

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 13 August 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16 July 2024. The meeting commenced at 7:01pm.

Councillors present:

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| Cr Ben Ramcharan | Sugarloaf Ward (Mayor) |
| Cr Richard Stockman | Blue Lake Ward |
| Cr Karen Egan | Bunjil Ward (Deputy Mayor) (Virtually) |
| Cr Natalie Duffy | Edendale Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters) |
| Cr Peter Perkins | Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters) |
| Cr Frances Eyre | Swipers Gully Ward |

Officers in attendance:

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| Carl Cowie | Chief Executive Officer |
| Vince Lombardi | Chief Operating Officer |
| Bлага Naumoski | Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety |
| Corrienne Nichols | Director Communities |
| Jeremy Livingston | Director Culture and Performance |
| Leigh Northwood | Manager Strategic Planning and Environment |
| Tracey Varley | Manager Communications and Engagement |
| Ayman William | Coordinator Transport and Development |
| Katia Croce | Manager Governance and Property |
| Sarah Shehata | Senior Strategic Planner |

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Planning Matters, Cr Peter Perkins.

3. Apologies/Leave of Absence

An apology for this meeting was received from Cr Geoff Paine.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes the apology from Cr Geoff Paine.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil.

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

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Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2024 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.011/24 Draft Housing Strategy 2024 - Hear from submitters and outcomes of engagement

Item: Planning Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Renae Ahern, Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

Summary

The development of both a new Housing Strategy and a new Neighbourhood Character Strategy are priority actions in the current Council Plan.

At its April meeting, the Planning and Consultation Committee (acting under delegation), resolved to commence public consultation on the draft Housing Strategy 2024 (draft Strategy).

The draft Strategy was exhibited between 22 April and 27 May 2024 and was supported by a number of communications and engagement activities including drop in sessions.

A total of 103 submissions were received, 91 via Participate Nillumbik (80 surveys and 11 written submissions), and 12 submissions outside of Participate Nillumbik.

Feedback demonstrates that there is support for the draft Strategy's priority areas and goals, with the strongest support being for the continued protection of Nillumbik's unique neighbourhood character and environment in supporting housing outcomes. This is consistent with previous consultation on the adopted Neighbourhood Character Strategy, highlighting the importance of progressing this housing strategy which works in tandem with the Neighbourhood Character Strategy to achieve positive housing outcomes for the community.

Feedback also evidences tensions and competing views amongst the community regarding housing, which is not unexpected given people have different aspirations for housing depending on (predominantly) where they are on their housing journey. Community sentiments highlight the desire for more diverse housing that supports downsizing and ageing in place however at the same time, it was clear that the community is concerned that more diverse housing (including affordable housing) would place pressure on our road infrastructure, services and neighbourhood character.

A Community Reference Group (CRG) was specifically convened to provide input into development of the draft Strategy and these broader tensions were also demonstrable in deliberation and discussions with that group. The CRG deliberated on complex matters such as changing household composition, demographic changes and the impacts of cost of living on housing. There was at times a stark difference in views, particularly about priorities.

On Sunday 16 June, the State government released its housing targets as part of development of a new 'Plan for Victoria', in advancing the State government's Housing Statement to deliver 2.24 million homes in Victoria by 2051 (800,000 in the next decade). The targets are at this stage in draft form, and all Victorian Councils have been advised that submissions will be open on Plan for Victoria (and housing targets) on the 1st of July with a deadline for submission of 30 August.

The housing targets (current figure and potentially final figure) have implications for our adopted strategies.

6. Planning Matters

PCC.011/24 Draft Housing Strategy 2024 - Hear from submitters and outcomes of engagement

Council will be preparing a submission to the State government's draft Plan for Victoria and housing targets for councils in identifying our unique planning settings, and the challenges that come with that in provision of housing as the Green Wedge Shire.

For all councils no matter where they are in progress of their strategies, or amendments to their planning schemes to implement strategies into them, they will need to re-visit their strategies to plan for the final housing targets.

Given Nillumbik Shire has just completed a round of community engagement on the first draft of the Housing Strategy, Council will finalise this phase of engagement on the draft Housing Strategy inviting and hearing verbal submissions to this Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.

Once Council understands the final housing targets, and works through accommodation of those targets which will require further analysis, the draft Housing Strategy can be updated and another draft can be put out for community consultation next year subject to Council endorsement. Absolute dates cannot be confirmed at the moment as we will need to await the final housing targets from the State government (tentatively end of 2024 has been advised).

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

- 1 *Darren Zilic*
- 2 *Stuart Donald on behalf of Arthur Korfiatis and himself*
- 3 *Roma O'Callaghan on behalf of Julie Barrington*
- 4 *Roma O'Callaghan*
- 5 *Anne Nielsen on behalf of Kathy Armour*
- 6 *Anne Nielsen*
- 7 *Luke Davies*
- 8 *Don Vincent (President) on behalf of Friends of Nillumbik*
- 9 *Carlota Quinlan on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group*
- 10 *Carlota Quinlan*
- 11 *Sue Dyet*
- 12 *Andrew Lemon (Chair) on behalf of Downsizing in Nillumbik*
- 13 *Andrew Lemon*
- 14 *Graham Fildes*
- 15 *Jim Connor (President) on behalf of Eltham District Historical Society*
- 16 *A submission was tabled for Rosemary Aitken*

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