

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 08 April 2024

6.00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Lou Konjarski (Acting Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely (joined the meeting at 6.12pm), Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang (left the meeting at 6.19pm and did not return to the meeting).

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager - David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Justin Yeomans, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Sponsorship Specialist - Kathy Payne, General Counsel - James Fan, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Earl Santos, Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus and Personal Assistant to Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Billie Johnson (Minutes).

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort

That as the Community and Culture Committee Chairperson, Councillor Liu, is an apology for tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Community and Culture Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Councillor Konjarski assume the position of Chairperson for the Community and Culture Committee Meeting of 8 April 2024.

RECORD OF VOTING

FOR THE MOTION: COUNCILLOR AMBIHAIPAHAR, COUNCILLOR KONJARSKI,
COUNCILLOR LANDSBERRY, COUNCILLOR MORT, COUNCILLOR
STRATIKOPOULOS, COUNCILLOR WANG

ON BEING PUT TO THE MEETING, VOTING ON THIS MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

OPENING

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski, opened the meeting at 6.02 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. He paid his respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That an apology on behalf of Councillor Liu be accepted and a Leave of Absence granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM008-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM009-24 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 (Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM010-24 Outgoing Sponsorship request Georges River Local Business Awards (Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

Note: Councillor Smerdely joined the meeting at 6.12pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Landsberry

That Council approve the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a major sponsor of the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM011-24 Georges River Council Public Art Policy (Report by Coordinator Cultural Services)

Note: Councillor Wang left the meeting at 6.19pm and did not return to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council approve the revised draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy prior to adoption.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was

CARRIED.

COM012-24 Adoption of the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council adopts the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy.
- (b) That Council note all actions recommended within this technical report are subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.
- (c) That Council note that 430 submissions were opposed to the Strategy's recommendations for Council to explore partial reclamation of golf courses as one of the avenues to contribute to the shortfall for active open space within the LGA.
- (d) That Council acknowledge that it has no short or long term plans to explore partial reclamation of golf courses to increase open space.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.30pm.

Acting Chairperson