MOSMAN ACCESS & MOBILITY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Cr Peter Abelson Deputy Chair: Cr Carolyn Corrigan

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Harnett Room Wednesday 9 July 2014 commencing at 8.40am

Nil

PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Peter Abelson, Chair Cr Carolyn Corrigan, Deputy Chair

Resident Members Apologies

Nell Rickard Di McKrummel

Pip Friedrich Steve Goudie

Staff Attendance

Nicola Atmore, Manager Community Services	.9978 4006
Craig Covich, Director Environment & Planning	99784040
Helen Young, Graduate Engineer	.9978 4087
Annie Landis, Administration Officer	.9978 4257

Guests: Architecture & Access consultants, Andrew Sanderson and Mary Younger

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cr Corrigan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and introducing the guests.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the 12 March 2014 meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Pip Friedrich Seconded: Nell Rickard

3. DISCLOSURES OF NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of non-pecuniary interest.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No matters were raised for discussion.

5. WORKSHOP WITH CONTRACTED ACCESS STRATEGY CONSULTANT

Andrew Sanderson and Mary Younger from Architecture and Access consulting

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firm addressed the meeting and presented concept designs for six key areas identified in the audit. The sites for detailed concept designs were selected to show how the checklists and audit could be applied to a range of sites in Mosman. They provided opportunities to examine how solutions could be found for issues identified in buildings, outdoor recreational space and parking. The sites were Mosman Art Gallery, Mosman Library, Civic Centre, Seniors' Centre, Balmoral and Clifton Gardens.

Issues covered in the concept designs included:

- stair and wall hand railings
- stair nosing and treads
- tactile indicators at top and bottom of stairs
- ramps
- paths
- door widths
- parking spaces
- accessible toilets

The Strategy will provide a template from which to work into the future on all access issues around Mosman and demonstrate Council's expectations regarding access.

Implementation

The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the documents and agreed to recommend to Council:

- 1. That the Strategy be put on public exhibition for comment; and
- 2. That staff review the Strategy further in particular to align the priorities to future work plans, other Council Strategic Documents, funding and grant opportunities.
- 3. The reviewed list of priorities be reported back to the Committee later in the year.

The committee further requested that the Mayor give consideration to promoting the Strategy through the Mayoral newsletter.

Once the Strategy has been adopted, the work identified could be incorporated into the Asset Management Plan and other Strategic priorities and plans. The Director of Environment and Planning advised that some of the work could be covered within the existing budget and work plans, and that the normal process would be to seek grants for other work.

It was agreed that the best approach would be for staff to review the Strategy further in particular to align the priorities to future work plans, other Council Strategic Documents, funding and grant opportunities. This could then be incorporated into the Capital Works Schedule and this be exhibited in MOSPLAN. This will provide annual opportunities for comment by the community, and ensure that budget funds were considered for each proposed item.

Accessibility Communications

The consultants pointed out that the Access Strategy was only part of the Disability Action Plan (DAP) that will be required to address the questions of access in all aspects of the organisation. They suggested that consideration be given to developing a Diversity Plan rather than a DAP. One of the matters that could be addressed in this document is a policy on where carpark spaces should

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be located and how many should be provided.

GENERAL

It was suggested by Cr Corrigan that an invitation be extended to Graeme Innes, former Disability Discrimination Commissioner to come and address the Committee.

Next Meeting

Next meetings dates were determined as 8 October 2014, 11 March 2015 and 8 July 2015.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

The Mosman Access & Mobility Community Consultative Committee is a community initiative of Mosman Council.

Enquiries to Nicola Atmore 9978 4006 or Craig Covich 9978 4040.

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