**MINUTES**

**ACCESS & INCLUSION**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 3 March 2020**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

Casuarina Library Meeting Room, Bradshaw Terrace

**MEMBERS**

Alderman Andrew Arthur City of Darwin

Alderman Robin Knox City of Darwin

Brett Peebles Community Representative

Martin Blakemore Community Representative

Sara Braines-Mead Community Representative

Lynne Strathie Community Representative

Ian George Specialist Representative, Passenger Transport

Cecilia Chiolero Specialist Representative, Council on the Ageing Northern Territory (COTA NT)

Sheree Scott Specialist Representative, Building Advisory Services

**City of Darwin Officers**

Lynn Allan Community Development Officer

Mathew Vitucci Senior Capital Works Coordinator

# WELCOME

# APOLOGIES

Kyle Adams

Liz Reid

**ABSENT**

Catherine Fairlie Community Representative

Susan Burns Specialist Representative, National Disability Services Northern Territory (NDS)

# 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE WITH A DISABILITY

# DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

# ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES- 21 January, 2020

Moved: Brett Peebles

Seconded: Sara Braines-Mead

# 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Refer to the Summary of Actions list

* **Upcoming events**
* International Women’s Day Walk and Celebrations: <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/explore/whats-on/community-celebrations/international-womens-day> – Saturday 7 March
* Seabreeze Festival: 8 and 9 May’; there will be a Community Village for community not-for-profit groups to set up information stalls to share what they do and interact with festival goers: <https://www.nightcliffseabreeze.com/community-stalls>
* Try before You Ride public transport event at Marrara Stadium: 28 April - for the community to learn about accessibility features, available apps, and available schemes to support people with a disability to access public transport.

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| **ACTION** | Ian George to send electronic copy of flyer to be distributed with meeting minutes. |

* **Accessible Parking in the CBD**

The Committee has previously raised the non-compliance of accessible parking within the Darwin CBD and the need to upgrade these to current Australian Standards. This will ensure these parking facilities meet current standards and support improved accessible tourism in Darwin. Previously a new initiative for $100,000 per year over two years was prepared by staff for the 2020/21 budget deliberations to fund the parking improvements, which wasn’t approved.

**Motion:** Council to allocate $100,000 per year over three years to upgrade the identified high-priority accessible parking bays in the CBD to meet Australian Standards. Moved by Brett Peebles. Seconded by Lynne Strathie

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| **ACTION** | CDO to prepare any additional information regarding Accessible Parking in the CBD to support motion to Council, including information on accessible tourism. |

* **Carbon neutrality of Education and Civic Precinct within the Darwin City Deal**

Community Development Office investigating response with Engineering and City Services Team; recommendation is for the committee to keep lobbying for this to be considered, with a letter written on behalf of the committee to Charles Darwin University.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to formulate letter to CDU regarding carbon neutrality of the development of the Education and Civic Precinct, for committee to endorse. |

* **Diversity of committee membership**

Committee reviewed representation on committee to increase diversity of membership. Proposal: Approach Headspace Prism and Vanessa Harris from Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition for direct appointments onto the committee; all committee members in support.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to contact Headspace Prism and Vanessa Harris from Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition regarding a direct appointment onto committee. |

* **NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy**
* Committee Chair drafted a letter in support of the disability sector’s pre-budget submission regarding the development of an NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy; approved by committee; letter at Attachment A.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to insert pre-budget submission letter into letterhead template to be sent to NT Tourism. |

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Public amenities projects**

Contract has now been awarded, with three projects to be delivered by June 2020:

         Rapid Creek Foreshore

         Bicentennial Park Playground, The Esplanade

         Jingili Watergardens (replacement of existing facility)

All three facilities will have a large accessible wheelchair booth, ambulant booths, baby changing facilities and automated locking systems, in compliance with current Australian access standards. The Jingili Watergardens’ facility is being delivered concurrently with the inclusive playground, with a changing place incorporated within the design, which features a changing table and hoist, to be accessible to carers with an MLAK key; to be actively promoted by Council; committee in support of projects and designs.

