
BUNDABERG CBD REVITALISATION
COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (CRG)

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT THE FUNCTION ROOM, COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON
THURSDAY, 5 April 2018 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT:

CRG Members - Peter Donaldson, John Greenhalgh, Peter Heaps, Anne Canniford, Grant Davies, Tracey McPhee, Glenn Hopwood, David Job, Matthew Knott.

Council - Cr Wayne Honor, Cr Steve Cooper, Dwayne Honor (Project Manager & Acting Chair), Chris Sampson (Manager Strategic Projects), Andrew Beckenhauer (Economic Development Officer), Bridgette Brillante (Stakeholder Engagement Support)

Australian Retailers Association – Carole Manley & Kim Rokola

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were tendered for – Cr Helen Blackburn, Adam Curran, Wayne Turrell, Yale Morgan, Trish Mears, Gordon Hard

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. **Confirmation of Minutes – 1 March 2018 accepted**

The Minutes from the last Community Reference Group Meeting held on 1 March 2018 were tabled and accepted.

2. **Project Update – Dwayne Honor**

Dwayne Honor advised that Council have expanded the scope of the CBD Revitalisation to include the following:

- Design of Tantitha Street (Quay Street to Woongarra Street);
- Design of underground electrification for Barolin, Targo and Tantitha Streets (Quay Street to Woongarra Street); and
- Design of a two-way option for Barolin Street North (Quay Street to Bourbon Street) in addition to the existing one lane design.

Face to face consultation was held mid-March with Barolin St traders and property owners. Dwayne presented the resultant concept design (attached to the minutes) for the Barolin Street North two-way option noting the widening of the Eastern footpath (over 6m), line of new trees offset to the awnings (~1.8m), new bus shelter, refurbished park shelters, addition of loading zones, removal of 2 trees to activate park space for events and the addition of toilets adjacent Bank of Queensland (BOQ) and National Australia Bank (NAB).

CRG Member enquired why the option of unisex accessible toilets was not utilised and would the current option be fit with an adult change table. The Chair advised that the toilet adjacent BOQ would include 1x male ambulant cubicle and 1x unisex accessible cubicle, the other toilet will have 1x female ambulant and 1x unisex cubicle. Baby change facilities in each would be included however insufficient space was available to fit adult change tables.

Cr Wayne Honor enquired if the amenities would be automated self-cleaning toilets. The chair advised that due to budget restraints, this was not likely. CRG members expressed their aversion to automated cleaning toilets.

CRG member queried why Council are investigating a two-way option when the CRG had already settled with a one-way option. The Chair advised that Council were concerned about approving the one-way option without having clarity on the future plans for Quay Street and requested a second option be developed. The Chair advised that the two-way option was being detail designed in addition to the existing one way option for future decision by Council. Cr Honor advised that at this stage, DTMR were yet to finalise any forward plans for Quay St for discussion with Council. Cr Cooper advised that DTMR have indicated there will be future changes to Quay Street but at this stage are not releasing any plans.

CRG members expressed their support for a one-way option and requested this be included in the minutes for Council consideration. Concerns were expressed that the two-way option removes the walkway and clear linkage from ANZAC Park to the ANZAC memorial, as well as introducing trees against the awnings. The CRG were of the opinion that the one-way option provided more opportunity for connectivity in the future and would positively change the vibe of the street, creating a mini precinct, along with reducing the traffic on Quay Street and through traffic congestion in the CBD. An informal vote was held with majority of CRG members voting in favour of the one-way option.

The Chair advised CRG members that the CBD design team had recently ceased employment with HASSELL and had moved to Archipelago Architects in Brisbane. With mutual agreement between all parties, a Deed of Novation has now been finalized to transfer the existing design contract (including all conditions and existing contract values) from HASSELL to Archipelago Architects. This retains the same design team and key personnel to complete the project. For future reference, although the design personnel remains the same, HASSELL will no longer be involved in the project.

3. Presentation from Australian Retailers Association – Chris Sampson

Chris Sampson advised that Council are currently investigating options for programs and

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models to attract additional business to the CBD. Chris expressed that although construction has been delayed, Council would like to continue to work with this group (and a broader trader group) to assist in identifying opportunities and source feedback.

Chris advised that the Activation Officer vacancy has now closed, Council are currently reviewing applications with the intention of awarding within the coming weeks.

Carol and Kim from the Australian Retailers Association presented to the meeting. Kim advised the ARA works with communities to connect industry with opportunity. The ARA can assist in sourcing funding and improve landlord/tenant relationships – the association can provide the opportunity to implement successful shopping centre models in regional CBD's. The presentation (*attached*) included previous projects they have successfully executed.

CRG member enquired how to overcome the shared responsibility of a shopping centre model with the independent ownership of a CBD. Kim advised that this can be overcome by maintaining a high level of communication between the independent owners and seeking cooperation from all too successfully contribute to the future of the CBD. Additionally seeking assistance from the media for promotion and funding to support community events. The ARA would work with the independent owners to collect information (to be kept in anonymous form at a high level) in order to identify strengths and weaknesses and suggest measures to offset.

CRG members shared concerns over sharing confidential information, membership fees, the possibility of losing the individuality of a CBD to fit a shopping centre model and that this has not been executed in any previous regional CBD's in Queensland recently. The ARA advised their intention would not be to copy the shopping centres and that the individuality of the CBD is a continued strength that they would not want to see changed. Cr Cooper identified that benefits can be drawn from the shopping centre models, not replicated.

Chris Sampson thanked the ARA for their presentation and advised the intention is to connect the CRG with possible options for future activation in the CBD. Council would like to hold another traders meeting late April/early May with date to be advised.

This concluded the business of the CRG Meeting at 6.38 pm.

Dwayne Honor
Acting Chairperson – Bundaberg CBD Community Reference
Group