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| Venue: | Royal Room | |
| Date: | 1 st March 2018 | |
| Time: | Started at: 4:00pm | Closed at: 6.00pm |
| Chair: | Councillor Bernard Purcell | |
| Meeting Support (MS): | Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors | |
| Staff Convenor: | John Brown, Senior Coordinator - City Activation | |

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.

| Present | Apology | Name | Position Title | Organisation |
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| x | | Clr Bernard Purcell | Council representative | City of Ryde (Chair) |
| x | | Clr Simon Zhou | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| x | | Clr Jordan Lane | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| | x | Clr Chris Moujalli | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| | x | Clr Edwina Clifton | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| x | | Clr Christopher Gordon | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| X | | Clr Peter Kim | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| | x | Clr Jerome Laxale | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| x | | Martin Keetels | Community representative | Konica Minolta |
| X | | Tony Abboud | Community representative | Riverside Business Chamber |
| X | | Vanessa Hindmarsh | Community representative | Sonic Healthcare |
| X | | Simon Botterill | Community representative | Stockland |
| X | | Margaret Hudson | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| x | | Andrew Parker | Community Representative | Optus |
| X | | Penny Dillon | Community representative | Optus |
| x | | Mark Broomfield | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| x | | Michael Lochtenberg | Community representative | Colliers |
| | x | Ritchie Howitt | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| | x | Peter Gu | Community representative | Community |
| | x | Ben Matthews | Community representative | AMP Macquarie Centre |
| X | | Denys Bizinger | Community representative | Jones Laing LaSalle |
| x | | Tim Hunt | Community representative | Novartis |
| x | | Stefan Sjoka | Community representative | Cyrus Media |
| x | | Craig Chung | Community representative | City of Sydney |
| x | | Malcolm McDonald | Community representative | Department of Planning (DoP) |
| | x | Cameron Jackson | Community representative | Frasers |
| x | | Zara Whitwell | Community representative | Connect |
| | x | Will Dwyer | Community representative | Goodman |
| x | | Matt Hamilton | Community representative | Goodman |
| | x | Michael Butterworth | Community representative | Community |

Additional Attendees

| Name | Position Title | Organisation |
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| Margaret Prendergast | Coordinator General | TfNSW |
| Linda Smith | EA to the Mayor and Councillors | City of Ryde |
| Dyalan Govender | Manager – City Planning | City of Ryde |
| John Brown | Senior Coordinator – City Activation | City of Ryde |
| Jan Bouhali | Economic Development Coordinator | City of Ryde |

| Details | Action | Responsibility and Date |
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| <p>1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>Clr Purcell welcomed all present to the first meeting of the newly reconvened Committee which he noted was an important Committee for Ryde.</p> <p>The attendance and apologies were recorded as above.</p> | Noted. | |
| <p>2. Terms of Reference – discussion and endorsement</p> <p>Clr Purcell advised that the key objective of this Committee is to provide advice and assist with the management of the Macquarie Park area.</p> <p>He advised that the Committee is 'advisory'; however, suggestions by the Committee could be considered by Council.</p> | The Terms of Reference were adopted. | |
| <p>3. Macquarie Park Strategic Review Presentation</p> <p>Tim Williams and Georgia Vitale from ARUP provided an update on the Review being undertaken by DoP.</p> <p>Key points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council has been briefed on the plan (to date); spatial masterplan is now underway. - Macquarie Park is critical to the NSW economy. - There is a need to identify what will attract a talented workforce to the area. - Currently health and education are big drivers in the area. - Mac Park is strategically positioned between the East and West cities identified by the Greater Sydney Commission. - By 2036, there will be 20,000 additional jobs in the area - The metro transport system will soon be operating. - The area is deficient of open space, social infrastructure and other amenities. - People want a mix of uses, connectivity and an enhanced sense of “place” – Night Time Economy will form part of the solution. - Walkability is an issue in the Precinct. - Housing affordability is an issue. - Development approvals need to consider ways to positively impact the liveability of workers. - Transport integration needs to be a feature of future development. - Innovation needs to be supported. - Education is important for University and businesses. - Connecting digitally, transport, innovation, incubators – all will play a role. - The National Park is a great asset for the emerging residential community. - Next steps are: more engagement, continue the study, retain a people focus. <p>Craig Chung – noted that the right mix of business and residential is important; need to learn from North Sydney where commercial centre has suffered as residential numbers increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Businesses want clarity about what is planned. - Need to address how to keep the area pedestrian friendly; in particular along Waterloo Road. | <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Further investigation to be undertaken in relation to the energy needs of Macquarie Park and how they can be addressed.</p> | |