# 8. MEMBERS UPDATE

* Ian George - Specialist Representative, Passenger Transport

Raised NTG’s concerns regarding pedestrian and public transport access along Boulter and Crerar Roads, following a complaint from the area’s MLA; as a result NTG are planning to install reroute buses along Boulter Road and a bus stop on either side of the road adjacent to Crerar Road. The NTG raised concerns that there are no footpath and cycleway facilities in the area, which forces pedestrians to travel along the road or the verge (which is boggy at this time of year due to the drainage system). Given the amount and type of development that has occurred along Boulter and Crerar Roads, there is a perceived need for footpaths in the area; it is unclear as to whether a contribution plan was developed for the area to assist funding the infrastructure.

**Motion:** For Council to consider pedestrian/ cycleway facilities in the Boulter and Crerar Roads area as a priority for the 2020/21 footpath program. Moved by Ian George

Seconded by Cecilia Chiolero.

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| **ACTION** | Senior Capital Works Coordinator to investigate Boulter Road issue further and CDO to prepare any additional information to support motion to Council. |

A further recommendation from Senior Capital Works Coordinator for the committee to investigate and advise Council of any grants that could be applied for to assist in funding these projects.

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| **ACTION** | Committee investigate and advise Council of any grants that could be applied for to assist in funding recommended projects. |

* Cecilia Chiolero – Specialist Representative, COTA NT

The Seniors Expo in July will be at Marrara Netball Stadium; COD will be participating with a stand again this year.

* Lynne Strathie

Discussion around the difference between ambulant and wheelchair accessible parking; question whether there is an opportunity to have separate permits for these differing access requirements.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to investigate ambulant and wheelchair accessible parking request from committee. |

Interest in youth representation on committee; recommendation to invite someone from Council’s Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to the next AIAC meeting to update committee on YAC’s upcoming projects.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to invite a YAC representative to the next AIAC committee meeting. |

# 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

# 10. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.

# Next meeting is 1.30- 3.00pm, Tuesday 5 May 2020. All meetings are held at Casuarina Library Meeting Room.

**Summary of Actions**

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| **Meeting Date** | **Item** | **Notes** | **Status** |
| 02/06/2019 | Event Accessibility | * Members to send outline of event accessibility concerns to CoD to be raised with event organisers. | Ongoing |
| 02/06/2019 | Sector Support | * Members to support events and activities as much as possible. | Ongoing |
| 25/09/2019 | MLAK Key System | * CDO to review documentation on PDA’s campaign and MLAK system and seek further guidance on any possible action. | Ongoing |
| 25/09/2019 | Accessible Parking 2 | * CDO to meet with Senior Design Officer to discuss a plan for progressing works around accessible parking in the CBD. | Underway |
| 12/11/2019 | Amphitheatre Access | * CoD’s CDO to follow-up with appropriate department on long-term solution to improving accessibility of Amphitheatre. | Update by next meeting |
| 12/11/2019 | Accessibility of sports facilities | * CoD’s CDO to follow-up with CoD’s Sport and Recreation Facilities team on NT Rugby Union grounds accessibility. | Ongoing |
| 12/11/2019 | Event Producers Forum | * Members to provide feedback on Event Producers Forum draft concept plan. | By mid-Feb |
| 21/01/2020 | Staff Diversity and Training Plan | * Committee to provide feedback to CDO on draft Diversity and Training Plan. | By mid-Feb |
| 03/03/2020 | Events Flyer | * Ian George to send electronic copy of flyer to be distributed with meeting minutes. | Done |
| 03/03/2020 | Accessible Parking 3 | * CDO to prepare any additional information regarding Accessible Parking in the CBD to support motion to Council, including information on accessible tourism. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | City Deal Carbon Neutrality 2 | * CDO to formulate letter to CDU regarding carbon neutrality of the development of the Education and Civic Precinct, for committee to endorse. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | Group Representation | * CDO to contact Headspace Prism and Vanessa Harris from Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition regarding a direct appointment onto committee. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | NT Accessible Tourism Letter | * CDO to insert pre-budget submission letter into letterhead template to be sent to NT Tourism. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | Boulter Road Issue | * Senior Capital Works Coordinator to investigate Boulter Road issue further and CDO to prepare any additional information to support motion to Council. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | Project Grants | * Committee investigate and advise Council of any grants that could be applied for to assist in funding recommended projects. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | Accessible Parking Permits | * CDO to investigate ambulant and wheelchair accessible parking request from committee. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | YAC Update | * CDO to invite a YAC representative to the next AIAC committee meeting. | Update by next meeting |