

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

MINUTES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2017

Held at 6pm Kogarah Civic Centre

Present

Council Staff

General Manager, Ms Gail Connolly
Director Environment and Planning, Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager Strategic Planning, Ms Catherine McMahon
Place Manager, Mr Craig Edmondson
Executive Services Officer, Ms Sina Camilleri

Committee Members

Mr Nickolas Varvaris (Chair)
Mr Nick Aroney
Mr Vince Badalati
Mr Frank Bates
Ms Rachael Henderson
Ms Linda Hurst
Mr Lawrence Debono
Mr Con Hindi
Ms Nancy Liu
Ms Lesley Mannion
Mr Dominic Sin
Mr Sam Stratikopolous
Mr Alan Zreik

Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of the Administrator, Mr John Rayner, Ms Rosemary Bishop, Mr Stephen Johnston and Mr Warren Tegg.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest made.

Minutes of previous meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 21 NOVEMBER 2016

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting as amended be confirmed.
- (b) That Item No. 5 NSW State Government Update, paragraph 2 be amended to read as follows:
Mr M Coure confirmed gazettal of the GRC LEP will be in February 2017.

Council Reports

EDC001-17 Discussion Paper - Economic Development Strategy (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Economic Development Advisory Committee considers the headings for the proposed Draft Georges River Economic Development Strategy and advise of any additions or changes.
- (b) That the Committee consider the Georges River Economic Overview. (Attachment 1)
- (c) That following discussions regarding the subject headings for the Draft Strategy that the Committee recommends that work on the strategy commences.
- (d) That Council staff will seek comment from the Committee about the strategy, in particular themes, comments and actions.
- (e) That a report will be presented to the next Committee meeting to include 3 – 4 themes that will outline partnerships, goals and actions.

EDC002-17 Small Business Friendly Councils Program (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Committee note the Small Business Friendly Council Charter and its contents.
- (b) That the Committee notes the key elements of the Charter and raised no other key initiatives.

EDC003-17 Easy To Do Business Program (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Committee note the Easy to do Business Program.
- (b) That the St George Business Chamber place a link to the Easy To Do Business Program on their website.

EDC004-17 Back to Business Week - 26 February - 4 March 2017 (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Committee be informed of Back to Business Week and be invited to participate.

EDC005-17 Georges River Council Branding (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the logo concepts and the Committee members feedback be noted.
- (b) That the Committee members provide feedback to the Office of the General Manager in writing.

EDC006-17 Christmas Decorations (Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That a future report be provided to the Committee on Christmas decorations including style, type, location and approaches to working with businesses.

EDC007-17 Major Projects Update
(Report by Hurstville Place Manager, Craig Edmondson)

An update on the Major Projects was provided by Director Environment and Planning, Ms Meryl Bishop which included:

- *Hurstville Urban Design Study*
- *Kogarah North Study*
- *The New City Plan*
- *Economic Land Study*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That a future update report be provided to the Committee on Major Projects.
- (b) That the outcomes of the Economic Land Study be presented to the next Committee meeting.

EDC008-17 St George Business Chamber
(Report by Alan Zreik)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the update on the St George Business Chamber be noted.

General Business

- (a) The General Manager informed the Committee that the suggested events such as the Night Markets, Garden & Christmas Community competitions and Pet show be referred to the appropriate Committees within Council for consideration.
- (b) The General Manager informed the Committee about 3 upcoming football games at Jubilee Oval on 26 February 2017 and advised of other interest from other parties for the hire of Jubilee Oval under consideration.
- (c) The Director Environment and Planning informed the Committee of DA Clearance rates and Council's program to improve turn-around times and improve the service.

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

The next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, 24 April 2017.

Minutes confirmed Monday, 3 April 2017.

Chairperson