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MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL, 137 BEAMISH STREET, CAMPSIE ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 5.40 P.M.

PRESENT

Fatima Mawas (Chairperson), Marini Syarif, Auropreet Samantaray, Ateka Hammoud, Alaa Hammoud, John Dimech, Jason Dimech, David Tulus Silotonga, John Singh, Cr Brian Robson, Carl Malmberg, John Woodward, Sung Pak.

APOLOGIES

Apologies on behalf of Cindy Luu and Peggy Huang were taken as read and confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2007 were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION

Campsie Civic Centre Site – Redevelopment Concept

A presentation was made by Ms Roberta Ryan and Ms Samantha Ross from Urbis (consultants), on Council's concept to redevelop the site bounded by Beamish Street, Brighton Avenue, Shakespeare Street and Clissold Parade, Campsie.

- Envisioned is an 'activity centre' in line with the NSW Government's Sydney Metropolitan Strategy, comprising a mix of business, residential and community uses, to generate economic growth, employment opportunities as well as provide housing. It would include retail and commercial areas, apartments, civic and community facilities (council administration centre, central library, early child hood health centre), additional car parking, open spaces/park, and a refurbished Orion function centre (heritage item).
- Urbis is undertaking extensive consultation (with site land owners/tenants, adjoining property owners, our advisory committees, open community sessions) and will report feedback to Council. Subsequent stages are exhibition of the draft development control plan, and tender process for a public/private partnership.

The YC received and noted the presentation and the Chairperson thanked Ms Ryan and Ms Ross for their presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Annual General Meeting Report

The reports have been prepared and finalised by the YC members and to have been submitted to the Coordinator Youth Services for compilation in one document including the Treasurer's report and will be available to be perused by the members before the AGM meeting on 21 November 2007.

The report is the record of YC achievements over the previous year and will enable the community to understand how YC target youth issues, provide resources and services to young people. The report will be provided to all visitors at the AGM.

Recruitment Proposal and Recommendations for Youth Council

Last meeting, Marini and Auro provided us with an excellent presentation to 'revamp' our YC to reflect modern youth needs and encourage local young people to join YC.

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John has consulted various council staff including Communications to seek advice and to support YC members in the establishment of the new proposals. Council is supportive of the idea for having YC ID-cards, YC T-shirts/jerseys and having a promotional webpage on MySpace/Facebook.

YC needs to communicate and consult with each other to ensure that the proposed changes endorsed by committee members are implemented within an acceptable timeframe and ready for the AGM. The information (as promotional materials to schools) need to be ready and distributed to schools before AGM.

John highlighted the internet promotion of YC including MySpace and Facebook will require endorsement of YC members, Council staff and Councillors. In addition, any significant material posted would be required to be approved by our Communications staff.

The Chairperson (Fatima) suggested the following recommendations for improvement to YC:

- Meeting duration - to be extended to 2 hours from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Charter- attach the YC Charter and explanation of the roles and responsibility of the YC and its members to each meeting agenda.
- Yearly Planning Day – to introduce an annual Yearly Planning day at the start of each year so as to map out activities, projects, programs, training days, social outings etc that YC aims to run in the year.
- Training – for existing and new members to have quarterly training sessions outside the Youth Council meeting, eg. Weekend workshop to identify their skills and to reach their full potential running YC meetings.
- Social Outings – identify possible social outings that YC can organise and attend quarterly or half yearly, eg. paint balling, ten pin bowling etc.

Recommendation

THAT the Chairperson's suggestions be discussed further as a priority, after the Annual General Meeting, and be adopted by the members and Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Annual General Meeting

John has enquired as to the availability of the Mayor during the week of 20 November and that the Belmore Youth Resource Centre be considered as the location for our AGM.

A draft agenda and our promotional material will be ready by October for the proposed date. Our aim for the October meeting should be to discuss the organisation of our AGM including delegation of tasks between members and Council staff including our aims/objectives for the day.

The agenda of AGM to be finalised at the next meeting.

