

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 12 August 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting Director Community and Culture – Margaret Le, Acting General Manager – Kristie Dodd, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans, Acting Manager City Life – Andrew Williams, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, General Counsel – James Fan, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Jennifer Anderson, Research and Policy Officer – Madeline Bull, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Mark Tadros and Acting Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. She paid her 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

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu 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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR STRATIPOULOS DISCLOSED A SIGNIFICANT, NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ITEM COM027-24 GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHAL VISIT TO KOGARAH – EVENT GRANT FOR THE REASON THAT HE SERVES ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH OF KOGARAH. COUNCILLOR STRATIPOULOS WILL LEAVE THE MEETING AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERATION AND VOTING ON THIS ITEM.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM025-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM026-24 Georges River Council Library Use and Membership Policy

(Report by Coordinator Library Customer Experience)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council approve the revised draft Georges River Council Library Use and Membership Policy (the 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 revised draft Policy prior to adoption.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 06:07pm

COM027-24 Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Visit to Kogarah – Event Grant

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Significant, Pecuniary interest in item COM027-24. Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 6.07pm and did not take part in consideration and voting on this item.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council approves the event grant of \$17,000, to support the 'Greek Orthodox Patriarchal visit to Kogarah' on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor

Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

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

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 06:11pm

COM028-24 Adoption of the Draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land
(Report by Manager City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council adopts the draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land (the Policy) following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That a further General Manager be delegated authority to update Appendix G of the Policy, *Designated Areas for Activities on Public Land*, pending the assessment of proposed locations by Council's Traffic Management team.
- (c) That the Council repeal the Street Performance Policy, as its contents are now incorporated into the draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land.
- (d) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

COM029-24 Lugarno Progress Association - Event Grant
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the event grant request of \$10,960 (\$9,750 financial and \$1,210 in-kind value) to support the Music in the Park Event hosted by the Lugarno Progress Association on Sunday 10 November 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

COM030-24 Lugarno Lions Community Festival - Event Grant
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the event grant request of \$19,260.00 (\$16,215.00 financial and \$3,045.00 in-kind value) to support the 'Lugarno Lions Community Festival' on Sunday 15 September 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

COM031-24 Kingsway Care Fundraising Dinner - Outgoing Sponsorship
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$5,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Care Fundraising Dinner, Thursday 24 October 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, 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.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.25pm

Chairperson