Item 7

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 21 October 2024

Item 7.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee of Monday 12 August 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that City North Men's Shed is recommended for an Accommodation Grant for Abraham Mott Community space. She has a close association with Melanie Tait, a committee member of the City North Men's Shed.

The Lord Mayor stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that an office bearer of the City North Men's Shed Pty Ltd, which is the organisation recommended by staff to be granted a lease over the Abraham Mott Community Space, has volunteered for the Greens, which is the political party of which she is a member.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that City North Men's Shed is recommended for an Accommodation Grant for Abraham Mott Community space. He has a close association with Melanie Tait, a committee member of the City North Men's Shed.

Councillor Kok stated that he will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Jess Miller made the following disclosures:

- a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that City North Men's Shed is recommended for an Accommodation Grant for Abraham Mott Community space. She has a close association with Melanie Tait, a committee member of the City North Men's Shed.

Councillor Miller stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited at the Harry Jensen Centre is recommended for an Accommodation Grant for Abraham Mott Community space. She has a close association with the Chief Executive Officer of Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited.

Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is not directly involved with the organisation or its Grant program.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she is related to one of the Directors of Wildflower, one of the applicants recommended for an accommodation grant. Councillor Weldon considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as the relation is not an immediate family member or a relative for the purposes of clause 4.4 of the City of Sydney's Code of Conduct and she has had no involvement in the submission or assessment of this grant application.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that City North Men's Shed is recommended for an Accommodation Grant for Abraham Mott Community space. He has a close association with Melanie Tait, a committee member of the City North Men's Shed.

Councillor Worling stated that he will not be voting on this matter.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The Resilient Communities and Economy Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.3

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grants Program - Harry Jensen Centre and Abraham Mott Community Space

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve a lease for Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited at the Harry Jensen Centre, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2029 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	**Rental Subsidy**	**Rental Subsidy Value**	**Rent Payable**
Year 1 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025	$145,000	100%	$145,000	$0
Year 2 1January 2026 - 31 December 2026	$149,350	100%	$149,350	$0
Year 3 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2027	$153,831	100%	$153,831	$0
Year 4 1 January 2028 - 31 December 2028	$158,446	100%	$158,446	$0
Year 5 1 January 2029 - 30 June 2029	$80,929	100%	$80,929	$0

(B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve a lease for City North Men's Shed Inc for Abraham Mott Community Space, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2029 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	**Rental Subsidy**	**Rental Subsidy Value**	**Rent Payable**
Year 1 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025	$150,000	100%	$150,000	$0

	Market Rental Value	Rental Subsidy	Rental Subsidy Value	Rent Payable
Year 2 1 January 2026 - 31 December 2026	$154,500	100%	$154,500	$0
Year 3 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2027	$159,135	100%	$159,135	$0
Year 4 1 January 2028 - 31 December 2028	$163,909	100%	$163,909	$0
Year 5 1 January 2029 - 30 June 2029	$83,719	100%	$83,719	$0

(C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the lease agreements with Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited at Harry Jensen Centre and City North Men's Shed Inc at Abraham Mott Community Space, both located at 2 Watson Road, Millers Point on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee, this alternative recommendation was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Speakers

Roman Deguchi (Wildflower), Melanie Tait (Millers Point Community Hub Coop Ltd) and Andrew (AJ) Wise (President, City North Men’s Shed) addressed the Community Services and Facilities Committee on Item 7.3.