

MINUTES OF THE ISC200804 - INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 August 2020

Tuesday, 04 August 2020 at 06:30 PM

Council Administration Centre, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt and via Zoom



PRESENT

Councillor Jason Veliskou, Councillor Bruce Hull, Councillor Raelene Telfer (via Zoom), Russell Colbourne (via Zoom), Councillor Tim Gard (via Zoom), Mayor Kris Hanna (from 7:34 pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Ian Crossland

Adrian Skull – Chief Executive Officer
Iliia Houridis – General Manager City Development
Tony Lines – General Manager City Services
Sorana Dinmore – General Manager Corporate Services
Kate McKenzie – Manager Corporate Governance
Liz Byrne – Manager Community Connections
Donna Griffiths – Unit Manager Economic Development
Sheree Tebyanian – Strategic Planner
Louise Herdegen – Executive Officer City Development (Minutes)

OPEN MEETING

Councillor Veliskou opened the meeting at 6:31 PM

KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION - Nil

WORKSHOP / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Presentation by Chris Menz, Chief Executive, Renewal SA (Report Reference: ISC200804R02)

The Chief Executive introduced the Chief Executive of Renewal SA to present to the Members and share his experiences in urban renewal projects and keys to success when undertaking renewal initiatives.

Key discussion points noted:

- Concerns expressed about green space given up for infill.
- Balancing density and demand vs quality comes down to attention to detail. Great quality green space offsets density, understanding community needs, what the use is going to be and have the policy to stand up.
- We are looking for a general uplift as a city. Marketing the reality, genuine, city pride in the area, things you do well that make the city stand out. Creating 'jewels in the crown' will create halo effect ie Tonsley and Oaklands Park is an opportunity to see a change in the community.
- Public art embraces the marketing message. Can also create an entry status.
- Retrospectively create the placemaking identity.
- Open space– make the most of what you have with considered design.
- Standalone decaying sites around City of Marion and reluctance of owners to upgrade the sites.

- The key is working with the groups and get mutual understanding to moving/investing/addressing the site.
- Working collaboratively with the owners is important, understanding their core business that will drive their decision, preliminary business case, capability of parcel of land.
- Council can assist at Tonsley by promoting the businesses based there. Third party endorsement of the business and location can help others build a connection. Promote the business success and the benefits will come. May take time but it will happen.
- Rajah Street Reserve – Roger Rasheed foundation invested in the site – empowering the community particularly in depressed economic state. Start with what you’ve got and leverage it. Existing reserve will be increasing by 50% and will be genuine open space.
- People buy to cost. Price will lead but it’s only a starting point. Quality environment will grow the area. The product and price will get them in, the place will hold them.
- Micromanagement is the enemy. Need to trust in the team, ensure good processes and governance is in place, hold accountability to business plans/strategy, working with developers and investors is critical.
- Streetscaping great offset to density. Great example at Tonsley.

7:34 pm Mayor Hanna joined the meeting

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes for the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2020 (Report Reference: ISC200804R01)

Moved Mayor Hanna, Seconded Councillor Telfer

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising Statement – Action Items (Report Reference: ISC200804R03)

Review of the Business Arising from previous meetings of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee.

Moved Mayor Hanna, Seconded Councillor Hull

That the Infrastructure & Strategy Committee:

1. Notes the business arising statement, meeting schedule and upcoming items.

Carried Unanimously

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS – Nil

REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

Strategic Theme Environmental Scan - Prosperous (Report Reference: ISC200804R04)

The General Manager City Services and the Strategic Planner joined the meeting. The report was taken as read and feedback requested from the Members.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Political
 - Development Plan Amendments – Oaklands Park to be included.
 - South Road Upgrade to be included.
 - There is uncertainty in the community and businesses how the area will go forward.
 - Discussions continue with DPTI regarding options. Members comfortable with current level of engagement with DPTI.
 - Suggest consultation with the wider community to understand the needs and preferences of the residents, businesses and people that use South Road.
 - Suggest DPTI include a study of Marion Road/Anzac Highway, Morphett Road/Anzac Highway intersections. Traffic congestion at peak times mean some people endure up to 5-6 light cycle changes to get through. These are our residents and we need to do something about it. South Road is an important corridor and we need a solution quickly.
- Economic
 - Aspiring to move forward economically is challenging with Covid-19. With the disbanding of SAEDB what is being done to fill the gap? It is an important time to think through initiatives of economic development of our city.
 - Covid-19 will potentially have a long-term impact to the community and economy for years to come and suggest a Covid-19 Recovery Plan for the City of Marion be developed
 - Continually hear good things about Flinders Uni with their outlook on economy. Potentially a guest speaker for the next meeting.
 - Assessment whether the building stimulus was a factor for properties sold at Tonsley.
- Environmental
 - Tree canopy – City of Unley is exploring a range of financial measures and incentives to encourage the retention and expansion of tree canopy on private land. Request Administration monitor the progress.
 - Tree featured in media – Members thanked Council staff involved. Could Council offer a small amount of money for upkeep of trees, similar to the City of Marion Local Heritage Incentive Fund?
- Relationships
 - Federal electorates should be mentioned as different to State electorates.

