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PLACEMAKING – MORE POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Placemaking Strategy, which Council has placed great store by, is designed to provide the overarching framework to support the creation of **'One City, Many Places'**. The strategy provides a platform for Council to work together with the people of the City in new and more sustainable ways *(to quote from the Council Strategy document)*

The first stage of the strategy is intended to span over a period of two years and is part of the Strategic Plan 2012-2016, The Smart Move Strategy as well as the State Government's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide

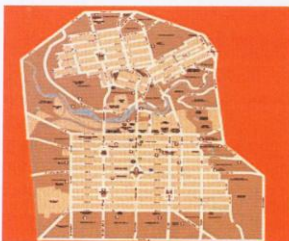
Placemaking by its very nature is dynamic and iterative and the strategy will continually evolve and adapt to changes and agreed priorities over this two year timeframe. Essentially it is about creating many places in our city, places which are different but which are linked together and places that people want to be a part both in their design and their use.

"The concepts behind Placemaking got traction in the 1960s, when visionaries like Jane Jacobs and William H. Whyte offered groundbreaking ideas about designing cities that catered to people, not just to cars and shopping centres. Their work focused on the importance of lively neighbourhoods and inviting public spaces. Jane Jacobs advocated citizen ownership of streets through the now-famous idea of "eyes on the street." and an emphasis on the essential elements for creating social life in public spaces."

"Applying the wisdom of Jacobs, Whyte, and others, Project for Public Spaces (PPS) gradually developed a comprehensive Placemaking approach for helping communities make better public spaces beginning in 1975. The term can be heard in many settings – not only by citizens committed to grassroots community improvement but by planners and developers who use it as a fashionable brand" *(Quote from PPS document)*

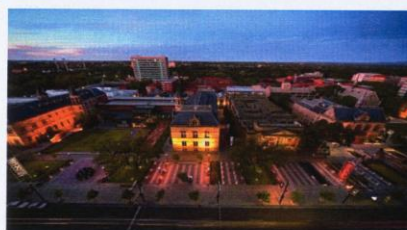
All that has happened in recent times is that a new 'profession' of placemakers has been spawned complete with a new nomenclature and a jargon all of its own. My plea is to strip away that jargon, demystify the whole process and make it easy for the community to understand and identify with.

Council believes that our citizens want Adelaide to become more vibrant (whatever that means) a place where people want to spend more time. Council believes that this involves creating in our **CITY** a series of well-planned, connected and unique **DISTRICTS** that have a collection of **PLACES** with distinct characters and styles. It is about creating great places with people, places for living, where community life can flourish, businesses can grow and knowledge and creativity can flourish.



Our City

The local government area, bounded by the Adelaide Park Lands, governed by the Adelaide City Council



Our Districts

Are physical locations containing places with similar characteristics or places complementary to each other. They are a geographic area where it makes sense to plan the implementation of actions and initiatives across several places



Our Places

Are physical locations within the city. Place boundaries may be natural geographic points or where there is a commonality and density of human activity or experience in a particular location.

Three place pilots will be undertaken by Council over the next two years – in Melbourne Street, Pitt and Waymouth Streets (and I hope Topham Mall) and Hindley Street/West End. Others may be considered if an opportunity arises.

■ Council will explore the current value of the place and its desired identity, ■ co-create a vision for the place through deep engagement *(Placemaking Jargon!)* ■ experiment with temporary approaches similar to Splash Adelaide, ■ Establish governance mechanisms ■ Implement place strategies to support the place vision in conjunction with partners and place users *(more Placemaking Jargon!)* ...oh and somewhere in the process let's hope your elected Councillors will be involved!

BOGANVILLE IS BEING BUMPED-OUT

Yes, as I write these Notes the last petrol-heads have returned to their bolt-holes, the city's roads have been restored to their rightful users, the safety features of the Britannia Roundabout are being rebuilt, the first tentative moves to dismantle the numerous monstrous structures have begun (the usual ute with a couple of guys and a spanner have arrived in Victoria Park) and the flora and fauna of the park will begin its long journey back to what nature intended. New 'core motor sport events'(sic) such as Tractor Pull and BMX contests took their toll on pristine parts of the park. The plant nursery and associated truck movements did untold damage to the recently established East Tce edge of the park – grass turned into dust bowls, a relocated works compound, bigger and uglier than ever and newly grassed playing fields used for car parking.

To be fair, the early construction phases were better managed than in earlier years and park users had an active help-line to the construction managers but in the end, things returned to form with a basic disrespect for the intrinsic value of the Park to all citizens. Clipsal operates under an all-enabling act – the law is clearly on their side but morally and ethically the Board would surely want to do better and I believe that with a little more effort it could both deliver a great event AND be a good neighbour.

