

Lavender Bay Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 30 June 2022

Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Chair: RRS Robert@StittQC.com.au
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1. Welcome, apologies, 26 May minutes

There were 15 attendees and 17 apologies. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 26 May meeting.

2. Election of Secretary / Bank account signatory

The Chair (as returning officer) called for nominations for the role of Secretary, which was declared vacant at the AGM in May. There were no nominations. The position therefore remains vacant, to be filled as a casual vacancy at a future meeting.

At the AGM in May, BPS was elected as Treasurer. St George Bank requires Precinct's minutes to authorise a change of signatory.

Motion: That the Lavender Bay Precinct Committee authorises St George Bank to remove JB and JS as signatories, and add BPS as a signatory, to the Precinct Committee's St George Bank account. Moved RRS, seconded IC. Passed unanimously.

3. Chair's report

(a) McMahons Point foreshore: The area from the ferry wharf to the Metro site should be integrated as one, including 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, which is an embarrassing eyesore within the curtilage of the heritage-listed Sydney Opera House. Precinct asked Council in October to develop a masterplan for the complete Henry Lawson Reserve, and was told that there was no funding to prepare a masterplan.

In subsequent months, Precinct reported damage from vehicles driving on the grassed area near the ferry wharf, and was told that improvements will be made within the 2022/23 maintenance budget. The Daily Telegraph reported in May that a Council spokesman said that it was in the process of installing anti-car measures along with landscaping works to stop ongoing damage at the site. The works have not taken place.

Motion: The Lavender Bay Precinct Committee asks Council to advise residents:

(a) When does Council plan to install anti-car measures (for example, stone bollards as in Quibaree Park) in the area near the McMahons Point ferry wharf?

(b) When does Council expect to start developing proposals for the 1 Henry Lawson Avenue site?

(c) Does Council have a plan to develop a masterplan to ensure a coherent approach to the McMahons Point foreshore area?

Carried without objection.

(b) New Year's Eve ticketing: Council has decided to implement free ticketing for New Year's Eve 2022 at Bradfield Park, Mary Booth Reserve, Lavender Bay Parklands and Blues Point. A report in the local papers about cost recovery was based on the staff recommendation, which was not endorsed by the Councillors.

(c) East Crescent Street pocket park: Council has received 50% funding from the State Government's Streets as Shared Spaces Program for a trial pocket park in East Crescent Street, McMahons Point, with Council to contribute \$250,000 from the McMahons Point masterplan budget. Councillors have decided to conduct a site visit, to be followed by a further report to Council.

The meeting heard that the area is unsuitable for a park, and that the money could be better spent on an integrated plan for the foreshore and 1 Henry Lawson Avenue. The meeting also heard concerns about impacts on vehicle access and loss of crucial on-street parking. The sculpture selection process is also a concern.

Motion: The Lavender Bay Precinct Committee asks Council to not proceed with a pocket park contrary to the wishes and views of the community. Carried without objection.

(d) Lavender Green: The Chair co-signed a letter to the Premier and State Member for North Shore about Luna Park's construction of a roller-skating rink on Lavender Green, in contravention of the [relevant](#) State Environmental Planning Policy.

(e) Sydney Harbour Bridge cycle ramp: The Chair also co-signed a letter to Bicycle NSW expressing dismay at Bicycle NSW's support for the Transport for NSW linear ramp design over the community-developed Bradfield Park Central design.

4. State Government items

(a) Luna Park (additional discussion): The meeting heard that the temporary roller-skating rink on Lavender Green was removed earlier than planned as a result of community complaints to the Department of Planning and Environment. The Department is considering enforcement action in accordance with its [Compliance Policy](#).

(b) Employment zones reform: The State Government is reducing the number of land use zones that can be used in a Local Environmental Plan (LEP). 5 new Employment zones and 3 new supporting zones have been defined to replace 12 existing standard zones.

Existing zones have objectives and permitted uses tailored for each LEP. The new zones have mandatory objectives and a wider range of [mandatory permitted uses](#).