Below are some key areas that YC should aim to delegate tasks to members:

What	Who	Due date
Flyer – AGM Promotion	David Tulus and Auropreet	Monday 8 October 2007
Survey	John Woodward	Friday 5 October 2007
Shirts Design Aim: To be ready for AGM	Marini and Auro Please Note: All CYC to send suggestions to Marini ASAP. <i>Please note we discussed paying \$200 to the designer.</i>	(Designs in to John Tuesday 9 October)
Shirts Printing Aim: To be ready for AGM	John Woodward	After approved at CYC meeting 16 October – John will organise screen printing.
Info Booklet	Auropreet, John and Jason Dimech	Changes discussed by Auro, John and Jason Dimech at 16 October CYC meeting. Changes are ready for AGM
ID Cards	John Woodward to organise printing and photos Marini – To send updated ID CARD template	Soon – Certainly in time for AGM
Nomination forms	John Woodward	5 October 2007
AGM Letter to schools and community	John Woodward	Ready to be sent 10 October
AGM performance	John Singh Two 5min (approx) performances	Discuss at 16 October Meeting
Mayor/GM Speeches	John Woodward	Soon
School promotion (SRC's etc)	John Woodward and nominated CYC members	Arrange over email/Facebook
MySpace and Facebook	John Woodward with anyone interested. Should have it ready to present at AGM and will need to update <i>Please note: this 'position' will be elected at AGM</i>	Now until end-of-October

The matters listed below are to be resolved before next year's YC meeting:

- The Secretary's role will be changed to incorporate the PR area as this position requires collating promotional material, distribution, update websites and school visits with John promoting YC.
- Creating a new position: Event Organiser to manage yearly event calendar with any Youth Council activities and on the website.
- Selecting new chairperson, vice chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary (PR person): Nominations and election will be held on 21 November.

National Young Leaders – Halogen Foundation

Our Mayor has received correspondence asking him if we were committed to supporting a National Youth Conference for high school students at the Sydney Convention Centre on Monday, 26 November 2007.

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The letter highlighted that we, as a Council, could sponsor local high school students to attend the conference which will offer young people opportunities to hear from their sporting heroes, business and political leaders and other young people who are leaders in their particular field. The main aim of the conference is to inspire our future leaders.

YC is interested in allocating a small percentage of their budget to sponsoring local high school students and encourage local principals to refer one or two students from each school to attend a YC meeting before four of the most appropriate young people are selected. YC could also use the opportunity to encourage young people to join YC. John will prepare a letter to send to local high schools for their support to select four students to attend the conference and they will be invited to the AGM and also be invited to the next YC meeting after the conference for their feed back.

The conference costs approximately \$55 per person.

Recommendation

THAT:

1. Approximately \$220 be allocated to sponsor 4 young local students to attend National Young Leaders – Halogen Foundation conference.
 2. The Coordinator of Youth Services contact local high schools outlining the conference and encourage the principals to nominate 4 young people to attend a future Youth Council meeting.

October School Holiday Program

The program is held between Tuesday, 2 October and Friday, 12 October 2007, the program has been distributed to the YC members. Marini did a great job on the last holiday program evaluating the Digital Eye competition. The invitation is, once again, extended to YC members to participate and evaluate the program to ensure that the content is relevant and provides valuable experience to young people.

The holiday program has been consistently designed to be cost effective, recreational and inline with the interests of young people. Local youth agencies are encouraged to provide their service for local youth and partner YC in the school holiday program.

Our holiday program report will include new statistics indicating the number of:

- new clients accessing our service (BYRC); and
- how many young people were referred to the program and the site of referral.

The result will indicate if our promotion has been effective and also highlight areas where promotions and/or our service need improvement.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for 16 October 2007 at 5.30 p.m. in the Function Room, 137 Beamish Street, Campsie.

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ACTION REQUIRED

John Woodward, the Coordinator Youth Services

- To contact local high schools to ask their support to nominate 4 young people to attend National Young Leaders – Halogen Foundation conference and also to future Youth Council meetings.