Council Meeting- 26 February 2014 (Next Ordinary Mtg 11 March 2014 (6pm) – Gp 1 Cées – Tues 4 March (5.30pm)

NB: Group 1 Committees are the City Planning and Development Committee and the City Culture and Community Facilities Committee
Agenda Items 1 to 3 are standard items which include the Acknowledgment of Country and the other usual formalities.

- 4. Apologies: Cllr Plumridge was an apology and Cllr Henningsen was on leave of absence.
- 5. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings of held on **11 and 18 February** and were taken as read and confirmed.
- 6 Public Forum There were no submissions to the public forum at this meeting.
- 7/8. Deputation/Petitions There were no deputation or petitions presented to this meeting.

- 9. Report of the City Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – **18 Feb. (Presented by D/Chair: Cllr Wilkinson)**
 - 9.1 Council resolved to formalise **land tenure** arrangements in **Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga**.
 - 9.2 Council adopted a proposal to **repair and/or reconstruct** the **Lounders Boathouse**, having regard to the **Burra Charter** and to the same single storey footprint and similar appearance subject to a further report on detailed costings.
The committee confirmed the Minutes of its 21/1/2014 meeting and received a report on flooding in the south Park Lands, Costs associated with the Park Lands Trail, the Capital Works Quarterly Performance Report 2013 and the Monthly Update.

- 10. Report of Finance and Corporate Governance Committee – **18 Feb. (Presented by Chair: Cllr Abiad)**
 - 10.1 Council noted the **financial performance** for the 6 month period ending 31 December 2013, approved changes to the 2013-14 Operating Budget and endorsed updates to all associated documents including the Long Term Financial Plan
 - 10.2 Council resolved to **not pursue** the direct provision of **childcare facilities** in the city but will support other providers.
 - 10.3 It was resolved to ask the LGA to support a change to **Meeting Procedures** to allow **flexibility in meeting times**. - -
 - 10.4 Council noted the list of **Confidentiality Orders** reviewed (July 2003 – Dec 2012 and notes the review of Confidentiality Orders undertaken in 2013 has resulted in the **revocation of 156 orders, the part revocation of 18 orders and the continued operation for 376 matters**. A further 59 orders will be subject to extension and review annually
 - 10.5 On my motion, Council will ask the LGA to support a review of the provisions of **rate exemptions** for a range of properties including state and federal government properties, education buildings, health facilities, religious places etc.
In my opinion, exemptions from rates where warranted should be at the Council's discretion and not mandatory.
 - 10.6 Council resolved to proceed with the preparation of concept designs and feasibility studies for
The committee also confirmed its Nov. Minutes and considered the Forward Procurement Report and the Monthly Update.

- 11. Report of Adelaide Park Lands Authority - **Meeting held 13 February (Chair: Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood)**
 - 11.1 Council noted advice from APLA setting out details of the proposed review of the **Park Lands Management Strategy** and adopted the proposed governance framework for the review which includes a **Project Advisory Group** comprising 3 members of the Authority, 3 senior officers from inner metro councils and 3 state government department senior officers. The Authority also recommended that Council seek State Government funding to assist with the costs of wide consultations.
- 12. Report of Adelaide City Council Reconciliation Committee – **Mtg 19 Feb (Dual Chairs Lord Mayor & Yvonne Agius)**
 - 12.1 It was recommended that Council notes and receives correspondence from **NAIDOC SA** requesting more support for the **NAIDOC Family Fun Day Event 2014** and agrees to an extra \$10k to fund provision of banners in King William Street.

- 13/14. Reports from the Lord Mayor, and Councillors **Clearihan, Abiad, Hender, Llewellyn-Smith AM, Wilkinson and myself** noting functions and activities undertaken on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Council were received.

Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

- 15 Council agreed to changes required to its **Standing Orders** as required to align them with the **ICAC Mandatory Code of Conduct for Elected Members**. It also reviewed member entitlements (*I will cover this topic in my next Notes*)
- 16 Council will put **Cllrs Moran and Williamson's** names forward for consideration by the LGA Board at its meeting on 20 March 2014 for the one Local Government member position on the **Dog and Cat Management Board**.

- 17/18 **Questions on Notice and Without Notice** There were none asked at this meeting.
- 19/20. **Motion on Notice** - Cllr Abiad successfully moved to provide an additional **\$25k to the Adelaide Festival 2014**.
- 21. **Urgent Business**. There was no urgent business transacted at this meeting.

Confidential Items

- 22/23 A Report was tabled by the **Lord Mayor** dealing with the **Adelaide Bus Station and Old Bus Station sites**.

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