

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 1 December 2020



WAVERTON

2060

Meeting was held at the Uniting Church Hall with correspondence laid out for viewing, gloves available in accordance with COVID rules. Further, QR Code checkin was available, as provided by the Uniting Church

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Chair: IG

Minutes: SF

Attendance: 10

1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies included BD, SA, and DA.

Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being held under COVID rules with a new QR Code.

2 North Sydney Council replies

No replies had been received at time of meeting. The Chair reported that he had had discussions with our Council contact regarding the limited information/feedback that "Closed for Council" gave to Precinct. NSC has undertaken to improve the level of feedback where possible.

3. Reports from Committees

WWRNAG:

The Chair reported that the group had just released a report that trials of the Slovenian lubrication system are to be carried out to assess effectiveness in reducing rail noise.

Bushcare and Streets Alive

These groups will be hibernating across the break but be back up next year.

VY was congratulated for her great effort and input leading to a most successful memorial tree planting in memory of Bruce Burns.

Waverton Peninsula Working Group

This group met last week. It included representatives of NSC plus TfNSW and NSW Property. As discussed at last meeting, it was intended to bring forward ahead of the Western Harbour Tunnel as many action items as possible. Unfortunately the Government reps avoided commitment to such an approach despite the local member distributing a flyer claiming that the Government was keen to work with the community. The stance by the TfNSW WHT Project Manager was that no decisions would be made before they had engaged a contractor and found out what lands they wanted. After that they may think about the community. It was noted that the project is running late with a current projected start date of mid-2022.

Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group (BBCSWG)

Despite its name, it appears that this group will be little more than a political cipher. No announcements have been made yet regarding selection of representatives on the Committee. It was noted that the terms of reference include only two parcels of land adjoining Berrys Bay (1 and 3A Balls Head Road) and that several others which are in Government hands, are omitted, as is the water area. Consequently, words such as “masterplan for the area” are meaningless. There have been calls, including from NSC to the local member for the terms of reference to be widened.



The plan above highlights the areas omitted.

OVERdevelopment We're Over It

It was reported that efforts by this group to put a cap on heights in the Crows Nest area have been ignored by Government, with the Pacific Highway and possibly Falcon Street set to become canyons dominated by tall buildings.

4 New Items

NSC Online Information Sessions

The Chair reported that the following sessions are scheduled for this year, with more planned:

- How planning works 23 November (passed)
- Annual report of NSC 2 Dec

The timetable for future events can be viewed [here](#).

North Sydney Pool

The Chair reported that discussions are under way to avoid simultaneous closure of

local pools for refurbishment.

New Plan of Management for St Leonards Park

The draft is open for public comment until December 20.

Elections: Council and Precinct

NSC has cancelled elections this year due to COVID. At Precinct level, existing officeholders will stay in role for another 12 months.

Commented [SF1]:

Poisoned Trees in Larkin Street

Precinct requests NSC to replace the trees which were poisoned.

Community Engagement in 2021

It was agreed that a hardcopy flyer should be letterbox dropped to the full Precinct at least once a year. Precinct is to look at ways to enhance its website, possibly linking to Facebook and other social media.

5 DAs

No new DAs

DAs Approved: 8 Woolcott St and 4-6 Murray St

Floating Dry dock: It is reported that negotiations leading to a new DA are afoot despite the failure of the proponent to construct a public wharf as promised.

6 Correspondence and Minutes of Last Meeting

The correspondence having been made available for viewing prior to and during the meeting:

Moved KA

Seconded VY

"The Minutes and correspondence be accepted"

Vote: In favour 10 / Against 0. Carried

7 Date of next meeting February 2 2021

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.