

MINUTES OF THE NOWRA CBD REVITALISATION STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 9 August 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.09 pm

The following members were present:

Mr Ben Stewart - Director Assets & Works
Mr Phil Costello - Director, Planning Environment and Development
Ms Annie Aldous
Mr James Caldwell - Chairperson
Mr Scott Baxter
Mr Brendan Goddard
Ms Lynnette Kearney
Mr Luke Sikora
Clr Gash
Clr Kitchener

Others present:

Gordon Clark – Section Manager, Strategic Planning
Ros Holmes – City Design & Support Unit Manager
Jessica Volkanovski – Planner, Strategy North
Michael Harben – Section Manager, Business and Property
Mr Raimund Winkler

Apologies

RESOLVED (By consent)

Apologies have been received from George Parker and Clr White.

CARRIED

The Chair welcomed the new members and everyone introduced themselves.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

CBD17.40 Additional Item - Update: Worrigee Street, Decorative DMX Tree Lighting, Parklet, Stewart Place

Mr Raimund Winkler, a Nowra CBD Landlord, addressed the Committee with regard to the Worrigee Street footpath upgrade, specifically the location of the seating near the entrance to the SpecSavers store. Mr Winkler congratulated Council on the upgrade of the footpath but he expressed his concern that rubbish would accumulate near the seat and people may sit and smoke there. Ros Holmes, City Design & Support Unit Manager, advised that this area will now be captured as part of the Nowra CBD cleaning run. Mr Winkler also expressed his concern over possible foot traffic congestion which may cause access issues for elderly people.

Ben Stewart noted that he has inspected the site and Assets and Works will consider the issues raised as an operational matter.

Ros Holmes provided an update on the following:

Worrigee Street upgrade:

- Shoalwater works 90% complete
- New stormwater out to kerb 99% complete
- Blade wall stripped today allowing step formwork to be set up
- Concrete pours in bays of 6-12m from building edge to kerb. To start next week from SpecSavers.
- Some weekend work proposed - concrete
- On schedule/on budget so far

Decorative DMX Tree Lighting Project (Christmas lighting)

- Further to recent conversation with regard to the installation of a DMX tree lighting system to be mounted from existing street poles in the vicinity of Junction Street business district and directed to illuminate 16 trees
- The Opto HVR light fixture is a contemporary, robust, high powered LED luminaire capable of flooding the trees in a wash of colour changing light
- The system, as a whole, is low maintenance and capable of multiple colour combinations and presents in order to celebrate planned events such as Christmas, Valentine's Day, St Patricks Day etc.
- All control and associated hardware will be pole mounted in IP rated boxes with control cable to be fixed between light poles to the existing street lattice work
- This system would reduce the use of wireless receivers to one unit to provide signal to the opposite side of the road, minimising signal failure.
- One quote received to date for \$38,995 including GST.
- The supplier who quoted has advised that lighting could be installed prior to Christmas.

The Committee discussed costings, location of lighting and a possible trial. It was noted that the corellas should not be able to damage this type of lighting.

Members agreed to a trial of the lighting in the large fig trees between Junction and Berry Streets and agreed that this issue needs to be progressed as soon as possible. Ros advised members that she will advise when the lighting is ready to be viewed.

Parklets

- Ben Stewart expressed concern with safety of the trailer parklets.
- Ros Holmes provided the following approximate comparative costings between the trailer compared with container parklets and buy in parklets compared with Council fabricated parklets.

Trailer parklet

- PPL = \$25K delivered including 12 months registration
- Council = \$20K including 12 months registration

Container parklet

- Buy in = \$50K
- Council = \$38K

It was suggested that the Committee may want to consider hiring a trailer model as a trial for six months before making the commitment to purchase. It was noted that other councils have had some issues with the business model and safety.

Scott Baxter offered to view the parklets currently in use in the Sydney area and provide feedback to the Committee.

Stewart Place – Bus Interchange near Amenities

- Draft concept plans have been drawn up
- There is no budget at present

The Committee discussed budget, Council priorities, budget and risk. Compliance with the DCP was also raised and Gordon Clark clarified that there is a streetscape guideline for the CBD not a DCP. Ben Stewart spoke about Council budget, priorities and risk.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. A trial of the DMX Tree Lighting to be organised, with the lights to be placed in the large fig trees on Berry Street and the Committee is to be advised when the lights are ready to be viewed.
2. Scott Baxter to view the Sydney parklets and provide feedback to the Committee.
3. Ros Holmes and James Caldwell to meet regarding the Stewart Place bus interchange and designs.

CARRIED

REPORTS

CBD17.36 Budget and Projects Update

**HPERM Ref:
D17/245814**

It was suggested the Committee should consider what their future budget priorities are. Luke Sikora was invited to participate on the Infrastructure sub-committee. Brendan Goddard, James Caldwell and Luke Sikora to do “a walk round” to consider priorities with regard to footpaths.

The Committee discussed the application from Roxy Cinema and agreed that when other applications are received for the Façade Improvement Program, if there is not sufficient money available, the Committee can consider increasing the budget for the program at that time.

One of the murals has been vandalised. Council is considering an anti-graffiti covering to make removing graffiti easier. Panels in the lane way have also been graffitied and staff are in the

process of seeking costings from a local mural artist to produce replacements. Further advice will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

It was also noted that at the Development Committee meeting on 8 August 2017, Council adopted the Nowra CBD Urban Design Controls. An information package to be circulated to the Committee members for their information.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee

1. Accept the Budget and Projects Update for information.
2. Support the 2017/18 Façade Improvement Financial Assistance Application for Roxy Cinema Complex for the eligible financial assistance value of \$5,000.

RESOLVED (Brendan Goddard / Lynnette Kearney)

That the Committee

1. Accept the Budget and Projects Update for information.
2. Support the 2017/18 Façade Improvement Financial Assistance Application for Roxy Cinema Complex for the eligible financial assistance value of \$5,000.
3. An information package regarding the Nowra CBD Urban Design Controls to be circulated to the Committee members.
4. Luke Sikora to participate on the Infrastructure sub-committee.
5. The Infrastructure Sub-committee (Brendan Goddard, James Caldwell and Luke Sikora) to do "a walk round" to consider priorities with regard to streetscapes for the future works program.

CARRIED

CBD17.37 Christmas Festivities - Tree and Street Lighting

**HPERM Ref:
D17/247062**

Item discussed earlier in the meeting.

**CBD17.38 Land/Properties held by Shoalhaven City Council in the
Nowra CBD**

**HPERM Ref:
D17/247408**

The Nowra CBD map was tabled for the information of the Committee.

The Chair raised the issue of surplus Council owned land in the CBD and asked how regularly Council undertakes a review.

It was noted that Council regularly undertakes reviews of its land holdings.

It was requested that a copy of the Nowra CBD rateable area map be distributed to the Committee.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee discuss land/properties held by Shoalhaven City Council within the Nowra CBD

RESOLVED (By consent)

A copy of the Nowra CBD rateable area map be distributed to the Committee.

CARRIED

Other Business

CBD17.39 Additional Item - Ben Stewart Resignation

Ben Stewart advised the Committee that he is leaving Shoalhaven City Council and he thanked the members for their support. The committee members said farewell to Ben, thanked him for all his help and support and wished him well in his new role.

Note: The Committee was informed that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 4.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.00 pm.

Mr James Caldwell
CHAIRPERSON