Moved Mayor Hanna, Seconded Councillor Gard

That the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee:

1. Notes the analysis presented in the report.
2. Provides feedback on areas of the environmental scan that may have an impact on Council's strategic objectives, projects and service delivery for further consideration by staff.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS FOR NOTING

Neighbourhood Centre Service Review & Future Directions of Centres (Report Reference: ISC200804R05)

The General Manager City Services introduced the Manager Community Connections to present to Members on the future directions of Centres.

The following points of discussion were noted:

- Neighbourhood Centres (NHC) are a place for creating a sense of community, connection and pride. Important focus for the community to help with isolation and loneliness, for the aged, multi-cultural, new arrivals and vulnerable to have access to services, programs and activity. Especially important during this Covid-19 time.
- Thorough and comprehensive report.
- Suggest more frequent surveys to ensure working with current data.
- The Digital Transformation Project will be working with the Community Connections team.
- Suggest wayfinding signage from the old Hills Industries site to the nearby Edwardstown Sports & Community Centre.
- Pop up stand opportunity at Castle Plaza to provide further engagement with the community. Working with the Castle Plaza management.
- Important to have great facilities and people to bring together the community. Important people feel comfortable so their needs can be met.
- One Member advised a preference for neighbourhood centre functionality in the planned development of the Marino Community Hall site, and the importance of this as public consultation concerning the draft development plans commences shortly.
- A new 3 year marketing plan is currently being reviewed.
- Discussion regarding Trott park and how to further activate the Centre.
 - Trott Park hours increased from Mon-Thurs 9-4 to Mon-Fri and Sat morning (grant funding). Also a trial of evening opening and activities during daylight savings month (October 2019 – March 2020).
 - Survey regarding community bus to the site – 800 responses – the feedback indicated the community didn't want the bus.
 - What's going to change when last 4 years haven't yielded any results? Question taken on notice.
 - Need sound proofing in the committee room – can hear bouncing balls through the walls.
 - Numbers would exceed capacity if the Trott Park NHC was combined with the library. Business hub and venue hire at Cove Civic Centre. A further paper to be circulated to Members to provide additional context/information.
- Several operating models have been explored however the conclusion at the time was not efficient or effective for the money and effort involved.
- Visitation attendance is one measure for utilisation however community services is more about the social difference made in the person's life ie feel welcome, difference made to their lives, connection with others. The team is working on how to capture this data meaningfully.
- Staff have moved to different locations to provide a different perspective and opportunity to reinvigorate and reenergise the Centre and programs.
- The intention of the extended hours trial was to provide the traditional service with having staff available to greet and help while the Centre is open and inclusive for anyone to drop in. When groups hire the venues they don't like the responsibility of people outside their groups.
- Community Centres have just under 10 full time staff and 129 volunteers in this area. Meals and grant funding are servicing the need of Council.

8:26 pm Mayor Hanna left the meeting and did not return

Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Mr Colbourne

That the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee:

1. Notes the outcomes of the Neighbourhood and Community Centre Service Review and the 2- year implementation plan of these outcomes.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS - NIL

- Guest speaker suggestions provided to follow up for next meeting.
- As part of the Independent Member end of year report, it was suggested an assessment of where the City of Marion is at using the environmental scans presented to the Committee throughout the year be included.
- Community consultation/engagement – feedback received by one Councillor says the process is flawed, not getting updates, community groups not getting a say, community don't feel engaged. Suggest it is added to an EM Forum for further discussion.

MEETING CLOSURE - Meeting Declared Closed at 9:29 PM

CONFIRMED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

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CHAIRPERSON