In North Sydney, [B1 Neighbourhood Centre](#) zoning is generally used for neighbourhood shops and cafes. B1 zones are proposed to be rezoned [E1 Local Centre](#). Additional permitted uses in E1 zones include building supplies, hotel/motel accommodation, pubs, service stations, vehicle repair stations and vehicle sales/hire premises. The additional uses have the potential to create adverse amenity impacts on surrounding residents (including noise and traffic) and alter the village character of the local area.

[IN2 Light Industrial](#) zoning applies to the area between Union and Mitchell Streets, McMahons Point. The IN2 zone is proposed to be rezoned [E3 Productivity Support](#). Additional permitted uses in an E3 zone include depots, function centres, hotel/motel accommodation, service stations, vehicle repair stations and vehicle sales/hire premises. The additional uses have the potential to create adverse amenity impacts on the adjoining residential areas (including noise, traffic and air pollution impacts) and change the nature of the neighbourhood.

[B4 Mixed Use](#) zoning applies in the local town centres, such as Milsons Point. B4 zones are proposed to be rezoned [MU1 Mixed Use](#). Additional permitted uses in an MU1 zone include light industries, local distribution premises and tourist accommodation. Although shop-top housing is permitted, zone objectives do not include residential development.

The Department of Planning and Environment's [2021 consultation](#) on the standard zones and permitted uses can be found here. The Department's [2022 consultation](#) on the proposed rezonings closes on Tuesday 12 July. The meeting agreed that Precinct should make a submission.

5. Council items

- (a) **27 June Council meeting:** In addition to New Year's Eve ticketing (item 2(b) above) and the East Crescent Street pocket park (item 2(c) above), our meeting noted Council's decisions to call on the State Government to halt and reassess the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects, to meet twice a month from August, and to obtain a report on a co-operative tourism campaign with neighbouring Councils.
- (b) **Draft Code of Conduct for Councillors and Staff:** Amendments include obligations under the Children's Guardian Act. [Submissions](#) close on Monday 11 July.
- (c) **May Gibbs' Nutcote - Joint Strategic Plan 2022-24:** With Nutcote Trust Pty Ltd, including budgets to 2026. [Submissions](#) close on Monday 11 July.
- (d) **Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan:** To better understand local flood behaviour and mitigate damage to private and public assets. [Submissions](#) now close on Wednesday 27 July.
- (e) **Draft Sustainable Building Policy:** To help Council achieve best practice sustainable building outcomes for its own facilities. [Submissions](#) close on Sunday 31 July.
- (f) **Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan Review:** To support the growth and diversity of arts and cultural activities and expressions to benefit the community, business and visitors. [Feedback](#) closes on Sunday 31 July.

6. Development applications

- (a) **30B Lavender Street, Lavender Bay ([135/22](#))**: Alterations, additions to semi-detached dwelling and associated works. Submissions due Friday 17 June. The meeting noted the application.
- (b) **Land Environment Court conciliation conferences**: MLC Building Friday 22 July, 6 Warung Street now Wednesday 19 October (was 18-19 August), 1 Warung Street TBA. Objectors should have received letters from Council's lawyers inviting participation.

7. Community Events

- (a) **Wendy's Secret Gardening**: Saturdays 2 July and 6 August. RSVP to [Ian C](#) by the prior Wednesday.
- (b) **North Sydney Garden Competition**: 12 categories including best balcony, best courtyard and best indoor garden. [Entries](#) close Tuesday 30 August, with judging to take place from Monday 19 September to Friday 30 September.

8. General Business

- (a) **Pop-up Creative Space**: The lease in Blues Point Road ends on Friday 15 July. Precinct continues to support the vision of a collaborative creative space and hopes that a new location can be found in the near future.
- (b) **Service NSW Centre**: The new centre is about to open at 213 Miller Street, North Sydney, opposite Monte Sant' Angelo. Precinct suggested such a facility to our State Member in late 2018 and is pleased to see the suggestion coming to fruition.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Next meeting: 7pm, Thursday 28 July.