

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 93rd MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 5.00PM
IN THE FULLER ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE

Present: Adam Deutsch, Project Manager in the Chair.

Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre
John Meadows, Crows Nest/Holtermann Precinct
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct
Zar Bingham, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Tom Appleby, Colliers International
Adrianna Pielak, Payce/Brooks - Coles
Lance Brooks, Payce/Brooks – Coles
Wilson Varghese, Resident
Sherly Wilson, Resident
Daniel Kelinig, Commonwealth Bank
Harmeet, Rangoon Restaurant
Anthony Melinz, Resident
Alan Cassar, Resident

Council Staff:

Adam Deutsch, Project Manager
Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Manger Strategic Planning
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. **Meeting opened at 5.05pm**
2. **Apologies:** Jilly Gibson - Mayor, Duncan Mitchell - Council's Director Engineering and Property Services, Dionisious Xenos - Crows Nest Mainstreet

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 92nd Meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 were adopted.

Moved by John Meadows and seconded by Denise Ward.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

ITEM BROUGHT FORWARD

6. **Strategic Planning**

- **Hume Street Park Expansion Project**

The first stage for the redevelopment of Hume Street Park is to provide the through site link to adjoin Willoughby Road to the Hume Street Park. Council has acquired the properties necessary to provide the link plaza and has submitted the development application (DA 234/18) required for the demolition and construction work.

The Willoughby Road building façade will be retained and strengthened with new structural supports and a new awning provided along the Willoughby Road footpath. A new covered plaza will be constructed between the Willoughby Road façade and the Hume Lane with a second open air plaza between Hume Lane and Hume Street. The open air plaza will offer pathways and soft planting through to Hume Street Park.

The full development application drawing package is available on Council's website linked below:
<https://apptracking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Pages/XC.Track/SearchApplication.aspx?id=010.2018.00000234.001>

The time of these works is expected to see the DA assessed by the end of the year followed by with design development and construction documentation ready for construction to start late 2019.

- **Metro Train** (*TfNSW has been invited to provide update*)

An offer was extended to the Metro to provide an update on the Crows Nest Metro Station, however they were unable to attend today's meeting.

- **Priority Precinct Update**

Council's Manager Strategic Planning updated the Committee on the Priority Precinct. Mr Ochiuzzi stated that nothing has happened with the Priority Precinct in the 6 months since the last Crows Nest Streetscape meeting. The State Government has said that there will be something coming up soon but in the meantime there is a lot of speculation amongst home owners who are otherwise waiting for some direction from the State Government. There has been a planning proposal for 601 Pacific Highway for a 64 storey building. There is also the 5 ways site development and that is the 60 storey development as well as the old TWT site lodged recently for combination of 28 storeys which is between Chandos, Oxley and Atchison Streets.

The Crows Nest Station at the moment is up to the stage where TfNSW went out with what they call pre SEARs (Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements) notifications. The applicant in this case is TfNSW which has to go to the Department of Planning and Environment and ask what they want them to address in the Development Application. It's a formal and legal process and they have now asked the Department of Planning to formally identify what matters have to be addressed in the DA and the SEARs will be issued in the next few months, which will inform the preparation of a DA for the site. At present, the concept illustrations depict two 27 storey towers and several shorter buildings above and adjacent to the new Metro station. It is likely that TfNSW will lodge a development application for building envelopes in early 2019.

Council website - State Government Projects link.

- **Coles Development by PAYCE**

Lance Brooks from Payce updated the Committee on the Coles development.

There will be 60 apartments above the Coles site plus 2 or 3 levels of commercial and retail space.

At present the completion date is on target to open March 2019 as per the development application. Footpath and kerb upgrades will be provided to the Atchison Street, Willoughby Road and Albany Streets frontages plus improvements to Zig Zag Lane. The construction has also seen overhead power lines placed underground around the site.

Along with Coles there will be seven other retailers and a DA has been confirmed for a child care centre in the building. There will be 206 public car parking spaces with ticketless entry allowing 2-hour free parking. When you enter the car park your number plate will be captured and if you exceed 2 hours you will be charged.

The public and private enter the car park from the same entrance on Zig Zag Lane, three levels of public parking will have access to the retail areas via lift and travelator. The private parking will be on basement level 4. There will be no on street parking in Zig Zag Lane which is a private road owned by the strata.

Payce is the sponsor for the Crows Nest Festival which is coming up in October, coordinating the fair and display what is happening in the Coles Project.

5. Projects Update

- **Pacific Highway Public Domain Upgrade**

Paving and street furniture upgrades have been completed on the western side of the Pacific Highway between Alexander Street and Falcon Street and on the northern side of Falcon Street between Willoughby Road and Willoughby Lane.

- **Willoughby Road decorative tree lights**

Shortly after the February meeting, decorative lighting was installed to three trees on Willoughby Road between Burlington and Falcon Street.

- **Willoughby Road (Falcon St to Burlington St), Public Domain Upgrade**

A tender for the public domain upgrade of Willoughby Road will be advertised for the month of October. This project will see this section of Willoughby Road upgrade to receive new footpath and parking bay pavers plus new street furniture in line with North Sydney Council's Public Domain Style Manual. Once tender closes, a suitable tenderer it is anticipated to be reported to the November Council meeting with work commencing in early 2019.

7. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update

Zar Bingham from the Crow Nest Mainstreet stated that they had received good feedback in regards to the tree lights in Ernest Place, she also mentioned the grass at Ernest Place is looking good

The Crows Nest Mainstreet have the Crows Nest Festival which will be held on 21 October, 2018.

8. General Business

Council's Project Manager stated that due to the traffic and parking issues associated with the Alexander Street carpark, Council is working with Woolworths to do some internal modifications to the layout and traffic flow. An additional parking attendant has also been added to the roster to assist at busy times of the day and week.

Council is also investigating the removal of the taxi rank, west of Alexander Street outside Woolworths. It was proposed that the taxi rank stay close to Woolworths and on the same side as Woolworths.

9. Next Meeting - TBC

10. Close Meeting - 6pm