

# WAVERTON PRECINCT MINUTES

Tuesday 6 March 2018

Meeting Opened: 7.35PM

Chair: IG

Attendance: 32

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from MT, NW, BB.

## 2. PRESENTATION ON NSC CBD UPGRADE

Apologies from JH for cancellation. Talk to be rescheduled to the April meeting

## 3. EXISTING BUSINESS

### a) Replies from Council

#### 1. DA 3/2018 for Floating Dock at Noakes Shipyard.

Council have read the minutes at the February meeting and have noted the comments.

#### 2. Ross Street Upgrade

Council have advised the Traffic and Transport Operations this matter requires further investigation for the optimum result. Council will advise the Precinct Committee in due course.

#### 3. Brennan Park Upgrade. Council have advised Open Space and Environment

Service are assessing all comments received. A cost estimate will be prepared for presentation to Council.

#### 4. 4-6 McKye Street Marketing of Apartments off the Plan

Council have advised it has no control over this practice. The Dept of Fair Trading had guidelines for Real Estate marketing. Precinct members who are interested in the outcome of this DA should register their email address on Council's DA tracking facility.

### b) Coal Loader Platform Opening will take place on Saturday 24 March between 3.00 and 9.30 PM. Refer to the council website for list of events. All Welcome.

### c) Floating Dock and Noakes Shipyard.

The Precinct submission to Council is in the final stages of preparation due on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Will be followed up with Precinct Ward Councillors, State Members and Federal Members.

d) Combined Precincts Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 to discuss Health and Traffic impacts. Refer Council website for further information.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) GH tabled and spoke to the attached motion. This had the general support of the meeting. To be reviewed by the Precinct members with knowledge of the history of the Waverton Parklands. In the meantime the motion will be sent to the Council for discussion.

b) Waterview Café, Bay Road has experienced difficulty with the Council over the allowable number of outside seats. Currently operating 22 to the original approved 12. A petition signed by over 300 residents will be sent to Council requesting a change to the agreed seating. The service and quality has been well above that provided by the previous owner and is now viewed as an upmarket community café. The application has the support of Precinct. A question was asked “ if the proposed development at 85 Bay Road for a restaurant is approved then what outside seating would be allowed? The meeting was advised the DA would go to Council Local Planning on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Council Chambers. Any interested members should attend.

c) Dumping of rubbish was reported in several locations in Waverton Precinct. In one case the offender had been seen and reported to Council. All members were requested to do the same if possible.

d) Reported the growth of trees and bushes around Balls Head Drive was obscuring some speed and pedestrian safety signs causing concern to residents who walk around the Drive with friends and family. Council requested to inspect and rectify ASAP.

#### 5. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.**

It was reported that a development at 17 Crows Nest Road had commenced and there did not appear to be any Council approval. Precinct to investigate further.

#### 6. **ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence file available

#### 7. **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 3 April 2018 - Uniting Church Hall 75 Bay Road Waverton.

**Motion: ... that the Waverton Precinct requests the North Sydney Council to take the steps necessary to persuade the NSW Government to act jointly with the Council to merge all the public lands of Waverton Peninsula and Waverton Park, including Balls Head Reserve, Carradah Park and The Coal Loader within the gazetted Waverton Peninsula Reserve Trust (which presently includes Carradah Park and The Coal Loader) under a Board of Management to include community and conservation representatives with responsibility for the protection, planning and management of all the lands within the Trust as public lands in perpetuity and with an obligation to develop and implement a Plan of Management in consultation with the community maximising the current and future social value of these spaces, consistent with conservation of their unique natural and layered historical features.**

#### **Case for the motion**

The newly elected North Sydney Council is required to conduct a review of the North Sydney Community Strategic Plan to be completed and revisions adopted by June of this year. Accordingly, this is an opportune time for the Waverton Precinct to put the case for rationalising the control of the various pieces of public open space on the peninsula with objective of maximising their social value for current and future generations of Sydney people.

The Waverton Peninsula is a Sydney harbour foreshore treasure for the people of NSW.

1. The major developments on the Waverton Peninsula have mostly been achieved with cooperation between the Council and the NSW Government:
  - the declarations of Balls Head Reserves by Premiers Jack Lang in 1926 and B Stevens in 1935;
  - the decision to dedicate most of the former BP site to form Carradah Park and to save the Coal Loader was made by Premier Bob Carr;
2. The hub of the peninsula, the pieces of foreshore surrounding the Woodleys cove arm of Berrys Bay, has come within a whisker of being developed as part of a site-desecrating marina. Although the Waverton Peninsula Strategic Masterplan was formulated in 1999, this shows that there is still a danger that piecemeal developments will be inconsistent with maximising the social value of the spaces surrounding the Woodleys cove.
3. This hub has very great potential social value but needs to be developed creatively and coherently to realise this potential. For example, Woodleys boatshed could become a public facility for owners of wooden boats to maintain and repair the boats. A marine environmental education facility might be housed in disused office building. Foreshore spaces could become kayak launch and/or learn-to-sail facilities; children's playgrounds.

As in the past, co-operation between the Council and the NSW Government could achieve a socially optimal outcome.

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