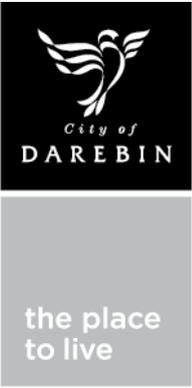


Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

Monday 3 June 2019
Meeting Minutes



Present

Councillor and Chair:

Cr Julie Williams, Cr Susanne Newton

Community Representatives:

Helen Caligiuri, Edward Manual, Vince Pirrottina

Carers:

George Jiang

Council staff:

Gillian Damonze, Coordinator Community Participation and Development

Katherine Kiley, Community Participation and Development

Zoe Howard, Metro Access Officer

Ania Sieracka, Community Development Officer Access and Inclusion (minutes)

Guest speaker:

Sophie Jordan, Principal Strategic Planner

Philip Mallis, Transport Planner

1 Present and Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the following apologies:

Apologies:

Ray Jordan and Matthew Zammit (community representatives), Judith McLean and Jo Banks (carers), Gail Abbott and Kathy Kondakas (Service Providers), Shadi Hanna (Manager Aged and Disability).

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Actions pending:

- DDAC members to provide feedback regarding Autism Friendly project to Katie to share with Future Focus Group
- DDAC to draft an NDIS issues letter and forward it to BSL
- Consider scheduling LAC visit to a DDAC meeting in the future
- Zoe to organise a screening of *Defiant Lives* for DDAC on a Monday
- Zoe to collate the feedback regarding the parameters of the history project received through the work sheets
- DDAC to contact the Access and Inclusion Team, with ideas for the launch of Changing Places event
- DDAC to provide any feedback in relation to the Accessible Housing Paper
- Ania to provide the Community Engagement Plan brief to DDAC for feedback.

- 3 Round table check-in** (*This is an opportunity for members to add items to the agenda, prioritise agenda items, report back on events, updates or issues that may have come up since the last meeting and table any other issues*).

Following items added to General Business:

No items added to general business.

4 Parking Strategy

Philip Mallis, Acting Coordinator Transport Strategy, Darebin City Council

Philip provided an update on the progress of the development of the Parking Strategy.

The following points were discussed:

- This work covers the development of a new Parking Strategy and the review of the existing Permit and Restriction Policies.
- The Strategy will guide Darebin's response to the growing demand for parking in the municipality and respond to the changing ways in which people get around.
- This process invited community feedback and the draft documents were developed with input from the community.
- Feedback can be still provided, in particular, individual scenarios that illustrate what currently works and does not work, and ideas for how it could be improved.
- The current residential parking permit entitlements, including the Disability Permit, will remain the same.
- The Disability Permit is also currently under review from VicRoads.
- Council is looking for more places to designate for disability parking bays.
- Residencies that have inaccessible/unusable driveways will be assessed for various permits on an individual basis.
- The review of the Permit Policy proposed a trial of a new Carer's Permit. Each residence will be entitled to apply for one Carer's Permit. The permit will be transferrable. It will be reviewed annually.
- It is suggested this permit will be only issued to volunteer carers.
- Households that are visited by paid carers would need to apply for Visitor's Permit.
- Council is considering a range of new technologies to collect parking data and enforce new parking restrictions.

DDAC provided the following points for consideration for Council:

- Introduce a range of short-term or temporary permits for people who may be in need of assistance but do not qualify for a Disability Permit.
- Introduce short-term permits that do not have to be renewed on monthly basis.
- Introduce an extension of the Disability Permit entitlements to allow people to park anywhere without any time restrictions.

- Charge the Disability Permit at a concession rate.
- Examine existing parking restrictions surrounding places which provide services and activities for older people and people with mobility issues, such as Senior Citizen Clubs, Community Hubs.
- Develop an interactive website that could provide information about real-time parking situation in Darebin.
- Improve the permit application processes and streamline access to the relevant information and forms.

ACTION:

DDAC members to forward any additional feedback to Katherine Kiley or to use the Your Say page <https://www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/parkingstrategy> to provide further feedback to Council

5 Accessible Housing

Sophie Jordan, Principal Strategic Planner, Darebin City Council

Sophie provided an update on the Accessible Housing paper prepared by Council.

The paper considers possible approaches to increase the amount and range of the accessible housing in Darebin. The paper should be completed by the end of the financial year.

The committee completed an activity that focused on prioritisation of different design guidelines. The outcomes of this activity will be used to inform the Accessible Housing recommendations.

