



Business Advisory Group Agenda – 10 March 2021



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1 Opening

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijtin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Mark Birkinshaw Tango Information Technology

Gino Lamelza Vic Park Larder

Shane VasileACTON Victoria ParkLeonard AltoALT ReschowrantJamie HornerEmpire Estate Agents

Daniel Doble EDGE Employment Solutions

Paul LaiPharmacyShellie AttwoodGreenbunchMatthew KenworthyAntz Cafe

Slawek MisiunAlpha Consulting, Engineers&ManagersRyan PiggottVocational Training Services (VTS)

Ceri CummingsBOLT Health and Fitness

Bhairab Dhakal Himalayan Nepalese Restaurant and Cafe

Ahmad HassanMakan2 CafeMike GhasemiInnoLabTanya EustaceSage Cafe

Will Main Hawaiian - Hawaiian's Park Centre

Kimberley Skinner Total Digital Solutions

Justin McMillanSmartwealthJo BussellUrban Revolution

Patrick Renner Archer St Physiotherapy Centre

Russell White Park Property

Elected members Mayor Karen Vernon

Cr Jesvin Karimi Cr Wilfred Hendriks

Chief Community Planner Natalie Martin-Goode

Manager Place PlanningDavid DoyPlace Leader (Economic Development)Lisa Tidy

Coordinator Events, Arts and Funding Nichola Tomkins

Meeting secretary Christy Neems

Presenters Lisa Tidy – Place Leader, Economic

Development

Luke Ellis – Manager, Business Services

Christian Quiambao – Administration (Projects),

Parking

Paul Rosair – Naja Business Consulting Services

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Roz Ellis – Manager Stakeholder Relations

Observers

Apologies Shane Vasile

3 Actions from previous meetings

ToR to go to December OCM for endorsement by the Council – Completed.

Lisa Tidy to upload Business Advisory Group information to 'Your Thoughts' for BAG member feedback. Key themes and discussion points will be collated and used to determine the nature of information circulated to BAG members moving forward – Completed.

4 Presentations

4.1 Local economy data update

Time	5 minutes
Presenter	Lisa Tidy
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide an update on the performance of the local economy using some of the Town's key data sources.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group are better informed of how the local economy is performing.

4.2 Economic Impact and Opportunities Assessment

Time	10 minutes	
Presenter	Lisa Tidy	
Attachments	1. Economic Impact and Opportunities Assessment [4.2.1 - 50 pages]	

Purpose of the item

To present the final version of the Economic Impact and Opportunities Assessment (EloA) to the Business Advisory Group.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group are informed of the outcomes of the EloA.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL02 - A community that is authentically engaged	The Business Advisory Group are informed of the
and informed in a timely manner.	final EloA
Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A desirable place for commerce and tourism	The EloA suggests a number of economic
that supports equity, diverse local employment and	development and tourism projects that supports
entrepreneurship.	the local economy and businesses.

4.3 East Victoria Park (Area 2) and Victoria Park (Area 3) Parking Reviews

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Luke Ellis and Christian Quiambao
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Engage and share the review with Business Advisory Group for feedback.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group is informed about the Town's parking review outcomes following a recent area review, with comments to be sought via Your Thoughts.

Strategic outcomes

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A clean, safe and accessible place to visit.	The group are informed of the parking review undertaken along Albany Hwy, and the proposed
	introduction of mix-use of existing loading zone areas for short-term/motorcycle parking.

5 Items for discussion

5.1 Local Chamber of Commerce

Reporting officer	Naja Business Consulting Services
Timing	15 minutes
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To discuss the demand for, and potential structure of, a local Chamber of Commerce or similar networking business group.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group are informed of the project, methodology and business engagement associated with the grant project that Naja Business Consulting Services are undertaking, and the Group have the chance to provide input into the report that is being prepared.

Discussion points

The following questions will assist in forming the report:

- Do think a local chamber or similar group will be valuable in the Town?
- What are the most important things to you that a local chamber should provide (ie networking events, advocacy etc)?
- What structure do you think the group should have?
- Would you pay the be a part of a local chamber or similar group?

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL02 - A community that is authentically engaged and informed in a timely manner.	The Business Advisory Group have the chance to have input into the investigation and final report.

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A desirable place for commerce and tourism that supports equity, diverse local employment and entrepreneurship.	A local Chamber of Commerce or similar group will provide support to the local business community.

Next steps

Investigations will continue into a potential local Chamber with a final report prepared by the recipients of the business grant.

5.2 2021/22 Economic Development projects

Reporting officer	Lisa Tidy, Roz Ellis
Time	40 mins
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To discuss the potential list of economic development projects (pending budget approval) for 2021/22.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group provide strategic advice which can be used to inform the development of the project plans for each project.

Discussion points

The following economic development projects are being put up for budget in the 2021/22 budget process:

- Business events and training (2022 Vic Park Business Awards, a series of smaller industry based networking events)
- Large destination marketing campaign
- Christmas campaign
 - Decorations
 - Marketing campaigns
 - Business support

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
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CL02 - A community that is authentically engaged	The Business Advisory Group are given the
and informed in a timely manner.	opportunity to provide input into future economic
	development projects.
Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A desirable place for commerce and	A range of projects for businesses to get involved
tourism that supports equity, diverse local	in are discussed, aimed at supporting the local
employment and entrepreneurship.	business community and attracting visitors.

Next steps

Pending budget approval, feedback will be incorporated in the project planning process.

5.3 Business Grants- current recipients and future planning

Reporting officer	Lisa Tidy
Time	10 mins
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide an overview of the business grants that are currently available, an overview of the recipients of the Economic Development grants and to discuss the future of business grants.

Outcome

The Business Advisory Group are informed of business grants that are still available, opportunities to collaborate with current recipients and have the opportunity to provide input into future planning of grants.

Discussion points

- Do you think business grants are valuable?
- If we were to do business grants again, what would you like to see the Town offering grants for?
- Would you prefer grant rounds or funding open all year until exhausted?

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL02 - A community that is authentically engaged and informed in a timely manner.	The Business Advisory Group are informed of upcoming opportunities to collaborate and can
	provide input to the formation of future grants.

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A desirable place for commerce and tourism	A range of projects are being delivered by the
that supports equity, diverse local employment and	business community that are designed to assist in
entrepreneurship.	COVID recovery for the local economy.

Next steps

Advice/feedback will be incorporated into the formation of business grants in the future.

6 General business

7 Close