

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 5 October 2021



WAVERTON

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Meeting opened: 7.35 pm
Chair: SF
Minutes: JED
Attendance: 14 via Zoom
Apologies: Chair IG

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed residents to the third virtual meeting of Waverton Precinct.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting – having been circulated electronically

Moved TW, seconded AG *that the minutes be accepted*. Passed unanimously.

3 Responses from NSC

- **Berrys Bay adjoining lands:** Motion urging Council to maximise the return of lands in the Woodleys area, and to avoid the lengthy delays implicit in waiting till completion of the Western Harbour Tunnel. Council acknowledged the request and advised that staff are advocating this position in discussions with TfNSW.
- **Floating Dry Dock:** The previous meeting noted issues relating to the FDD but also building relocation and environmental standards. These matters were passed to the Council's Executive Assessment Planner.
- **Sightlines at Balls Head Road/Wood Street corner:** Precinct had expressed concerns regarding the obstruction of sightlines due to growth of shrubbery. Council replied that further pruning will be carried out if deemed necessary.

4 Updates from subgroups

Berrys Bay KA and SF reported on the Peninsula Working Group meeting held on 5 October 2021 where the following issues were discussed: contamination; moving Cape Don; action being taken by bureaucrats rather than politicians; TfNSW and the year's delay to the WHT; use of Woodleys site.

Noakes Land and Environment Court hearing on two days from 18 October 2021. Community group's views have been given the right to be heard.

Bowling Club Council seeking to show that the site is in continual use and not subject to a claim of Native Title. Local residents will be giving evidence of continued use of the space.

Rail Noise This issue was recently the subject of an item on A Current Affair.

Committee for North Sydney After a much interrupted two years the committee will take stock of changes in government leadership and the delivery of the Western Harbour Tunnel (timing and ownership), and prepare for an active year in 2022

concerning the tunnels, the MLC Building, new towers in the city centre, and a strategy for the city centre.

Combined Precincts Committee Representatives gave a forceful presentation to the Legislative Council Inquiry on the impacts of the tunnels, on Berry Street, open space, the possible landbridge, and the ventilation stacks. Submissions will be made available on the Waverton Precinct website.

OverDevelopment We're Over It The Pacific Highway canyon is being built despite community dismay, with massive proposals at the triangle site and at Hume Street opposite the metro site. A failure of political leadership or a failure of planning? Those present at the meeting expressed shock at approval of plot ratios of 25:1 in the municipality.

5 Presentation by MS

MS gave a lively illustrated presentation on Berrys Bay through the years and possibilities for its future. A key challenge will be balancing the positive aspects of a possible use of the bay by the Sydney Heritage Fleet with the many potentially negative impacts on the bay and its use.

The meeting RESOLVED to warmly thank MS for his presentation and his continuing work to protect Berrys Bay.

JB's appointment to the Berry Bay committee was welcomed by the meeting. Of immediate concern is the intention by TfNSW to exclude from impending contracts any works and remediation for public benefit unless it is defined and costed by December.

6 DAs

DA 88/2021 for demolition and erection of a new dwelling with basement, two living levels and rooftop area at 20 Larkin Street has been refused by NSC.

8 Other Business

The risk to pedestrians walking along Larkin Street adjacent to Waverton Park was raised. SF offered to provide a proposal at the next meeting.

9 Correspondence

The Council has changed the system for booking parks for events.

The Bays Precinct held a briefing on 27 September on a new vision for planning in the Municipality (arising from preparing the CPC submissions to the Upper House Enquiry on the WHL and Beaches Link projects) and we may invite them to present it to our next meeting.

The meeting RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

10 Date of next meeting November 2, 2021.

It is hoped that this meeting will be held at the Uniting Church Hall. A meeting invitation and agenda will be circulated once this is confirmed.

At the request of the Precinct, it is anticipated that TfNSW representatives will attend the meeting to give information on the Western Harbour Tunnel project and specifically its daily impact on Waverton and on Berrys Bay in the preparation and construction phases - and will answer questions about those detailed concerns. Anyone wishing to table a question for the meeting should send it to precinct@waverton.net.au so it can be sent to them a week ahead of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.