DDAC provided the following feedback:

- Consider individualised needs when developing accessible housing.
- Provide, at the minimum, two bedroom houses for people with disabilities. This is to accommodate carers, equipment and any other additional needs.
- Council should consider accessible housing as a long-term strategy, and should invest in it to respond to the future needs and respond to the growing, ageing population.
- Accessibility features need to be included in conjunction with one another.

ACTION:

DDAC members to forward any additional accessible housing feedback to Katherine Kiley

Zoe informed the committee about the upcoming housing workshops. Council has partnered with Summer Foundation to deliver two workshops. The first workshop, on 26 June, is for community members. It will assist in their understanding of the housing options under NDIS. The second workshop, on 27 June, is directed at the allied health professionals and support coordinators. It will focus on information about Specialist Disability Accommodation and writing an NDIS Housing Plan.

6 Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan and Community Engagement

Katie Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

Ania Sieracka Community Development Officer Access and Inclusion

Katie and Ania outlined Council's plan for engaging with community members who have a lived experience of disability and organisations who provide service to community members. This will enable Council to be informed by community input in the development of future programs and activities.

The committee provided the following feedback to the questions asked at the meeting:

Council should engage with the following stakeholders:

- Northern Community Church
- Men's Sheds
- SPAN
- Support groups / self-help groups not connected to an organisation
- Places where people go as a one-off

Council should engage using the following methods:

- Face-to-face with individuals
- Be clear about what we want
- Use social media 'meet up' groups to contact like-minded people

The important things to consider are:

- Provision of information about NDIS and Aged Care
- Communication about NDIS should be directed to family/case managers, as well as the person involved in the scheme
- Council could become a 'place to go' for all things disability for community members

Other issues to consider include:

- Know changes under NDIS
- Advocacy
- There is still a bit of a confusion regarding NDIS in the community

7 General business

Invitation to attend a Design Hack

Karla Coombes, Coordinator Children and Community Development

Council is reviewing the Kindergarten and Child Care Registration System. Community members and service providers interested in supporting Council in this review are invited to attend a Design Hack on 27 July 2019. The Design Hack will provide an opportunity to bring people with common interest together, and explore new solutions and innovative ideas.

The Expression of Interest (Eoi) process to attend the Hack is now open. It closes on 14 June 2019.

Karla invited the committee members to consider the Eoi and to share information about this process with others in the community.

Further information about this activity is included in the attached flyer (Attachment 1).

Changing Place update

Katherine Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

The team is continuing preparations for the launch of the first Changing Place in Darebin. The launch will take place on Friday 19 July 2019, from 11am to 1pm. This is also Changing Places Awareness Day. The event will be held at Preston City Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston.

The Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan or a representative, and the Mayor Susan Rennie have been invited to attend this event.

In addition, the day will provide an opportunity to start the conversation about the development of the new Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The Expression of Interest to become a part of the DAIP working group will be distributed to community members.

MetroAccess update

Zoe Howard, Metro Access Officer

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services extended the Building Inclusive Communities Program for further six months, until December 2019.

Zoe organised two workshops for carers in April and is currently organising two housing workshops scheduled for June.

The screening of the *Defiant Lives* has been changed to Monday 26 August 2019. At the moment the screening is open to DDAC members and the community. Morning Tea, including some snacks and popcorn, will be provided.

Cr Williams enquired whether there was an option to invite staff to the screening. The committee suggested this could trigger a broader discussion regarding access and inclusion at Darebin.

ACTION:

Zoe to contact the CEO's office to enquire about inviting the Darebin staff members to the screening of *Defiant Lives*

The Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (VALID) approached Darebin to discuss the possibility of organising NDIS workshops for community members.

Zoe and Ania visited Preston High School. The Students Leadership Team decided to raise awareness of different disabilities. They are organising information sharing sessions and would like to invite a guest speaker.

Helen Caliguiuri was interested in visiting the school as a guest speaker. In addition, DDAC suggested approaching the Paralympian Kurt Fearnly or request speakers from Equal Opportunity Commission.

National Disability Strategy Beyond 2020

Katherine Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

Ania Sieracka, Community Development Officer Access and Inclusion

The development of the new National Disability Strategy Beyond 2020 is currently under way. It offers a range of ways for community to provide feedback. There is an on-line survey, community consultation sessions across different locations in Australia and an on-line forum.

The survey is available to community members until 17 June 2019.

The on-line forum is scheduled for mid-July 2019.

Katie and Ania will be attending the second community consultation session in Melbourne on 6 June 2019.

Further information is available on-line <https://engage.dss.gov.au/a-new-national-disability-strategy-for-beyond-2020/>

8 Meeting feedback – everyone

The meeting was very productive and addressed a range of different topics and issues.

Next meeting: Monday 5 August 2019

11:00am – 1:00pm

Function Room, Preston