

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

CREMORNE SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 78TH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017 AT 5.30PM AT THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Present: Adam Deutsch Project's Manager in the Chair

Ulrik Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff:

Adam Deutsch, Projects Manager

James Marshall, Economic Development Co-Ordinator

Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.40pm, with the Council's Projects Manager, Adam Deutsch in the Chair.

2. Apologies

Jilly Gibson, Mayor

Duncan Mitchell, Director of Engineering and Property Services

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 77th Meeting held on 7 March 2017 were adopted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Nil

5. Parraween Street Carpark /Proposed Mixed Use Development Update

The project is for a mixed use development and underground public car park. The project was put on hold until the outcome of the amalgamations, and now that the amalgamations are not going ahead the discussions are being put together as to how Council proposes to revitalise the program and bring it back on line.

A few key components will be firstly getting the new council on-board with the project. If Council agrees to go ahead with the project it will have to renegotiate with Mosman Council as they are part owners of the land and also the day care facility.

The B-Line project has mentioned possible funding towards the car park works to off-set parking lost on Military Road resulting from the new bus service. This funding proposal is in very early discussion.

The proposed development consists of a Child Care Centre, 3 levels of underground Car Park and also community facilities e.g. meeting rooms, keyworker housing and flexible working spaces.

6. Decorative Lighting

A contractor has been appointed to install decorative lighting to two trees in Cremorne Plaza. The two trees are outside of the B-Line tree removal program and the lighting installation is programmed to be completed before Christmas.

7. B-Line Update

The Cremorne Shopping committee had previously asked if the pedestrian lights in front of the Cremorne Hotel could be moved back to their former location to align with the Cremorne Garden Plaza. Response below:

The relocation of the pedestrian crossing has been considered but was not feasible for various reasons including:

- *Community issues resulting from outbound bus stop being moved further west than the location determined in the REF*
- *Reduced capacity of citybound bus stop which is already at the lower limit*
- *Conflict with only feasible location for lane usage sign gantry for the tidal flow system*
- *Current location provides breaks in citybound traffic to allow buses to exit the bus stop more efficiently. This efficiency would be lost if the crossing was positioned west of the citybound bus stop.*

The B-line services start running on 28 November 2017 and the first double decker bus has been run for driver training and to double check there is no clash with trees. They have discovered that one more tree will be removed. Council has walked the length of Military Road with the B-line team to review each tree that was removed. The B-Line will replant the trees but will wait until mid-2018 to allow the roots to decompose improving the chance of success for the new trees. The new trees will be a species of London Plane Trees, selected by Council's arborist, and will be installed as 200L pots which is roughly 4 metres tall. The new trees will be planted 800m from the kerb to give room for growth. The B-Line have taken out 35 trees and they will replant around 120 trees both along Military Road and elsewhere in North Sydney LGA.

North Sydney Council is currently preparing a public domain upgrade plan of Military Road from Spofforth Street Cremorne to Young Street in Neutral Bay on both sides of the road which will include paving, furniture, seats, signs, planting and art. Council is working with Transport for New South Wales to prepare an agreement where the B-line will fund significant portions of the works.

It was suggested by Ulrick from Cremorne Streetscape that there be articles put in the Mosman Daily to let the public know what is happening with the B-Line.

It was also suggested that Council's Economic Development Co-ordinator have flyers and leaflets dropped off about what the bus timetables and parking changes would be. More signage at current bus stops and also posters at the Cremorne bus stop.

8. Streetscape Committee

It was stated by Ulrik Funch from Cremorne Streetscape that a lady fell over outside his salon near the telephone box on Military Road. There is a bit of raised flooring (paving) that needs to be fixed.

Ulrik Funch from the Cremorne Streetscape Committee also mentioned getting the hall of fame plaques embedded into the pavement outside the Orpheum Theatre.

It was stated there is a need for some sort of sense of protection from the fast moving traffic and more planter boxes along Military Road through Cremorne would be an option.

9. General Business

Nothing was discussed.

10. Next Meeting - TBA

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.