

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**

**NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE 149th MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,  
12 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.30 PM IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services (Chair)

Rick Doran, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Richard O'Grady, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Kalia Bell, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce/Concept Events  
Georgia Beerens, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce/Concept Events  
Jo Ellen-Henderson, Designer/Resident  
Tom Appleby, Resident  
Norbert Cornell, Resident  
Christina De Podolinsky, Resident

Council:

Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**1. Meeting opened** at 5.35pm, with Council's Director Engineering and Property Services in the Chair.

**2. Apologies**

Councillor Gibson and Councillor Keen

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 148th Meeting held on 4 September 2018 were adopted.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Nil.

**5. Projects Update**

**5.1 Banner Flag Poles - Rangers Road and Waters Road**

The Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce are currently working on new flag designs for the banner poles located on Rangers Road and Waters Road, they are in the production stage at the moment. Council has a large stock of used flags which are kept at Council's depot, these flags will be made into shopping bags for further use.

## **5.2 Fairy Lights - Young Street**

A resident of Neutral Bay stated that the fairy lights in Young Street are currently not working. Council's Director Engineering and Property Services has said that he will contact the contractor and have the lights replaced.

## **5.3 Grosvenor Lane Shared Zone/Upgrade**

The design for the Grosvenor Lane Upgrade has been completed. Council will do a final consultation and as soon as the consultation is finished, works will then commence.

Woolworths use Grosvenor Lane as a delivery vehicle thoroughfare for their delivery trucks. Council's Director Engineering and Property Services will speak to Woolworths on this matter as this being a shared zoned, Council will need to know what the movements of the trucks will be on a daily basis. Included in the upgrade will be new paving, planting, streetscape and furniture elements. The Project is expected to be started by the end of 2019.

## **5.4 B-Line**

The B line have stated to Council they are now going to finish works in April/May 2019 with the tidal flow, which includes the signal boxes, cabling and trenching. Council is committed to commence works by July 1, 2019 but won't start any works until the B-line have finished. As part of the works there will be new concrete pavers, street furniture, seats, bins, bollards, fencing as well as bicycle hoops. The works will be start at Neutral Bay and work in an easterly direction towards Cremorne. It was suggested that the works start at the bus stops where they have a high traffic flow.

Council is replacing the old pavers with dark grey/brown speckled pavers so as to camouflage the grease and grime that builds up on them. Council will contact the owner of the Mews Development and ask them to clean outside their premises.

A resident of Neutral Bay suggested a seat be put on the nature strip between Harrison Street and Rangers Road as at present there is nowhere in the street for people to sit and have a rest.

The B-line has been in contact with Council and stated where they plan to relocate the trees that were removed due to the works. Council's Tree Supervisor is in contact with the B Line at present and working with them so as to make sure the trees are planted in the appropriate places.

## **5.5 Young Street Closure**

As part of the Traffic Committee requirements to close Young Street, the plans for the Young Street closure have to be shown to the community before any final preparation can be done, therefore Council will be consulting widely with the community on the closure with the artist's concept picture, and if there are no major pushbacks or issues the project will commence. Young Street closure will be from Military Road to Grosvenor Lane.

## **5.6 RMS Pedestrian Fencing**

The RMS is proposing to erect a 1.2m green fence along Military Road on the footpath, starting at Neutral Bay and continuing all the way down to Cremorne. Council has voiced their concern to the RMS that they are against the fencing being erected. Council hasn't heard from the RMS in regards to what they are proposing to do. In the end it is the RMS's decisions not Council's.

## **6. Neutral Bay Logo**

The Neutral Bay logo is incorporated into parts of the gateways to Neutral Bay, at intersections and on landscaped areas.

Ms Henderson, local graphic designer has come up with a design for the new logo in Neutral Bay, it was suggested at the meeting that Ms Henderson compile a few different designs together and liaise with Council's Director Engineering and Property Services. The designs need to be of a fabric format for hard metal, gateway and also for the banner flags.

Council will put a graphic package together and bring back to the Committee for endorsement.

## **7. Town Planning**

### **7.1 Military Road Corridor Study**

The background analysis for the Neutral Bay Planning Study is a resolution of Council that we do a planning study for Military Road, that means looking at the buildings and the height and planning controls along Military Road. Following preliminary consultation in July/August 2018, a report outlining the results of the consultation was then considered at the September 24 Council meeting. An external consultant finalised their report input in the study which didn't go to Council. A built form study is currently underway testing the existing built form, existing controls, proposals and options which is in development at the moment. The public exhibition on the report for public consultation is set for December 2019.

## **8. Chamber of Commerce**

### **8.1 Police Matters**

Nothing was discussed.

### **8.2 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator**

The Chamber of Commerce are presently in the midst of designing new banner flags. They are also trying to increase their membership in the chamber by knocking on doors explaining who the chamber is and what they do, as well as putting pamphlets together to hand out. The Chamber is also trying to get an add into a local magazine promoting Neutral Bay.

**8.3 RMS Transport: Military Road Kerbside Parking**

At present there is nothing to report on the Military Road Kerbside Parking.

**9. General Business**

**Note:** A Council Report is going to the February 2019 meeting in relation to the Crows Nest Administration of Special Rates Levied for Crows Nest and Neutral Bay Business Areas - Five Year Capital Works Program

**10. Next meeting: 10 September 2019**

**11. Close meeting: 6.30pm.**