

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**

**NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE 157<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022 AT 5.30 PM IN THE  
ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Councillor Baker in the Chair

Rick Doran, Co- President Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Richard O’Grady, Co- President Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce  
JoEllen Henderson, JoEllen Design Studio  
Christina De Polinsky, Resident  
James Mullin, Colliers International  
Nicole Robertson, Concept Events

(Attended via zoom)  
Harry Andrews, Foodheads

Council:  
Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services  
Diana Mejia, Project Manager, Engineering Infrastructure  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**1. Meeting opened** at 5.35pm, with Councillor Baker in the Chair.

**2. Apologies**

Councillor Bourke.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 156th Meeting held on 8 March 2022 were adopted.

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

Nil.

**5. Projects Update**

**5.1 Welcome**

**5.2. Young Street Trial Plaza Update**

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services addressed the Committee and advised that at the Council meeting of 26 April 2022, Council resolved to re-open Young Street and at present is in the process of applying for approval from Transport for NSW to re-open the Young Street Plaza. Council is required to submit an application to

obtain approval by Transport for NSW. Once it is approved, the process of re-opening the road can begin, this would take 3 to 4 weeks before they fully re-open the road. It is anticipated they will re-sheet the road, just the section between Military Road and Young Lane. The Road will firstly be assessed on the condition of the road to make sure it meets Australian Standards, in terms of the roadway.

Richard O'Grady raised accountability and transparency issues as a concern and that the Neutral Bay Mainstreet Committee had been appointed to act with a Fiduciary Duty representing the Commercial & Retail Landlords in the suburb, who specifically pay an additional Mainstreet Levy on top of normal rates. Rick Doran advised that this was the first time in 20 plus years that the Neutral Bay Mainstreet committee didn't first discuss the viability of a Neutral Bay project before going to full council and a such, was an abuse of process. Rick Doran asked to have a later urgent meeting with the Mayor which they both discussed.

### **5.3. Military Road - B-Line Streetscape Works Upgrade Update**

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services addressed the Committee and advised that Council has now completed all the B-Line upgrade works along the Military Road Corridor between Neutral Bay and Cremorne. All the streetscape works that were funded under that agreement with Transport for NSW have now been completed, this includes all the street tree planting, including the off-set tree planting.

There were around 260 trees planted, including the replacement of 69 trees that were removed from the corridor. Tree replacement works were paid for by the Transport for NSW B-Line project, and these works were then undertaken by Council. Council replaced as many trees as they could within the corridor and did what is called the "off-set tree planting" program, with trees planted in the streets that run adjacent to, as well as parallel to, the Military Road Corridor in both Cremorne and Neutral Bay.

### **5.4. Proposed Military Road Intersection Improvements Program – Neutral Bay and Cremorne – LATM Works**

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services addressed the Committee and advised that the last part of the Military Road streetscape works is the Intersection Improvements. Council is working on five intersection improvements, of which three have been implemented to date, with the last two currently underway and these are Cabramatta Road, which should be completed in the next two weeks, and once that has been finalised Council will start on McPherson Street. The intersection improvements include pedestrian safety improvements, landscaping, fencing, continuous footpath treatments and traffic calming improvements.

It was advised that there is money in the budget which Council adopted at its meeting of 27 June, as well as funding in this financial year to continue to do more streetscape improvements in the area.

Council will do some project identification and rough cost estimates to present to the July Council meeting, where it will be presented to allocate the funding for public domain improvements in the area.

#### **5.5. Neutral Bay Beautification – Planter Boxes (additional planters)**

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services advised the Committee that a complete refreshing of the planter boxes with geraniums has been completed. There are a total of 42 planter boxes in Neutral Bay.

#### **5.6. Neutral Bay Banner Program**

It was advised that the Chamber of Commerce is in contact with Council regarding the banners and stated the production has now been completed for the banners in Grosvenor Lane. The Winter, Easter and Welcome to Neutral Bay banners are all ready, and that the Winter banners will go up shortly.

### **6. Town Planning**

#### **6.1 Military Road Corridor Study**

The Mayor addressed the Committee and advised that there has been no update since the last meeting on the Military Road Corridor Study. The Councillors attended a briefing and stated that the Strategic Planners will be bringing a rescoped version of the study to work, this will be presented to Council and any planning studies in the area will be subject to community consultation.

### **7. Chamber of Commerce**

#### **7.1 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator**

The Chamber of Commerce Coordinator stated that they are looking at holding a joint social function at the newly opened Neutral Bay Community Centre.

### **8. General Business**

Nil.

### **9. Next meeting: 4 November 2022**

### **10. Close meeting: 6. 05pm**