

NEUTRAL PRECINCT MINUTES.

Tuesday 8 September 2020, commenced at 7:10 pm

1. GC welcomed attendees to the meeting and apologised for the late start due to delay in accessing the Community Centre. Attendees were reminded that we were meeting under COVID-Safe requirements for indoor gatherings: need to maintain physical distancing, hand sanitiser is provided and the tables and chairs have been sanitised, attendees requested to inform the Neutral Precinct neutralprecinct@yahoo.com if they fall ill after the meeting.
2. Attendees contact details and attendance were noted on the attendance register.
3. Apologies: DM, TM, CD
4. Additional items added to the Agenda -Nil
5. Business from minutes of meeting 11 August 2020
 - i) Following review, the minutes were moved and seconded as read and correct.
Moved by: initials HW; Seconded by: EC
 - ii) Precinct letter of 20 March 2020 to Felicity Wilson MP outlining residents' objections to aspects of the Warringah Freeway upgrade. GC has received a response to his personal letter to the MP, indicating she supports the project.

Summary of discussion: Confirmed that the key issues impacting NB residents are: no access to Cahill expressway from Military Rd/Falcon St intersection sending traffic from Military Rd down through NB residential streets to Kurraba and Clarke Roads; considerable loss of parking spaces in Alfred St North and Bent St; loss of key Military Road underpass for pedestrians and cyclists at Merlin St; anticipated back up of traffic in Military Rd leading to failed intersections.

The following motion was unanimously agreed.

MOTION: That the Neutral Precinct write to Federal MPs' for North Sydney and Warringah requesting they represent residents' concerns on aspects of the proposed Warringah Freeway Upgrade to the State Government.

- iii) Proposed residents' campaign in objection to aspects of the proposed changes to the Neutral Bay Town Centre
CP will liaise with JL to finalise. EC advised that Stage 1 Study feedback is currently with Council's Senior Strategic Planner-Urban Design to report to a Council meeting prior to Stage 2 Study consultation commencing.
- iv) Process for a Heritage Council audit

The Heritage Council has been contacted and will provide CP with relevant information.

- v) Precinct motion for Local Government Conference
EC reported that Council did not accept Neutral Precinct's motion on expanding expenditure reporting. Council accepted one of the four motions proposed by Precincts being Lavender Precinct's motion that rates be collected on newly acquired land by schools.
- vi) Access to Information Policy – changes to privacy provisions
EC reported that Council adopted the new policy on 27 July. Those making submissions, can request in a covering note, to have confidential (including contact details) or privileged information withheld from publication.
- vii) Primrose Park tennis courts
Council has confirmed that the project has been scoped but no budget has been assigned in the current Delivery Program. Council will continue to explore grant opportunities to fund this project. SW advised that the Mayor has accepted an invitation to meet residents on site at 11:00am next Thursday 10/9.
- viii) Traffic management Bydown Street and Yeo Street - update
Advice from Council is that the Manager Traffic & Transport will respond to this issue after receiving a letter from the Precinct. EC advised she understands there is a plan in place for an additional pedestrian crossing and speed limits are being considered.

6. Correspondence sent and received

- i) Precinct E-News: Changes to Council's Public Forum. Noted
- ii) Precinct E-News: Report Illegal parking. Use the form available through "contact us" tab on Council website. Noted
- iii) Council survey regarding a proposal to change the existing parking arrangements in Bent Street and Lower Bent Street, Parking Area 30. Residents were encouraged to complete the survey accessed through the Council's website.

7. Revision of the North Sydney LEP 2019 - update

EC reported that Council has endorsed the changes to the LEP. There were 9 submissions, 3 didn't oppose and 6 did oppose the changes. The proposal to permit residential flat buildings in R3 zones will be retained and reviewed by the Council in 12 months.

Summary of discussion: The Precinct needs to monitor proposals for residential flat buildings in R3 zones in order to have data to contribute to the proposed review. It was suggested that Council should provide this information to precincts, say on a 1/4ly basis during the next 12 months. Another suggestion was that this information could be specified in DA notifications, a list of which is regularly provided to Precincts. The following motion was unanimously agreed.

MOTION: The Neutral Precinct requests the Council advise all Precincts quarterly of all proposed residential flat buildings in R3 zones in order that the Precincts can monitor these developments.

8. Report from Combined Precincts' Committee meeting held on 18 August

GC reported the following key issues discussed at the CPC:

- i) Re-development of North Sydney Olympic Pool: There was discussion that there would not be enough showers and toilets. Council has indicated that it will retain the number of facilities currently available and facilities will meet standards.
The CPC has requested that the 25m pool is reopened because the 50m pool is unsuitable to be used by some and not having the 25m pool open limits public access.
- ii) Warringah Freeway upgrade. CPC has questioned why investigation works are proceeding when the project has not been approved. See summary of Precinct discussion and motion at item 5 ii).
- iii) Crows Nest Fiveways Intersection: A development proposal is under consideration by the NS PP. EC added that there was a recent media report that the proposal for a 42-story building has been rejected by the State Government and reduced to a 32-storey building.

9. Development Applications:

- i) 54, 56, 58 & 58A Wycombe Road Neutral Bay (DA306/2019)

Status: Revised plans submitted for construction of 3 storey building for seniors housing. 21/7/20 Neutral Precinct lodged, with Council, an objection to certain aspects of the development. 31/8/20 Neutral Precinct lodged, with Sydney North Planning Panel, objection to certain aspects of the revised development. NS PP is meeting on 9 /9.

Summary of discussion: It was noted that North Sydney Council Planning assessors had recommended the revised DA be rejected. EC indicated she was aware that a number of residents are registered to speak at the Sydney North Planning Panel meeting on 9 September. SW spoke passionately about the impact, on residents at 66 Auburn Street, of the proposed 24hours vehicle access from Aubin Street. Vehicles will pass with 2-3 feet of her apartment windows and use a turn-table that she indicated (in the DA) currently does not meet noise level standards. MB suggested that vehicles approaching the site will more than likely choose to use Thrupp Street or enter Aubin St from Ben Boyd Road. Both Auburn and Thrupp Streets are narrow residential streets both with current significant building development. MB has spoken to Council planning officers suggesting vehicle entry via Wycombe Rd and exit via Aubin. Council's preference, however, is for vehicle access to be via a side street rather than a main road, in this case Wycombe Road.

10. General Business: Nil

11. Upcoming events

- i. Neutral Bay Precinct meeting, 13 October - Noted
- ii. Combined Precinct Committee meeting, 20 October - Noted
- iii. Council meeting, 28 September - Noted
- iv. Traffic Committee meeting, 16 October - Noted
- v. North Sydney Local Planning Panel, 7 October – Noted

12. Next meeting Tuesday 13 October 2020 – venue to be confirmed but hopefully the Neutral Bay Club.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm