



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2012

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Ordinary meeting of Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM Mayor (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Det Insp Luke Arthurs	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beach Health Promotion
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Sidar Demerbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Francois Nila (observing)	

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Anita Ugarkovic	Manager Regulatory Services
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer
Karen Menzies	Road Safety Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 13 December, 2012 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Cllr Alan Le Surf, Cllr Steve Pickering, Amanda Watkins, Snr Cst Bronwyn Nakhla

Welcome and Introduction of members.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 FIRST MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Confirmation of chair – Jean Hay Mayor AM

Review of meeting cycle – agreed will remain 2nd Thursday of the month at 8.00am. Meeting dates for 2013 distributed.

Review membership – quorum agreed to be 11 voting members. Committee may consider inviting further suitable members if necessary and as required.

Review of Charter – Committee agreed that the original charter should be adopted as tabled.

Recommendation:

1. That the Chair for the Community Safety and Place Committee be Jean Hay Mayor AM;
2. That the meeting cycle will remain every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8.00am.
3. That the membership remain as nominated with the option of inviting other suitable members if considered appropriate and with a quorum of 11 members required.
4. That the committee's charter as presented be adopted.

ITEM 4 COMMUNITY SAFETY BRIEFING/BACKGROUND

Community Safety Co-ordinator & officer presented the committee with a powerpoint presentation including an update of current projects including Late Night Transport, Homelessness, Year 12 Briefings, Crime Prevention plan status and Move Mindfully in Manly cycling campaign. A report on Get Home Safer - Late Night Transport campaign was also tabled.

The committee then discussed relevant issues for this term and agreed that the following priorities would be considered a priority:

1. CBD & Late Night Safety issues, specifically:
 - Implement Years 2 & 3 Crime Prevention Plan
 - Develop Community Safety Plan
 - Late Night Community Safety Audit (bi-annual) March
 - Investigate future of Night Time Economy (possible working group)
 - Alcohol Free Zone review (2014)
 - Related Youth issues
 - Investigate/instigate best practice re liquor licensing issues
2. Graffiti – monitor effectiveness, mural suggestions
3. Homelessness – maintain engagement
4. Cycling & Vulnerable Road User Safety issues
5. Other community safety issues as required.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 POLICE REPORT

Superintendent Darcy proposed some future planning ideas for Late Night Manly and ways to reduce alcohol related violence.

Suggested that there is not much more to be gained from the Manly Venue Management Plan that was introduced in 2008 and has achieved many of its objectives. Feel Manly is moving to a new stage “a period of renaissance”. This has been led by the Hotel Steyne’s shift in business model which has attracted a different clientele and has reduced hours and alcohol related crimes. There has been a 43% reduction in assaults at the Steyne – this venue was not long ago number 2 in the State for assaults. Some other venues (eg Sugar Lounge) have also reduced their hours and reliance on late weekend trade as a result of this success.

Long term vision would be to create vibrant laneways with a focus on food options and broader, more diverse entertainment options spread out in the week.

Parallels to City of Sydney ‘Open Sydney’ objectives about broader activation of the night economy. May also coincide with development of Manly 2015.

Aiming for a shift of normative behaviours. Aim to create a shift from the young party crowd to attracting more mature, broader demographic. People are affected by the type of crowd behaviour around them. Good example is the stark difference in crime and attitudes on Darlinghurst Road south in Kings Cross with lots of nightclubs, fast food and adult shops versus Darlinghurst Rd north with the proliferation of restaurants and small bars.

On question of trading hours Supt Darcy suggested that premises authorised consent hours should reflect the actual hours that they trade. Consideration could be given to extension of hours for some restaurants. Perhaps an arrangement entered into with an annual licence/renewal/agreement approach that covers suitable conditions.

Resident concerns about noise will be main stumbling block. This could be controlled if there is capacity to enforce noise complaints.

Committee agreed that discussions and future directions on the issue be continued in 2013 with a possible working group required.

Generally most other crime categories are going well.

Recommendation:

That the committee receive and note the information provided in the Police report.

ITEM 6 RANGERS REPORT

Compliance Manager tabled the monthly statistics for Ranger activity in 2012. Committee agreed that it was happy to retain current range of data presented.

