

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 8:00 A.M. 28 July 2004
Western Clubhouse, Royal Pines Resort

ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

REDAC Members Present:

Cr David Power	Gold Coast City Council (Division 2)
Cr Jan Grew	Gold Coast City Council (Division 11)
Mr John Witheriff	Chair, Commerce Queensland Gold Coast Regional Council
Mr Geoff Provost	Chair, Gold Coast Region IT Forum
Ms Carmel Thompson	Chair, Gold Coast Education & Training Network
Dr John Sing	Chair, Gold Coast Health & Medical Industry Association
Mr Phillip Hawes	President, Gold Coast Regional Environment Industry Association
Mr Charles Dickson	Chair, Gold Coast Marine Industry Association
Mr Ian Wade-Parker	Chair, Gold Coast Food Forum
Mr Michael Lake	President, Village Roadshow Production Management - Gold Coast Film Representation
Dr Laurie Hammond	Director, inQbator - Technology & Research Representative
Mr Lionel Barden	Managing Director, Innovation Showcase - Innovation Representative

Member Apologies:

Cr Ron Clarke	Gold Coast City Council, Mayor
Mr Don Jones	President, Gold Coast Combined Chamber of Commerce
Mr Dennis Chant	Chair, Gold Coast & Region Area Consultative Committee
Prof Max Standage	Pro Vice-Chancellor, Bond University
Prof Robert Stable	Vice-Chancellor Bond University
Ms Deb Daly	Director, Gold Coast Institute of TAFE
Mr Peter Trathen	Chair, Property Council of Australia, Gold Coast
Mr Graeme Ingles	President, Urban Development Institute of Australia, Gold Coast

Permanent Observers Present:

Mr Peter Lawlor MP	State Member for Southport
Ms Sharon Soward	Attending on behalf of Mrs Margaret May MP
Mrs Dianna Reilly MP	Member for Mudgeeraba
Mrs Christine Smith	Member for Burleigh
Mr Brent Watts	Manager, AusIndustry, Gold Coast
Mr Anthony Weymouth	Attending for Mc Cameron McMillan, State Manager Qld, Austrade
Mr Greg Young	Director, Economic Development & Major Projects, GCCC
Mr Grayson Perry	Manager, Economic Development, GCCC

Invited Observers Present:

Ms Karyn Joyner	Business Consultant Centre for Glycomics, Griffith University
Ms Anne Norton-Knight	Executive Officer Gold Coast Region Area Consultative Committee
Mr Allan Woolard	State Development Officer, Department State Development & Innovation
Mr Ian Solomon	President, Southport Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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ITEM 1 - WELCOME

- Mr John Witheriff introduced himself and advised members that he had been asked by Council to act as Chairperson to the new REDAB.
- Chair thanked Mr Peter Lawlor and Mrs Christine Smith for making time available to attend the meeting and also welcomed Jan Grew.
- Mayor, Ron Clarke was unable to attend because of a previous engagement.
- Chair apologised for the short notice of the meeting due to the REDAB Report only going to Council on Friday 23 July.

ITEM 2 - REDAB STRATEGIC PLAN - MR JOHN WITHERIFF

- Chair outlined to members that a REDAB Strategic Plan will be developed by Council officers in coordination with himself to develop an action plan in line with, and supporting Council's Economic Development Strategy. The Strategic Plan will be focused on identifying City initiatives that can be championed by REDAB to achieve hard outcomes for the City.
- Chair invited members to put forward City initiatives for consideration at future meetings and outlined how REDAB should drive towards specifics and initiatives to get outcomes similar to the Industry groups.
- Mr Lionel Barden commented that the City needs support outside of the REDAB Committee and that another visit should be made to Canberra. Chair recognised that one of the issues was how the City was perceived and explained the Canberra Roadshow issues to the Committee.

ITEM 3 - APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUP CHAIRS

Yatala Marketing Working Party	Dennis Wey
Innovation Support Working Party	Cr David Power/Cr Jan Grew (share)
Robina Varsity Strategic Group	To be advised at 29 September meeting
Sydney Melbourne Working Party	Mr John Witheriff
Sport Business Taskforce	Cr Bob La Castra
International Relations Working Party	Mayor, Ron Clarke
Gold Coast Schools Working Party	To be advised at 29 September meeting after discussions with school representatives
Film Industry Working Party	To be advised at 29 September meeting

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Mr Grayson Perry suggested that a Report be put to Council supporting the nominations for Chairpersons of the Working Groups.

MOTION: That REDAB support the nomination of the Chairs to the Working groups as noted.

CARRIED: All members were in agreeance with the nominations listed above.

ITEM 4 - 2003/2004 HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

- Mr Greg Young thanked Mr Peter Lawlor for attending the meeting.
- Advised GCCC's Economic Development & Major Projects Directorate is exceptional within Councils in Australia, the only similar services being offered in Brisbane.
- Spoke on the Partnerships Theme. Advised that Council had mailed the Premier a booklet of outlining projects being undertaken by the Directorate, inviting him and government members of parliament to identify projects to support and/or add value to.
- Advised that officers from Department of State Development & Innovation were located and working in the EDMP Directorate and a resolution had been agreed to, to invite Mr Mark Vaile, Federal Minister for Trade for a senior Austrade officer to be located within Council's administration. Council will pay the costs of accommodating these officers within our own administration within the Economic Development Branch.
- Mr Grayson Perry thanked Anne Norton-Knight, ACC for her efforts in funding achievements and spoke to the Committee on what the Economic Branch were achieving.
- Economic Development officers presented highlights on the 2003/4 achievements to the Committee (see copy of slides attached).

ITEM 5 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- Ms Sarah Cobb advised members that the Economic Development Strategy was in the process of being updated.

ITEM 6 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Tentative future REDAB meetings: 29 September 2004, 8 December 2004, 30 March 2005, 29 June 2005.
- Chair advised that he would like to host at least 2 meetings at company premises.

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- Any suggestions for items/issues that members wish to raise at future meetings can also be submitted to Janet O'Byrne, REDAB Secretary on (07) 5582 8416 or email jobyrne@goldcoast.qld.gov.au. Motions required as part of the submissions/items should be submitted in advance to allow their circulation prior to the meeting. It would also be appreciated if members and observers could rsvp to the Secretary at the nominated date to effectively plan and cater for meetings.
- Cr Jan Grew praised the EDMP Directorate and mentioned that she had handed out a program on the Film Festival.
- Mr Lionel Barden suggested that a visit be made to George Street as anything that creates a better relationship with governments is good for our City.
- Chair asked that the George Street visit be placed on the next REDAB Agenda to be followed up and worked through.

ITEM 7 - CLOSING REMARKS

- Chair advised that that the Strategic Plan would be mailed to members to be read and to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Advised that he was meeting weekly with Mr Grayson Perry until things were on track.