 24 August. - An event will be held at Optus on 27 September and focus on digital and cyber security. - The recent event held at Optus and attended by a Chinese delegation was very productive. - The Community of Practice focusing on manufacturing continues to meet and achieve great outcomes for members. - A “think space” event at Optus to workshop future proofing the Shrimptons Creek area was held on 28 July. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>Jan Bouhali</p>
<p>8. General Business</p> <p>Tony Abboud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised that the World Chambers Congress will be held in Sydney in September. - This will be a great opportunity to promote Ryde and Macquarie Park. - Mr Abboud also invited all present to the Meet the Candidate event to be held on 4th September. <p>Penny Dillon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a lack of taxi ranks in Macquarie Park. - Dangerous behaviour by drivers is often witnessed at Optus and Trinity. <p>Craig Chung:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Chung asked that the Forum recognise the thirty years of service by Clr Perram to the business community and residents (as Clr Perram is not seeking Council re-election). - The Forum voted unanimously to thank Clr Perram for his service to Council and the Forum. <p>John Brown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further thanked Clr Perram for the advice and support he has provided especially in the areas of transport and cycling. <p>Morrell Boyce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked whether in light of the recent Grenfell Tower fire in London, if there was any intent by Council to restrict the height of buildings to allow fire services to reach the upper levels. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The issue of provision of taxi ranks and activity at same is to be listed on the next agenda.</p> <p>The Forum was unanimous in its thanks and recognition of the effort of Clr Perram over thirty years on Council.</p> <p>Staff advised there is no intention by Council to do so; nor has there been any request to review building heights from the state fire service or State Government.</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting – To be confirmed</p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be determined following the local Council election in September.</p>		<p>John Brown</p>

