



Minutes
DERG Meeting
Conference Room, Preston Offices
Wednesday 28 September 2016, 7.00pm-8.30pm

Present: Toni Meek, Caroline Gonzalez, Meg Montague, Julie O'Brien, Madeleine Brennan, Vickie Zheng, Shanaka Perera, Libby Hynes, Sam Green

Apologies: Cr McCarthy, Cr Tsitas, David Redfearn, Kim Le Cerf, Scott Warren, Stephan Howe, Natalie Funtera,

Chair: Libby Hynes

Minute taker: Sam Green

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome		
2. Assembly of Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Councillors in attendance due to it being election period 	
3. Matters arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm requirements of 'local hero' category of the sustainability awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People who live or work in Darebin are eligible to be nominated for all categories except House and Garden, which has to be located in Darebin • Finalised Darebin Tourism Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's tourism strategy attached to email with minutes
4. Council Plan 2017-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on new Council Plan and feedback to be sought from DERG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback received from residents (including DERG members) will guide Council's service delivery over next four years ○ Feedback received will be presented to the new Council and will feed into new Council plan (which will take effect July 1st 2017) ○ DERG members and all community members can provide 	

feedback and comment on other ideas via the Council website (Have Your Say page)

- Q (DERG member) – is there an assessment of the current Council Plan and whether the goals were met
A (Council Officer) – yes, this year’s achievements will be outlined in this year’s Council’s Annual Report; the 2017 Annual Report will give a summary of Council Plan achievements over the four years of the Plan
- Q (Council Officer) - ‘How can we shape the Darebin we want to live in?’ Responses from DERG members included:
 - Exploring varying views and managing conflicting views within the community / would like Council to better manage stakeholder positions and bring these together to a shared or at least tolerated position
 - High level consensus around aspirations / values / principles
 - Strategic plans to address multi-level development / ensuring that they meet environmental sustainability goals – especially close to Bundoora Park – also provide ways in which residents in multi-storey buildings can adopt sustainable practices
 - Responsible refurbishment of Preston Market / what can Council do to lobby for amendments to Victorian Planning Act to support sustainable outcomes
 - In order to maintain diversity, we need an emphasis on affordable housing – perhaps look at initiatives which Port Phillip are currently considering / delivering
 - Reduce through traffic / informing community about Council’s view on level crossings
 - Reduce car ownership / extend Gilbert Road tram line through to Edwardes Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What capacity does Council have to advocate on issues mentioned above? – so that community feels confident that Council is working for their interests 	
<p>5. Climate Change Action Plan Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding stage 1 of community consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See presentation made by Libby ○ One member who attended climate change strategy review focus group for members of local environment groups noted that there were multiple Darebin groups working on similar issues and that they may be more effective working together. ○ For next year's DERG agenda – how does Council help environment groups align' – perhaps have an event where groups come together to collaborate around advocacy issues – Council facilitate this coming together ○ Member attending Council Plan focus groups noted that these groups also brought forward lots of ideas around environmental sustainability – these should be considered in reviewing the climate change strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libby's presentation attached to email with minutes

<p>6. Sustainability Awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on nominations and invitation to awards night • DERG member for judging panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Madeleine Brennan volunteered to sit on the awards judging panel; Vickie Zheng will be a back-up if need be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.sustainablecommunities.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=1939 for Sustainability Award nomination forms and to register to attend awards night • Sam will liaise with Madeleine re suitable time to get together to assess award nominations
<p>7. Annual strategy reviews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies Progress Report and Appendix A circulated with agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water strategy – upward trend in water use because of major leaks and less rain ○ Climate change strategy – downward trend in greenhouse gas emissions ○ Comment (from DERG member) –many strategies seem to overlap - for example – urban food production and food security strategies / cycling and sustainable transport strategies / public health and wellbeing and community safety strategies ○ Q (from DERG member) - could the number of strategies be reduced? / Could Council look at combining strategies to reduce complexity and improve efficiency? ○ Comment (from DERG member) - If strategies were less complex, perhaps more community members will engage with them ○ Comment (from DERG member) - a hierarchy to show community members how Council Plan, strategies, policies etc work together might be useful 	
<p>8. General issues</p>		
<p>8.1 Council Minutes Table of Contents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 8.1 circulated with agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Items of interest to DERG members included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preston Market redevelopment – there is high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For further information about items of interest / issues listed as discussed at Council Meetings,

	<p>community concern regarding redevelopment and lack of information / process in relation to overall market redevelopment plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Merri Creek bridge feasibility study – there will be a number of points of view regarding a bridge being built there. ▪ Solar \$aver special charge scheme declaration ▪ Solar \$aver for Council owned community buildings ▪ Extend Gilbert Road tram now! 	<p>please see Council Meeting Minutes - http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Council/How-council-works/Meeting-Agendas-and-Minutes/Council-Meetings</p>
<p>8.2 Project updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 8.2 circulated with agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment / question (from DERG member) – to what extent has Darebin Council looked at its own waste and tried to reduce it? Council may consider looking to the City of Port Phillip as an example of a Council seeks to lead by strong example in the waste area. The City of Port Phillip internal waste officer showcased that Council’s efforts at the recent MAV Future of Local Food Conference. One initiative mentioned was the use of Hungry Bin Worm Farms to recycle staff food waste ○ Comment / answer (Council Officer) - Council previously had a similar set up (wheelie bin worm farms to recycle staff food waste) but a decision was taken to remove these. Staff food waste now recycled at commercial composting facility ○ Comment (from DERG member) – Food Know How website either does not include recipe section, or this section is hard to find ○ Comment / answer (Council Officer) – Food Know How website is currently under review and this issue will be mentioned to relevant officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass on Food Know How website comments.
<p>9. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DERG membership renewal 2017 The current timelines are planned: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing DERG member to assess applications will be sought at

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ DERG membership positions advertised – week beginning 24th October 2016○ Closing date for applications – Monday 5th December 2016, 12.00 noon○ Evaluation period – Monday 5th – Friday 16th December 2016○ Applicants notified – prior to Christmas 2016○ Orientation meeting for new DERG members – Wednesday 1st February 2017○ First regular DERG meeting – Wednesday 15th February 2017● Next meeting – Wednesday, 23 November 2016 – Northcote Town Hall	November 2016 DERG meeting
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