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| <p>Mark Broomfield – noted energy supply to Mac Park needs to be considered. The supply is limited and many businesses are energy dependent. A utilities study was commenced two years ago but needs further work.</p> | | |
| <p>4. Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan Update</p> <p>Marg Prendergast 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"> - There are few roads into Macquarie Park/ internally and access is constrained. - TfNSW has developed a short term access improvement plan that dovetails with the Department of Planning strategic planning review. - The Metro, growth bus services and on demand services will be provided. - The focus for the Temporary Transport Plan is to provide a service to the three rail stations within Macquarie Precinct whilst the Epping to Chatswood railway is upgraded for Metro. - TfNSW will be building on the work with businesses currently being delivered by Connect. TfNSW will deliver the Travel Choices program including travel guidance for local businesses. - Commuters will be provided regular updates leading up to and during the rail closure. - Signal phasing, intersection improvements, bus priority lanes and major upgrades on Delhi Road and Epping Road are all part of the Access Plan. - The Metro service will provide a ‘turn up and go’ service every 4 mins in peak periods – Mac Park is well placed to benefit from this service. - The rail line will close in the second half of 2018 for 7 months as previously announced. - 124 accessible buses will operate 1000 services a day. - Bus stops will have marshalls to assist commuters. - Part of the site at 45 Waterloo Road will be used for bus layover. - Buses will be given priority and parking will be removed on all main routes through the park. - Signal phasing will be important with more time devoted to getting commuters in and out of the park balanced with the needs of the major arterial roads. | <p>The information provided was noted.</p> | |
| <p>5. 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 Byfield Ave update is complete and incorporates provision for bikes, pedestrians and trees. • The upgrade to Elouera Reserve (near Macquarie Centre) was officially open 6 February 2018. • Wilga Park is the next stage in the Shrimptons Creek upgrade. • Works to upgrade lighting along Lane Cove Road (between Waterloo and Talavera Road) has been put on hold until the rail closure and upgrades to Waterloo Road have been completed. | <p>The information was noted.</p> | |
| <p>6. Macquarie Park Car Parking Update</p> | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The short term car parking trial which saw 28 parking spaces changed to 2 hours parking has been a success; the changes will be now be made permanent. • Consideration is now being given to extend 2P parking to a further 20 spots. • A long term parking plan is being scoped which will consider space for taxis, car share vehicles, bus layovers etc. • Approximately \$145,000 has been raised in additional parking revenue. Consideration is being given by Council as per its resolution to hypothecate funds to support transport and pedestrian initiatives. Discussions with Connect are ongoing. • On demand bus services, pedestrian changes, carpool software, buses from ELS Hall and National Park to Macquarie Park all being considered. • TfNSW will also be running extra buses in the peak period which could be potentially used during off peak times - TBA. | <p>The information was noted.</p> | |
| <p>7. Taxis in Macquarie Park</p> <p>Penny Dillon from Optus provided the following comments for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other than the shopping Centre and University, there is only one taxi rank in Macquarie Park; North Sydney with a smaller GDP has three ranks. • Uber vehicles are not allowed to use bus lanes. • No parking' restrictions would assist Uber vehicles to stop (less than 2 mins) in designated spots to pick up passengers • The lack of ranks and space at the ranks in Mac Park cause drivers to undertake dangerous manoeuvres. • Prior to the rail shutdown it would be beneficial to look at where additional ranks could be positioned and their capacity. | <p>The information was noted.</p> | |
| <p>8. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan</p> <p>Jan Bouhali updated the group on marketing and economic development activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council partnered with Macquarie Uni to apply for a smart city grant funding; the application was successful. • In September 2017, the “Get Connected” Forum was delivered at Optus to over 350 participants; focus being cyber security. • A Community of Practice for the Manufacturing Sector has been established. • An IT Forum was held recently with speakers focussing on providing advice for SME start-ups. • As a result of the Forum, a Community of Practice will be set up for entrepreneurs. • The Marketing Plan for Macquarie Park will be updated this year – businesses will be invited to provide input. • There was also general discussion regarding using food trucks or other means to provide workers the chance to connect at lunchtimes and after work. • Land bank sites (residential and commercial) could be considered to host events/ activation activities. | | |

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| <p>9. 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"> • Connect and TfNSW are working together to support businesses. • There are now 26,500 Connect members. • Connect acknowledged the success of the short term parking changes implemented by Council. • Census data from 2011 showed 74% of people drove to Mac Park; 2016 census shows 69% now drive. • Novartis has made a significant reduction to drive alone trips through carpooling, public transport and other initiatives. • Optus has taken 1400 cars off the road compared to similarly size other businesses. • Currently, 49 % of Connect members drive to work; 69% of non-Connect members. • | <p>The information was noted.</p> | |
| <p>8. General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NIL | <p>The information was noted.</p> | |
| <p>9. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on 10th May 2018 at City of Ryde’s North Ryde Office.</p> | | |