An issue was raised about groups of young people mostly overseas students congregating around East Esplanade and drinking in the Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA). In general Rangers will issue warnings – very discretionary depending on circumstances. Often the complaints are more concerned about the resultant rubbish. A request was also made to ask Rangers to warn people about smoking regulations in public places.

Difficulty is encountered by Rangers in requesting identification – they have limited powers to do this which can restrict their taking action. Police do assist when required.

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the information.

ITEM 7 LATE NIGHT FOOD TRADERS REPORT

Report distributed to committee.

Manager Regulatory Services and Deputy GM have indicated that following concerns expressed by Police they intend to bring these venues back into their original trading hours. Trading of other businesses that are not included in the original agreement have put Council in a difficult position to enforce DA consents.

Police advised that Serbar is a hotspot location with 10 assaults in or near the premises. This resulted in a review of late night food shops a few months ago. There have not been any recent assaults.

LNFT state they have traded till after hotels shut since 1995. Believe If the approach is to maintain current status then the agreement needs updating. See draft with suggested changes.

Council could better manage the agreement with annual review/renewal system in place. Discussion whether it is better to have food shops open or closed when venues shut.

Committee agreed that for the interim the status quo of the Late Night Food Shops remain over the summer period with an opportunity for all those involved to ensure the original agreement is adhered to. Will review and further consider situation at next meeting in February.

Recommendation:

1. That the status quo of the Late Night Food Traders agreement remains unchanged over the summer period and will be reviewed in February.

2. That research be undertaken and reported back on the City of Sydney situation regarding trading hours and DA consents of late night food shops.

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS brought to the Attention of the Chair prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

8.1 National Volunteers Award

The Chair advised that as a result of a nomination by Council that Deb Patenall on behalf of Street Pastors received a National Volunteers Award presented by Tony Abbott in recognition of the outstanding contribution they are making towards a safer late night Manly.

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the information.

8.2 CORRESPONDENCE

1.Response letter tabled from Mr Geoff Provest MP re police station and police resources (17 Sep)

Committee expressed concerns about the ongoing delay on commencement of the police station building works. It was advised that the courthouse will also shut in six months for a renovation. It would be sensible planning to undergo both works at once to reduce the level of disruption. There was also concern about the lease for the temporary police station. Another change of police station location would be destabilising and needs to be avoided. Committee agreed to write again to the Minister of Police to ascertain the current status of the development and to urge that tenure of the temporary station site is maintained in the interim.

2.Response letter from Hon. George Souris re mandatory membership of Manly Liquor Accord. (16 Jul)

Tabled for information.

3.Invitation to make a submission to the Inquiry into strategies to reduce alcohol abuse among young people in NSW. (28 Nov)

The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues is currently conducting an inquiry into strategies to reduce alcohol abuse among young people in NSW. Terms of reference were tabled the Committee members. Closing date for submissions is **Friday, 1 March 2013.**

The Committee will be holding a number of public hearings over the course of the inquiry.

It was agreed that the Community Safety Co-ordinator will prepare the response and present to the next meeting for discussion.

4.Review of OLGR Liquor Accords Strategic Plan draft. Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing are seeking feedback on their draft strategic plan. Community Safety Co-ordinator is preparing a response which is due on 14/12 and will table this response at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

1. That the correspondence is received and noted.
2. That a letter is sent to the Minister of Police expressing concerns about the delay of the works on Manly Police Station and request a status report and assurance that tenure at the temporary station site is ensured.
3. That a draft submission be prepared for the NSW Parliamentary inquiry and be presented to the committee for comment at the February meeting prior to submission.
4. That the Community Safety Co-ordinator submit a response on behalf of the committee regarding Liquor Accord Strategic Plan and table at the next meeting.

ITEM 9

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chambers Cellars

Committee advised that the Liquor Licensing Court had refused the application for a bottle shop in Darley Road following a lot of community objection including a submission from this committee.

Other licensing matters discussed including status of Manly Wharf development and number of potential liquor licenses: change of Shore Club owners. Community Safety Co-ordinator advised that she is now assessing DA's that have a liquor license intent and recommending similar conditions for all. Will table these at next meeting.

Manly Community Centre

Jacqui Smith advised that the MERIT program may close, Manly Legal Aid office is closing and together with Manly Court temporary closure will all put a lot of pressure on MCC resources and have led to a decision to cease the Criminal Clinic.

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the information.

ITEM 10

NEXT MEETING DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2013

Meeting Closed 9.45am